



# Special Pre-Reunion Edition

AMMO Chiefs Association (ACA)

## "Shell and Flame"



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Welcome to the special 10<sup>th</sup> edition of your AMMO Chiefs Association "*Shell and Flame*" newsletter. This edition of the newsletter is dedicated to the upcoming 4<sup>th</sup> AMMO Chiefs Association Reunion. Please visit the AMMO Chiefs web page for more information or any last minute changes to the reunion at <http://ammochiefs.com>. The 11<sup>th</sup> Holiday Edition will be e-mailed in early December 2006.



### ◆\* 2006 ACA Reunion ◆\*

The 4<sup>th</sup> AMMO Chiefs Association Reunion will be hosted by Jerry Modlin, Mike Roylance, and Larry Ingram; and will be held in beautiful Reno, Nevada, from October 5-7, 2006. Travel dates are October 4<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>. Reservations should be made at the **Atlantis Casino and Hotel, 3800 S. Virginia Street, Reno, NV 89502** by **September 4<sup>th</sup>, 2006** so you can obtain the reunion discount. The hotel contact number is **1-800-723-6500, Reservation Code: AMMO Chiefs Reunion**. The hotel Atlantis has 1,000 of Reno's most beautiful appointed, spacious, luxury guest rooms, Jacuzzi suites, and indoor and outdoor pools and spas. It has exceptional dining ranging from fine cuisine dining to eight exotically themed bars. We are certain anyone attending will enjoy the Atlantis. Jerry Modlin ([je464399@worldnet.att.net](mailto:je464399@worldnet.att.net)), Mike Roylance ([mikeroylance@comcast.net](mailto:mikeroylance@comcast.net)) and Larry Ingram ([Smofg77@aol.com](mailto:Smofg77@aol.com)) have labored hard to ensure this reunion surpasses past reunions. Please visit the ACA web site at <http://ammochiefs.com> for more reunion information.

### ◆\* Schedule of Events ◆\*

#### **October 4<sup>th</sup> – Wednesday - Travel Day, Check-In, and Icebreaker**

At the Atlantis Hotel, Reunion Check-In will be from 3 to 7 pm at the **Sangiovese Room**. Pick up your welcome package, name tag and other goodies at the check-in counter. After the long trip to Reno, relax at the Reunion Icebreaker from 7 pm to 11 pm in the **Cove Room** of the hotel. It's a great chance to meet old friends and enjoy this honorary ACA social event. Import and domestic cheeses, cracker trays and appetizers will be served with a "pay as you go" bar. Cost \$15.00 per person.

### **October 5<sup>th</sup> – Thursday - AMMO Call and Ladies Night Out**

Be adventurous; visit the local attractions, play a round of golf, or shop in Reno during the daylight hours. But be back in time for AMMO Call at JOX's Bar and Grill across from the Atlantis hotel, from 6 pm to 10 pm. Pay-as-you-go bar. Cost is \$15.00 per person.

Ladies Night Out is planned and a sign up sheet will be available at the welcome desk. Sign up at sign in....

### **October 6<sup>th</sup> – Friday - AFCOMAC Tour**

The scheduled AFCOMAC tour at Beale AFB, CA is an opportunity to see the latest developments and newest toys at AFCOMAC, meet some active duty MAJCOM AMMO Chiefs, and are open to spouses as well as retired military. This is the only opportunity to visit **AFCOMAC University** at its finest. See the numerous classrooms where students both enlisted and officers are taught the finite workings of planning and scheduling major bomb assembly events, vehicle and equipment time management, and lean operations. Visit the areas where Joint Direct Attack Munitions (JDAM) and Laser Guided Bomb (LGB) buildup occurs during classes. This all day event includes travel to and from Beale AFB, tour of AFCOMAC, "pay-as-you-go" lunch, and a stop at Donner Park Memorial. The cost is \$25.00 per person does not include park fees at Donner Park Memorial.

