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Welcome to the 11th Holiday edition of your AMMO Chiefs Association "*Shell and Flame*" newsletter. Please visit the AMMO Chiefs web page for more information at <http://ammochiefs.com>.

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🎆* 2006 ACA Reunion 🎆*

The AMMO Chiefs Association hosted our 2006 Reunion in Reno, Nevada, October 4-8. Jerry Modlin, Larry Ingram, and Mike Roylance are to be congratulated for an **outstanding** job putting the reunion together. We had a great time. See the ACA web site, <http://ammochiefs.com>, for additional information and pictures. Please fill out and return the enclosed Reunion Survey to help plan for the 2008 Reunion. Thank you for your support.



Your annual ACA dues of \$25.00 are required to be paid by January 1st of each year and must be received by the ACA not later than January 31st. If you'd like to get a Lifetime membership card, lifetime membership dues are \$250.00. Members failing to pay their annual dues by the cut-off date will be removed from the active membership rolls effective 1 February 2007. Please send your dues to ACA, P.O. Box 266, Mary Esther, Florida 32569. Your dues help fund the Richard Gauvin Memorial Fund at AFCOMAC, deserving schoolhouse and AFCOMAC graduates and other functions sponsored by the ACA.



The ACA needs your help!! We are in the process of updating the Master Chiefs Contact list and need your inputs to make the listing current and as accurate as possible. Please take a few minutes, go to the ACA web site, and click on the last button on the left of the page titled: **“Contact Information”**. That will get you to the **“Member Contact Information”** page. Fill it out and hit the submit button. Your contact information will automatically be sent to the Director of Rosters for filing. **YOUR DATA IS PROTECTED BY THE PRIVACY ACT OF 1974. NO CONTACT INFORMATION WILL BE SHARED WITH ANY INDIVIDUAL, ORGANIZATION OR SOLD TO ANY ONE. YOUR PERSONAL INFORMATION WILL NOT BE RELEASED OUTSIDE THE ASSOCIATION UNLESS WE HAVE YOUR EXPRESSED APPROVAL.** We would like to complete this initiative by January 15th, 2007.

ACA requests your review of the **Articles of Incorporation** and revised proposed **ACA Constitution**. These documents are posted to the ACA web site at the “Documents Review” link and can be reviewed and commented on by the ACA membership. Provide your comments/suggestions to ACA_BOD@ammochiefs.com by 10 January 2007. Your comments will be reviewed and decided on by the Board of Directors at the January 2007 meeting.

🎁* FREE Coffee Mug 🎁*

Here’s how to get your FREE ACA Coffee Mug. Starting January 1st, once a quarter, the ACA will give away the FREE coffee mug to the person who submits the best AMMO Short Story for that quarter. The story has to be related to Bomddump AMMO work or your AMMO life. Submissions will be posted to the ACA web site, unless they are totally inappropriate. Visitors to the site will be able to select their favorite story for the quarter. The ACA Board of Directors will make the final decision as to which story is best and award the prize. This includes shipping and handling the mug to get it to you. You don’t even have to drive all the way to Florida to get it.

For the AMMO Short Story, start thinking of a good story related to AMMO. Send it in, we’ll provide a text box where you can do it or send it by email to AmmoStory@ammochiefs.com and we’ll get it. As we receive them, we’ll post them on the web site and provide you a means by which you can vote for the best story. Looking forward to some good stories.



●*AMMO Trivia Question Contest●*

Also starting on January 1st, there will be a quarterly contest on the ACA web site, called the **AMMO Trivia Question Contest**. Once a quarter, an AMMO trivia question will be posted on the web site. The **FIRST** correct answer wins a prize. If we can find a sponsor, maybe this should involve two prizes, one for the best question and one for the first correct answer? The prize for the **FIRST** correct answer will be a \$50.00 U.S. Savings Bond. From now until January, we will accept your questions for the AMMO Trivia Question Contest. If your question doesn't get selected for the January through March contest, we may use it during any quarterly contest. Right around the beginning of the year, we'll post the chosen question for that quarter to the ACA web site and provide a reply box for you to provide the answer. We'll announce the winner at the beginning of April 2007. *Stay connected to the AMMO Chiefs web site, where ALL your ACA information is posted for your review and comments.*

During the 2006 ACA reunion, a new Honorary AMMO Chief was inaugurated.

