



AMMO Chiefs Association (ACA)

"Shell and Flame"

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We are the Ammo Chiefs Association, a not-for-profit, fraternal organization dedicated to the promotion of camaraderie among retired and active duty **USAF AMMO Chiefs**. Our members work diligently throughout the year to raise funds for worthwhile charitable causes such as the Richard Gauvin Memorial Fund, the Enlisted Widows Foundation, and a Sunshine Committee to respond to members' time of distress. The ACA also contributes to the morale of active duty AMMO troops at the Chapter level through recognition and sports programs. The ACA sponsors awards programs for the AMMO School House Outstanding Performer, and the AFCOMAC Outstanding Performer. ACA has contributed to cultural enterprises such as the RAF Welford AMMO Museum. **We are AMMO, and proud of it!** Please visit the AMMO Chiefs web page for more information at <http://ammochiefs.com>.

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Annual ACA dues of \$25.00 are required to be paid by January 1st of each year and should be received by the ACA no later than January 31st. If you are delinquent in paying dues for past years, it was agreed at the Reno General Membership Meeting that you can be reinstated by paying the current year, i.e 2007. Members failing to pay their annual dues by the cutoff date will be reminded of their dues not paid and will be removed from the active membership rolls on August 1, 2007. Please send your dues and an update of your contact information to AMMO Chiefs Association, Inc. 8585 SW SR200, Suite 4 PMB #3, Ocala, Florida 34481. Your dues help fund the Richard Gauvin Memorial Fund at AFCOMAC, deserving schoolhouse and AFCOMAC graduates and many other functions sponsored by the ACA.

The ACA needs your help!! We are updating the Master Chiefs Contact list and need your help 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 and the Secretary 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.** Thanks for your support.

Changing of the Guard

We've had some changes within the ACA Board of Directors since January 1st, 2007. John "Big John" Greer, Johnny Long, Mark Gossett, and Darrell Beasley have all resigned from their positions as ACA Secretary, Orator, Director of Policy and Treasurer. After many year of faithful service to the ACA and on many occasions going well beyond the call of duty Big John, confronted with health issues, felt he could no longer give the job the attention needed. John is one of the charter members of the Association and has devoted countless hours to make sure the ACA not only got off the ground but succeeded beyond measure. To our fortune John will keep a hand in ACA affairs and work on our Reunion committee and help out when the need arises. Johnny, Mark, and Darrell have resigned for personal reasons and due to their current civilian workload commitments.

John Matthews nominated Fred O'Hern to take over the duties of ACA Secretary until the next election later this year. Fred accepted the challenge and was unanimously approved by the ACA Board of Directors.

In addition to John Greer's unplanned departure, January the first was the date we had a major change in ACA Leadership. Our former president, Mark Madamba felt it was a time for new ideas and new enthusiasm at the helm of the Association. As with Big John, Mark is a charter member of the ACA and probably the primary driver for our very existence. Mark has led us through four superb reunions, established our foundations to reach out to the AMMO community and never forgot that our camaraderie and having a little fun while doing good things made it all possible. Mark is succeeded as ACA President by John Matthews.

Another charter member of the ACA, Tom Zima, has also decided to give someone else the opportunity to excel. Tom has served in a variety of jobs from Association Vice President to Chief-At-Arms. Tom believes in service and readily volunteered to fill in any slot in which he was needed. Tom worked tirelessly in support of the ACA championing a good deal of our money raising activities such as our golf tournament which made so many of our other activities and support for the AMMO community possible. And as always, his indomitable sense of humor made it all that much more fun. Tom also will keep a hand in future reunion planning. Although Tom will never be replaced Mike Curran will give it his best shot to take over the chores as Chief-At-Arms.

Although not a charter member, Jack Shields answered the call to serve when needed. Jack volunteered to take up the reins of Director at large when his predecessor had to resign unexpectedly. He provided support as needed and helped out with a variety of money raising activities. The post called Director for Policies and Procedures is now vacant.

Rich McVey, John Cecere, and Joe Dominguez continue on in their present positions which come up for election this year.

We are asking for volunteers to fill the vacancies left by the departing Board members. If you'd like to volunteer for any open position, please contact any member of the Board.

Within the next week or so, your Board of Directors will send you a copy of the revised ACA Constitution for review and comments, and will post it on the web site for your review and comments. Once all comments are received, after 30 days, you will get a chance to vote on the new Constitution. Keep in touch with the ACA web site, as that's where we post the monthly Secretary's report and other important documents affecting your ACA for your review. This in depth report from your Secretary identifies what your Board of Directors have discussed, voted on and approved or disapproved for the month. ACA financial information is available by contacting the Secretary or Treasurer. A copy of the 2007 ACA Budget is attached. This information will not be posted to the web site. Web site address: <https://ammochiefs.com>



🔴*Chapter News🔴*

🔴* **NEW Chapter formed.** The **Emerald Coast Chapter** has formed in Fort Walton Beach, Florida. It formed in December and was approved by the Board of Directors in January. Danny Bridges has been elected President of the Chapter. Other Officers are Chuck Kuzma, Vice-President; Darrell Beasley, Secretary/Treasurer; and Tom Zima, Chief at Arms. CONGRADULATIONS AMMO Chiefs!!!!