### **October 7<sup>th</sup> – Saturday - Coat & Tie Dinner with "Shell & Flame" Award Presentation**

You will have plenty of time during the day on Saturday to visit many of the local attractions, gambling, or shopping Reno has to offer. Be back in time for the General Membership meeting in the **Chianti Room** of the hotel. The meeting starts at 4 pm and will run until 5:30 pm. The agenda for this meeting will be provided to the membership before the reunion and a copy will be in your welcome package also. After the meeting, be prepared for the extravagant ACA Coat and Tie Dinner from 6 pm to 10 pm in **Ballroom A** at the hotel. There is a selection of Prime Rib or Chicken Oscar with salad, wine, coffee, tea and dessert. Cost is \$40.00 per person which includes all service charges, taxes, and gratuities. Shortly after the dinner, there will be a **Shell & Flame Award** presentation by the ACA President, Mark Madamba to AFCOMAC for their 20 years of distinguished and outstanding service to the AMMO Community by preparing active duty AMMO troops of all grades to meet the Air Force's combat munitions assembly and frag commitments. An Honorary ACA AMMO Chief induction ceremony for Mr. Harold Carter, life long AMMO Chief who has contributed immensely to the AMMO Community will follow the Shell & Flame award. A DJ will be playing music during the dinner and significant dancing after the awards ceremony until 10pm.

Sequence of events for the Coat & Tie dinner will be finding our seats, posting the colors, introduce the BOD, special guests, opening remarks by Mark Madamba, Fallen Chiefs Table Ceremony, Invocation, dinner, Shell & Flame Award

presentation to AFCOMAC, parting words by Mark Madamba. Music provided by a DJ and will be played during and after the dinner, which includes oldies, 50's and 60's music. Dancing will follow dinner.

### **October 8<sup>th</sup> – Breakfast and Departure**

Say goodbye to old and new friends at the breakfast gathering of all the ACA Reunion attendees from 7am to 9am for a departure buffet at Toucan Charlie's. This will be a pay as you go meal and gives you a chance to say goodbye to those who attended the reunion. Reunion members should be departing after breakfast.

Packaged site seeing tours of South Lake Tahoe, Truckee, Squaw Valley, Carson City and Virginia City are available for sign-up at the hotel check-in desk or the Ice Breaker. Payment will be collected the night before the tour(s). Tours run daily from the Atlantis Hotel. We estimate that the cost for these bus tours is approximately \$60.00 per person. These are "all day" tours that will leave and return at set times from the Atlantis Hotel. Golf courses in the area include the Golf Headquarters, 0.4 miles SE of the hotel; Lakeridge Golf Course approximately 1.1 miles SW of the hotel; Washoe Golf Course at 1.4 miles NW of the hotel; and the Reno City of: Brookside Golf Course about 2.0 miles NE of the hotel.

The ACA will have coins, hats and polo shirts available at the reunion for sale. Several Chapters will also have items for sale. Be sure to sign up for your purchases when you register for the reunion.



◆\* **The Atlantis Hotel and Casino** ◆\*  
**3800 S. Virginia Street**  
**Reno, Nevada 89502**  
**1-800-723-6500**  
**<http://www.atlanticcasino.com/reno>**



### ◆\* **Directions** ◆\*

The Reno-Tahoe International Airport is located about 2.7 miles east of the Atlantis hotel. Check your favorite airline's website for flights to Reno. Atlantis provides a free airport shuttle for its guests. This service runs at 15 and 45 minutes after the hour from 5:15 am to 12:45 am leaving the airport. The shuttle leaves the hotel on the hour and 30 after the hour from 5:00 am to 12:30 am.

If you need a taxi, try one of the following companies: Reno-Sparks Cab (775-333-3333), Whittlesea Checker Taxi (775-322-2222) or Yellow Deluxe Cab (775-355-5555).

If you need a rental car, the following companies are available in Reno: Advantage, Alamo, Avis, Budget, Dollar, Enterprise, Hertz, National, and Thrifty.

Driving directions from the Reno-Tahoe International Airport are as follows:

1. Head west from E. Plumb Lane at the airport.
2. Turn left into the US-395 S entry ramp at Carson City
3. Take South Virginia Street, Exit 63
4. Take South Virginia Street ramp.
5. Bear right onto the ramp to the Convention Center
6. Turn right at S. Virginia St.
7. The hotel is located at 3800 S. Virginia St.

### 🎰\* Gaming 🎰\*

Atlantis offers a wide variety of casino games ranging from keno and the latest in slots, to classic table games like blackjack and poker. Atlantis also features the non-smoking Sky Terrace and Poker Room. Come and find out why Atlantis was voted Best Video Slots by Casino Player Magazine and Best Slot Selection by the Reno Gazette Journal. Club cards are free and you are encouraged to sign up for one at the Club Paradise booth.

