



AMMO Chiefs Association (ACA)

"Shell and Flame"



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This is the sixth edition of your AMMO Chiefs Association "*Shell and Flame*" newsletter. This edition of the newsletter is being sent to you to provide information about the ACA, a not-for-profit organization of active and retired AMMO Chiefs. Please visit the AMMO Chiefs web page for more information at <http://ammochiefs.com>. The next 7th edition will be mailed in December 2005.

🔴* **ACA BOD Elections.** BOD elections were held during the month of September. Voting cutoff was **September 30th**. Mark Madamba, ACA President, released the results of the election. Winners and positions are:
Vice President – Rich McVey
Secretary – John Greer
Orator – Johnny Long
Director at Large 3 – John Cecere
Congratulations to the winners and thanks to all that took part in the elections. The winners will assume their posts on January 1, 2006. Additional information is on the AMMO Chiefs web page, <http://ammochiefs.com>.

🔴* Upcoming AMMO Events 🔴*

🔴* **ACA Awards Night.** The ACA Awards Night Banquet will be held on

November 19th, 2005 at the **Soundside Club, Hurlburt Field, Florida**. Various awards will be presented, in addition to the winning AMMO Bowl Softball Tournament team receiving the ACA Commander's Trophy during this banquet. If you're in the area, please plan to attend. More information will be provided on the AMMO Chiefs web site at <http://ammochiefs.com>.

🔴* Reunions

🔴* 2006 ACA Reunion 🔴*

The ACA has approved Reno, Nevada as the site for the 2006 ACA Reunion. An exciting town and close to AFCOMAC, look forward to this being the biggest and best ACA reunion to date! Mike Roylance (Mikeroylance@comcast.net) and Jerry Modlin (je464399@worldnet.att.net) are the POCs for the upcoming reunion. If you have any events you'd like to suggest for this upcoming reunion, pass them on to Mike or Jerry. It's not too early to start planning! Visit <http://ammochiefs.com> for more information.

🔴* **Camp Darby Reunion:** If you've every been assigned to Camp Darby, Italy, there is a reunion scheduled

for November 4-7, 2005 in Las Vegas, Nevada. This exciting event will bring the Darby Alumni together for the first time after 30 years. A reception is scheduled for 4 November and a meeting on the 5th. A golf event is planned, as well as other events of interest. Contact Rob DeStefano at wyorob@aol.com, or 441 South Missouri, Casper, Wyoming 82609, for more information.



◆* **AMMO Schoolhouse Initiative** ◆*

See the AMMO Chiefs web page for information at <http://ammochiefs.com>. If you haven't sent in your biography and picture yet, now's a good time to do it!!

◆* **ACA Memorial Initiative** ◆*

We need your help!! The ACA is considering placing a monument/memorial at either the AMMO Schoolhouse at Sheppard AFB, TX or AFCOMAC at Beal AFB, CA, or both. The monument should reflect on the pride, hard work, and professionalism we have experienced in being AMMO Troops. This memorial would be dedicated to those past, present, and future AMMO Troops, with the intent of helping to promote and foster the continued tradition of pride and professionalism in our AMMO career field. To do this, we need your help. We are looking for your **ideas** as to what would be an appropriate, suitable monument/memorial that reflects the positive aspects of being an AMMO Troop. Secondly, we are looking for **artistic talent** that can translate this concept into reality. Please, if you can devote your time in either way, contact

either John Matthews or Rich McVey. We are hoping to make this a reality in time for the 20th Anniversary of AFCOMAC and the 2006 ACA Reunion. More to follow!!

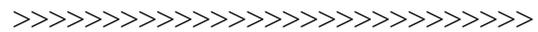


◆* **Chapter News** ◆*

◆* **Virginia Chapter**

ACA Virginia Chapter will have their next meeting, combined with a social, on December 10th, 2005 at Bill McCullough's house. The event will start at 1300 hrs and last until closing. Topics for discussion will be the Virginia Chapter logo and other business as identified on the agenda to be mailed in November. ACA Virginia Chapter officers are:

- John Matthews - President
- Mike Gavin - Vice-President
- Bill McCullough - Secretary/Treasurer
- Mike Robertson – Webmaster



◆* **Midwest Chapter (Ohio)**

The ACA Midwest Chapter's next scheduled meeting/social is December 10th, 2005. If you are interested in attending, contact Mark Gossett, MGossett@Prodigy.net, (937) 438-0665.