Honorary Ammo Chief

Mr. Lott Carter



WHO WAS LOTT CARTER? LT COL LOTT S. CARTER SERVED NEARLY 46 YEARS AFTER BEING DRAFTED INTO THE US ARMY IN 1941. BY THE SUMMER OF 1942, HE WAS COMMISSIONED A SECOND LIEUTENANT AND ASSIGNED TO THE CHEMICAL WARFARE SERVICE FOLLOWING HIS GRADUATION FROM OFFICER'S CANDIDATE SCHOOL. LT COL CARTER WAS ONE OF THE HISTORIC CADRE OF BLACK AIRMEN TRAINED AT THE TUSKEGEE ARMY AIR FIELD IN ALABAMA. HIS ARMY CAREER INCLUDED COMBAT DUTY IN ITALY DURING WORLD WAR II. HE TRANSFERRED TO

THE NEWLY FORMED US AIR FORCE IN 1947 AND SERVED IN THE PHILIPPINES, KOREA AND ALASKA. HE CONTINUED ON ACTIVE DUTY UNTIL HIS RETIREMENT IN 1964. HIS MILITARY CAREER SPANNED 23 YEARS, 6 MONTHS AND 10 DAYS. LT COL CARTER CONTINUED HIS FEDERAL SERVICE AS A CIVIL SERVICE EMPLOYEE, BECOMING DEPUTY CHIEF OF THE MUNITIONS BRANCH, COMMON FORCES DIVISION, AIR FORCE LOGISTICS COMMAND AND LOGISTICS OPERATIONS CENTER.

MR. LOTT CARTER WAS A MAN WHO HAS BEEN CALLED THE DEAN OF MUNITIONS; A MAN WHO SPENT OVER 46 YEARS OF HIS LIFE IN MUNITIONS - A MAN I NEVER CALLED BY HIS FIRST NAME. HE WAS A MAN WHO HAD MANY OPPORTUNITIES TO MOVE UP THE CAREER LADDER, BUT REFUSED BECAUSE HE WOULD HAVE HAD TO LEAVE MUNITIONS. HE WAS MY MENTOR - AND EVEN AT 70 YEARS OLD, WAS ONE OF THE MOST PRODUCTIVE PEOPLE IN MUNITIONS. TO THIS DAY, I MISS HIS COUNSEL.

MR. CARTER WAS CONTINUALLY SOUGHT OUT FOR HIS ADVICE ON ALMOST ANY TOPIC CONCERNING MUNITIONS, GIVING ANSWERS THAT SOLVED PROBLEMS - NEVER CREATED MORE. HE WAS OFTEN CALLED THE "WISE OLD OWL" OF MUNITIONS. HE HAD AN AMAZING MEMORY... HE WAS SHARP AS A TACK WITH TOTAL RECALL - HE REMEMBERED ALL THE OLD MUNITIONS AND HOW THEY WORKED... HE REMEMBERED HOW THE SINGLE MANAGER FOR CONVENTIONAL MUNITIONS WAS ESTABLISHED. HE KNEW WHY WE DIDN'T USE NAPALM ANY MORE... HE REMEMBERED PROJECTS THAT HAD BEEN WORKED BY OTHERS AND FORGOTTEN.

HE USED TO SAY, "WHAT GOES AROUND COMES AROUND." WHEN THERE WERE UPPER-LEVEL MANAGERS WHO TRIED TO MAKE A NAME FOR THEMSELVES AND GENERALLY MAKE LIFE TOUGH FOR EVERYONE, MR CARTER WOULD SAY, "WE JUST HAVE TO KNOCK THE ROUGH EDGES OFF... JUST REMEMBER - WE'RE ON THE "B" TEAM... THE ACTIVE DUTY ARE ON THE "A" TEAM - BUT WE'RE GOING TO "B" HERE WHEN THEY GET HERE AND "B" HERE WHEN THEY LEAVE!...

I HOPE EVERYONE GETS AN OPPORTUNITY JUST ONCE IN THEIR LIVES TO WORK FOR A MAN LIKE LOTT CARTER. A GREAT DEAL MORE COULD BE SAID ABOUT HIM, BUT SUFFICE IT TO SAY... MR CARTER IS MISSED BY THE AIR FORCE MUNITIONS COMMUNITY AND BY THE AIR FORCE. I'VE SPENT NEARLY 45 YEARS IN MUNITIONS - ON ACTIVE DUTY, IN CIVIL SERVICE, AND AS A GOVERNMENT CONTRACTOR - AND I'VE YET TO MEET ANYONE LIKE HIM!