Check out the special tournaments as well as their regular weekly tournaments, You'll need an account to sign up and make sure to use your club card when you play any of the slot and video poker machines to be eligible to win Reno's only progressive jackpots, Instant Fortune Jackpot and Rapid Fortune Jackpot.

### 🍴\* Dining 🍴\*

Atlantis Hotel dining is provided by these Club Paradise Dining Specialists:

MonteVigna Italian Ristorante – Contemporary Italian flair with a 4,000 bottle wine cellar.

Atlantis Seafood Steakhouse – Fine dining in surf and turf.

Toucan Charlie's Buffet & Grill – Hand-carved Prime Rib served daily.

Purple Parrot – 24 Hour coffee shop

Oyster Bar on the Sky Terrace – A seafood voyage unlike any you've ever seen!

Sushi Bar on the Sky Terrace – All-you-can-eat sushi.....

Café Alfresco – Homemade Italian favorites, just like mama used to make.

Java Coast Pastries & Espresso – Wake up to your coffee and pastry favorites.

### **The Atlantis Casino and Hotel.**

The Atlantis Casino and Hotel consists of five towers; the Grand Penthouse Suites, Concierge Tower (CT), Royal Dolphin Tower (RDT), Atrium Tower (AT), Luxury Tower (LT), and the Motor lodge rooms. Contact the hotel to reserve your room(s) in any of the above towers. Reunion reservations can be made until September 4<sup>th</sup>, 2006 at the reunion rate by calling 1-800-723-6500. See the hotel web site at <http://www.atlantiscasino.com/reno> for current availability and pricing.

### **Things to do During Your Stay:**

In addition to the reunion, the following things are available for you to do while in Reno:

Buy Show Tickets – 1-888-551-7007

Sign up for a tournament – 1-775-824-4467 or 1-888-551-7007

Outdoor Activities – Local Ski Resorts, Atlantis Spa and Salon, Local Golf Resorts, and Events around Town can be accessed from the Atlantis web site.

Restaurant Reservations – 1-800-723-6500 or 1-775-825-4700.



## **🌟\* A Short History of Past ACA Reunions 🌟\***

### **🌟\* 2001 ACA Reunion 🌟\***

The 1<sup>st</sup> ACA Reunion was held in October 2001 at the Holiday Inn, Sun Spree Resort, on Okaloosa Island near Fort Walton Beach, Florida. The AMMO Call was held at the Eglin Beach Club on the island. There were 42 Chiefs in attendance, 77 attendees at the Ice Breaker, and 67 attended the dinner. There were 15 rooms reserved not counting the hospitality suite. There were 76 Chiefs at AMMO Call. There was a golf tournament and fishing trip. The fish caught were prepared for the AMMO Call. There was glass bottom boat excursions and ladies night out, to include shopping trips. There was a tour of the Armament Museum and MMHE Focal Point. Some Chiefs went to the dog track at Ebro for one night.

### **🌟\* 2002 ACA Reunion 🌟\***

The 2<sup>nd</sup> ACA Reunion was held from October 17-20, 2002, at the Holiday Inn, Sun Spree Resort, on Okaloosa Island near Fort Walton Beach, Florida. There were 105 in attendance at this reunion; 63 Chiefs. There were 37 rooms reserved at the Holiday Inn. We had 136 people show up at the AMMO Call, which was held at the Helen Back Lounge in Fort Walton Beach. Ninety-six Chiefs attended the dinner and 124 came to the Icebreaker. The first annual ACA Golf Tournament was started at this reunion to raise funds to benefit the Bob Hope Village. Also, through this reunion, the ACA managed to raise funds for the Michael Gauvin Scholarship Fund and the Enlisted Widows Village, primarily through the golf tournament and funding raising efforts of Dwight Howard and a few others. The golf tournament made the local news and a car dealership even offered a new car for anyone making a “hole-in-one” during the tournament. Needless to say, that was a safe offer, as nobody even got close to that endeavor. During the reunion, a group of Chiefs and their wives toured the Armament Museum to view the latest munitions developments. Another group ventured to test their seaworthiness by joining in on the

local fishing trip and caught a passel of fish; cleaned and cooked for the Friday evening AMMO Call. AMMO Call was open to all AMMO troops and managed to get a few of the younger guys from Eglin to show up. AMMO Call was the time to renew friendships, break out the war stories and have a beer with old friends. While the Chiefs were at the AMMO Call, the wives made a trip to a local comedy club. There was also the opportunity to take a cruise to watch the dolphins and plenty of time to just relax either on the beach or at the pool. There was a general membership meeting where the ACA President, Mark Madamba, presented his ten goals he sought to achieve during his tenure as president and talked briefly on what had been accomplished and what remained to be done. The high point of the reunion had to be the semi-formal dinner on Saturday evening. During the dinner, the ACA inducted their first Honorary Members; Col. Jack Elle, Lt. Col. Brian Timmons, and Lt. Col. Bill Sweezy. The dinner was followed by live music and a chance to dance the night away. On Sunday, the Chiefs got together for breakfast and the chance to see each other one last time before departing and the next reunion.