🔴* **Wasatch Front Chapter.** The Chapter held a meeting in February to discuss an annual AMMO award for E-7s and below. They discussed the need for a Chapter contact list, getting the Chapter Charter framed, and ACA dues collection information. Their next meeting will be held in May around 1600 and will include a social event after the meeting.

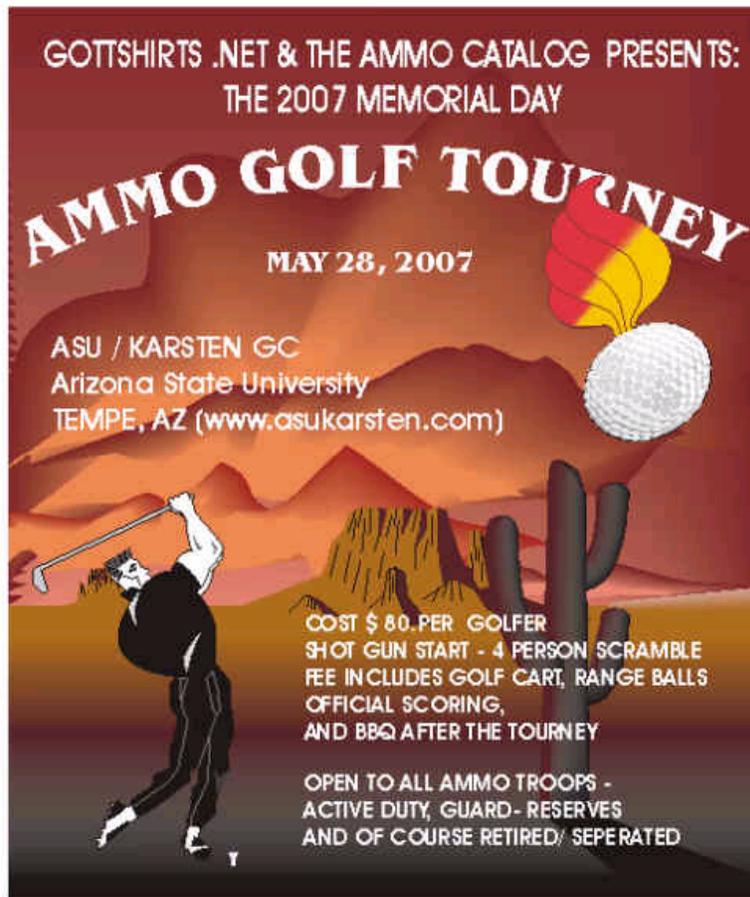
🔴* **Virginia Chapter.** President Rich Pennington has scheduled the next Chapter meeting for April 14, 2007, at 1300 (1 pm) in the ACC/A4W conference room, building 606. Your attendance at this meeting is encouraged.

🔴* **Midwest Chapter.** Midwest Chapter honored the family of Lott Carter in February by presenting them with the ACA Honorary Membership certificate and the ACA coin. They also made a presentation making the Lott an Honorary member in the Midwest Chapter. This month, they recognized AFMC's outstanding AMMO troops for 2006. A certificate and Midwest Chapter coin was presented to A1C Eric D. Tarbox, SSgt Brenon L. Farnworth, SMSgt. David M. Calandra, and Mr. Daniel M. Roberts.

🔴* AMMO Golf Tournament 🔴*

🔴* GOTSHIRTS.NET & the AMMO CATALOG presents the 2007 Memorial Day AMMO Golf Tournament, Sunday, May 27, 2007 starting at 0730 hrs at the

ASU/Karsten Golf Course at Arizona State University, Tempe, Arizona. Cost is \$80.00 per golfer. The tournament is open to all AMMO troops, active duty, Guard-Reserves, and retired/separated. There will be an AMMO Call on Saturday at 1600, location TBD. A portion of the proceeds will be given to the Chief Gavin Fund at AFCOMAC. For further information, go to www.AmmoGolf.org.



🎁Trinket Shoppe News🎁

Mike Curran is the Manager of the Trinket Shoppe. Many items are still available for ordering through the ACA web site at ammochiefs.com. Click on the Trinket Shoppe tab to place an order. Mike will contact you to make arrangements for sending funds required for your purchase, to include shipping and handling.

Until next time!!