CMSgt. Don Myers has arrived and joined the Chapter. Chief Myers is the senior active duty AMMO Chief at HQ AFMC.



◆* **Wasatch Front Chapter (Utah)**

Congratulations are in order!

A new Chapter has been formed in Utah. The name is the **Wasatch Front Chapter**. The first official Chapter

meeting was held on 25 August 2005.
The following officers were elected to
their positions:

Chet Atkins – President

**Fred Schoettler – Secretary-
Treasurer.** Their next meeting is
scheduled for 19 Nov at 1700 hrs at
McGrath's Fish House, 908 North Main
Street, Layton, Utah. For more
information, contact either Chet Atkins
at Richard.Atkins@hill.af.mil or Fred
Schoettler at Fjschoettler@aol.com.
Great work guys!! IYAAAYAS!!!



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newsletter. We are open to any and all
newsworthy articles you would like
published that are of interest to other
ACA members. Send your newsworthy
articles to any ACA BOD member for
inclusion in this newsletter. Thanks for
your support!!



FOR WE ARE AMMO

THE SYMBOL OF THE SHELL & FLAME SIGNIFIES WE ARE CARETAKERS OF THE INSTRUMENTS OF WAR, DEATH, AND DESTRUCTION, BUT WE FEAR NO EVIL. AS THE KEEPERS AND BUILDERS OF THESE OMINOUS ITEMS OF EVIL-IRON, WE CONSTANTLY SEEK WISDOM TO ENSURE MUNITIONS MAKE THE MISSION ON TIME, ALL THE TIME..... *FOR WE ARE AMMO.*

OUR DAILY EFFORTS MAKE US THE CORNERSTONE OF MISSION REQUIREMENTS.... REGARDLESS OF CONDITIONS OR CONSTRAINTS; OR LACK OF TIME, OR NUMBER OF CHANGES TO REQUIREMENTS, OR WHATEVER THE OBSTACLE..... *FOR WE ARE AMMO.*

OUR SPIRIT WILL ALWAYS BE WILLING AND UNDIMMED. THE LIGHT OF THE SHELL & FLAME WILL ALWAYS GUIDE OUR WAY FOR MISSION SUCCESS, AND TO REMIND US OF OUR HERITAGE OF PRIDE, PROFESSIONALISM, AND ESTABLISHED STANDARDS OF OUTSTANDING MISSION SUPPORT..... *FOR WE ARE AMMO.*

THE LIGHT OF THE SHELL & FLAME WILL ALSO SERVE AS A REMINDER OF THE LEVEL OF EXCELLENCE AND ESPRIT DE CORPS SET BY THOSE WHO CAME BEFORE US; THE LIGHT OF THE SHELL & FLAME WILL ALSO HELP US LOOK BACK TO REMEMBER THOSE AMMO TROOPS, BOTH ACTIVE AND RETIRED, WHO ARE NO LONGER WITH US AND THE SERVICE THEY PERFORMED FOR THEIR COUNTRY AND TO THE AMMO COMMUNITY. IN DOING SO, WE WILL GAIN STRENGTH FROM THE FACT THAT SUCH MEN LIVED..... *FOR WE ARE AMMO.*

THE SYMBOL OF THE SHELL & FLAME WILL ALSO SERVE AS A CONSTANT REMINDER FOR US TO ALWAYS STAND TOGETHER SO THAT WE MAY STAY STRONG IN OUR RESOLVE, AND THAT AMMO ALWAYS REMAINS THE KEYSTONE OF U.S. AIR FORCE MISSION SUCCESS..... *FOR WE ARE AMMO.*

Larry DiAmco, CMSgt (Ret) - October 2000