### 🌟 2004 ACA Reunion 🌟\*

The 3<sup>rd</sup> ACA Reunion was hosted by the Virginia Chapter of the ACA (ACA VC) at the Holiday Inn, Hampton, Virginia from September 22-26, 2004. The ACA VC is the first Chapter to be formed under the ACA initiative to form Chapters in each state and the first to host an ACA Reunion. Twenty-one Chiefs and their spouses/significant others attended this reunion. More were scheduled but this reunion competed with hurricanes in Florida and the hurricanes won out. Wednesday, September 22<sup>nd</sup> was the travel day, with the opening ceremony taking place at 1830 hrs that evening in the Social Hall. This was a time to meet up with old friendships and have a beer and light snack. Activities scheduled for this reunion included a golf tournament and Virginia Aerospace Museum tours on Thursday, along with a ladies night out for Thursday evening. Friday's plans included fishing, Battleship Wisconsin tour, local harbor cruises and shopping at Colonial Williamsburg. The ACA general membership meeting was held on Friday evening at 1800 hrs. Before the meeting began, John Matthews presented the First Place (Largest Fish) Award (Fishing Pole) to Mark Gossett. Second place award (two bottles of wine) went to Bill Campbell. We were told, but couldn't confirm it, that they were the only two fish caught during that fishing trip. The ACA President, Mark Madamba, began the general membership meeting at 1812 hrs. Mark presented the "State of the Association" message to the membership. Mike Roylance brought up the gathering he had at his house in July 2004, with several Chiefs and their wives in attendance. Bill Poe briefed on the status of Chapters to the members. There were three Chapters formed as of this reunion; Virginia, Midwest, and Northwest. Bill Campbell asked if there was some way to make the ACA presence more visible at AFCOMAC, other than providing money or awards. Some discussion ensued but the consensus was to keep the status quo. Mark highlighted his "Ten Points of Light" philosophy to the members. Although he didn't expound on all of them, his 10<sup>th</sup> point of light was to design, build and erect a life-like bronze statue of an AMMO troop for both school houses, Sheppard and AFCOMAC. Rich McVey is Chairman of the committee for this initiative. Mark discussed the off-year Awards Night for 2005. It will be held in the Eglin area during the Sep-Oct time frame. More information to be provided on the ACA web site. Mike Roylance brought up the chance

of having the 2006 Reunion at AFCOMAC. Members concurred but realized it was too far out yet to make firm decisions. Mark discussed the proposed Constitutional change and brought up that there will be another election of officers based on the changes between now and 2006. Darrell Beasley briefed the Annual Financial Report from the Secretary and Treasurer. He stated total membership was at 137 members; 97 regular, 24 lifetime, 13 associates, and 3 honorary members. Total funds available were briefed as \$2,742.03, with assets totaling \$2,497.00 from the Trinket Shop. Other items discussed included the newsletter, IRS 501c status of the association, Constitution and Bylaws changes, changing Deceased AMMO Chiefs to Deceased ACA Members, and 2006 ACA Reunion discussion. New business included Chapter issues, Associate Membership, and Crossflow (462's filling 461 slots, eligible for ACA membership?). Mike Curran presented a motion to adjourn the meeting, which was seconded by Mark Gossett. Meeting adjourned at 2205 hours.

Events for Saturday included a tour of Langley aircraft, and Busch Gardens Mariner's Museum. Saturday evening included the Coat and Tie Dinner, presentation of the first ACA Shell & Flame Award, and presentation of the Worldwide AMMO Bowl XI trophy. The Shell & Flame award was presented to Lt. Gen (Ret) Leo Marquez for his establishment of AFCOMAC and outstanding support to the AMMO Community. Sunday morning was a group breakfast from 0700 to 0900 to say goodbye to old friends departing and meet up with them at the next reunion in 2006.