MR CARTER GAVE SO MUCH AND ASKED FOR SO LITTLE IN RETURN. THE AFCOMAC GRADUATION AUDITORIUM IS DEDICATED TO THE MEMORY OF LT COL LOTT S. CARTER. THE EXISTENCE OF AFCOMAC TODAY OWES A GREAT DEAL TO MR. CARTER - THE PROJECT WOULD

HAVE BEEN "SLOW-LEAKED" INTO NON-EXISTENCE HAD IT NOT BEEN FOR HIS PERSISTENCE. HIS SERVICE TO HIS COUNTRY WAS AS NOTABLE AS HIS CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE DoD MUNITIONS OPERATIONS. HE IS TRULY DESERVING OF OUR LABEL - "MR AMMO"!

Billie "Bombdump" Campbell



🔴*Chapter News🔴*

🔴***Wasatch Front Chapter.** In October, the Wasatch front held elections. The membership elected a new President, **Joe D'Arco** and Secretary/Treasurer, **Jackie Jones**. Both replace Chet Atkins as President and Fred Schoettler as Secretary/Treasurer. Both



Chet and Fred are to be congratulated for establishing the Chapter and getting the membership involved! The Wasatch Front has new coins available for sale. Contact any of the officers above to purchase them. The Wasatch Front is pursuing providing Christmas baskets for each of the AMMO units in their area. And they are getting involved with the local units to provide Chapter awards to yearly outstanding AMMO troops. Way to go!! Joe D'Arco, President.

🔴***Virginia Chapter.** The ACAVC convened its last meeting for the 2006 calendar year on 9 December 2006. The meeting was held at Bill McCullough's house. After Chapter business was completed, the ACAVC was treated to a Holiday Social hosted by Bill and Marilyn. A Big thank you to Bill and Marilyn McCullough for hosting the ACA Virginia Chapter meeting and Holiday Social; we had 8 members and 5 wives in attendance. Everyone had a very festive time and good fellowship.

We've received a new order of ACAVC coins and have them available for those that might like to use them as a form of recognition or gift.

Our Awards committee was not notified of any regional winners within our tri-state Chapter area. We have not been notified of any annual awards during this period; we sent letter to AMMO units in our region to let them know we would like to provide support in their awards programs and if they had an AMMO troop that might have fallen on hard times, we might be able to provide some financial assistance or moral support.

We also took pleasure in toasting the new ACA President, John Matthews; he has served the ACAVC with distinction and honor during his tenure as ACAVC President. We didn't want to accept his resignation as ACAVC President; however, we know he and Myong will continue to play a big part in our Chapter while fulfilling his duties as ACA

President. John and Myong, we wish you the best in your new position and look forward to your continued friendship and support as a member of the ACAVC.

We will convene our next ACAVC meeting on 14 April 2007 at Langley AFB, VA., in the A4W conference room at 1300. Bar-B-Que or picnic to follow the meeting.

Hope everyone enjoys the Holidays and the Best to All as we start the 2007 year.
Richard Pennington, President.

● **Midwest Chapter.** The Midwest Chapter will have their Holiday gathering on 17 Dec. In January, we intend to meet with the Carter family and present the ACA Honorary Member's certificate and coin for Lott. Have a great Holiday and I hope Santa is good to you. Mark Gossett, President.

ACA Board of Directors Meeting

The ACA Board of Director's meeting will be held January 13-14, 2007 in the Homewood Suites Poplar, 5811 Poplar Avenue, Memphis, Tennessee. All Board members are encouraged to attend. See ACA web site for additional information and agenda.

Need your involvement with upcoming actions affecting the future of the ACA. Please visit the ACA web page, click on the ACA Discussion Forum, establish a user name and password, and pick a subject for discussion. Or, start a discussion topic so others can join in. This discussion area is your area to sound off about the ACA and it's policies and procedures. We need you to "Get involved!!"



2006 ACA REUNION SURVEY



Name _____

Mailing Address _____

Email Address _____

- 1) Will you attend the 2008 ACA Reunion? How many will be in your party?

- 2) What did you like about the 2006 reunion and want to see repeated?

- 3) What didn't you like about the 2006 reunion?

- 4) Is Wednesday through Sunday the right reunion time and length?

- 5) Where do you recommend the next reunion be held?

- 6) What amenities are important to you?
 - golf course
 - casino
 - race track
 - pool
 - theme park
 - other: (Explain)

7) What kind of planned activities would you like to see included?

8) Any additional comments or observations?

Please print, complete the questions and return these last two pages to:

ACA (Reunion Committee)

P.O. Box 266

Mary Esther, Florida 32569

Thank you for your participation.

**Your AMMO Chiefs Association
Board of Directors**

**Wish You and Your Family
A
Very Merry Christmas**



And

A Happy and Prosperous New Year