## AMMO CHIEF'S ASSOCIATION 2006 REUNION ACTIVITY SIGN UP SHEET

The ACA is hosting its 2006 Reunion in Reno, Nevada **October 4-8, 2006**. Please complete this activity sign-up sheet and return with payment to Jerry Modlin by **September 4<sup>th</sup>, 2006** to assure your participation in the 2006 ACA Reunion. Please make your hotel reservations by September 4<sup>th</sup> also, to ensure the reunion rates on rooms.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State and Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Ice Breaker and Arrival Reception** is Wednesday, **October 4<sup>th</sup> from 7pm – 9pm** in the Cove Room of the Atlantis Hotel. A great chance to meet old friends and relax a bit after the day of travel to Reno. Imported and domestic cheeses, cracker trays and appetizers will be served with a “pay as you go” bar. Cost is \$15.00 per person.

Number attending Ice Breaker and Arrival Reception \_\_\_\_\_ x \$15.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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**AMMO Call** is Thursday, **October 5<sup>th</sup>, 5pm - 10pm** in the Sangiovese-Chianti room at the Atlantis Hotel. Chilled hors d'oeuvres and appetizers will be served with a “pay as you go” bar. Cost is \$15.00 per person.

Number attending AMMO Call \_\_\_\_\_ x \$15.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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**AFCOMAC Tour** at Beale AFB, CA on **Friday, October 6<sup>th</sup>** is an opportunity to see the latest developments at AFCOMAC and is open to spouses as well as retired and active duty military. This all day event includes travel to and from Beale AFB, tour of AFCOMAC, lunch, and a stop at Donner Park Memorial. The cost is \$25 per person and does not include park fees at Donner Park Memorial or lunch.

Number attending AFCOMAC Tour \_\_\_\_\_ x \$25.00= \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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**Coat and Tie Dinner** is Saturday, **October 7<sup>th</sup>, 6pm -10pm** at the Atlantis Hotel. There is a selection of Prime Rib or Chicken Oscar with salad, wine, coffee, tea, & dessert. Cost of \$40 per person includes all service charges, taxes and gratuities.

Number attending Coat and Tie Dinner \_\_\_\_\_ x \$40.00= \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please indicate Dinner Selection: Prime Rib \_\_\_\_\_

Chicken Oscar \_\_\_\_\_

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**Additional Site Seeing and Tours** of South Lake Tahoe, Truckee, Squaw Valley, Carson City and Virginia City will be available for sign-up at hotel check-in or at the Ice Breaker. Payments will be collected the night before the tour. Tours run daily from the hotel. We estimate that the cost for these bus tours is approximately \$60 per person. These are “all day” tours that will leave from and return to the Atlantis Hotel.

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**ACA 2006 Reunion Shirt and Hats** are available for purchase. We have selected a supplier that will embroidery the 2006 logo and provide a variety of shirt colors and sizes. Style selection is either a men's or ladies polo shirt or sweatshirt. Polo Shirts are \$20 each, Sweat-shirts are \$30 each and the Hats are \$12 each.

Shirt or Sweatshirt Style Options: Men's Polo, Ladies Polo, Sweatshirt, (not gender specific)

Shirt or Sweatshirt Colors: Ash, Black, Burgundy, Hunter Green, Island Blue, Natural, Navy, Red, Royal or White

Shirt or Sweatshirt Sizes: S, M, L, XL, 2XL

Logo:



Black and White

Number of Polo Shirts \_\_\_\_\_ x \$20.00= \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Style: \_\_\_\_\_ Size: \_\_\_\_\_ Shirt Color: \_\_\_\_\_ Logo Style: \_\_\_\_\_

Style: \_\_\_\_\_ Size: \_\_\_\_\_ Shirt Color: \_\_\_\_\_ Logo Style: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Sweat Shirts \_\_\_\_\_ x \$30.00= \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Size: \_\_\_\_\_ Shirt Color: \_\_\_\_\_ Logo Style: \_\_\_\_\_

Size: \_\_\_\_\_ Shirt Color: \_\_\_\_\_ Logo Style: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Hats \_\_\_\_\_ x \$12.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Calculate Total Costs** by adding up all the totals in the right most columns: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Send Sign-up Information and Payment** payable to Ammo Chiefs Association by **September 4<sup>th</sup>, 2006** to:

**Ammo Chiefs Association  
c/o Jerry Modlin  
1451 Heather Ct  
Sparks, NV 89434**