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"Shell and Flame"



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We are the Ammo Chiefs Association, a not-for-profit; fraternal Association dedicated to the promotion of camaraderie among active duty and retired USAF **AMMO Chiefs**. Our members work 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 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 ACOMAC 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>.

From Your President

ACA Members,

Beginning in August, we will hold elections once again. Offices up for election this term are: President, Treasurer, Chief-at-Arms, Director-at-Large One and Director-at-Large Two. We will accept nominations for these offices from August 1, through August 25, 2008. An election committee consisting of three members will verify the eligibility of those nominated for the various offices. The committee will also verify those making nominations are members in good standing. Elections will then begin at the beginning of September and continue until the General Membership Meeting to be held at Fort Walton Beach, Florida in October 2008. The winners of the elections will be announced at the meeting. Officers are term limited to holding the same office for two consecutive terms. They may however be elected to a different office after having served in one office for two consecutive terms.

Rich McVey
ACA President

HURRY, HURRY, HURRY

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Secretary's Section

Please provide me with an update of your address and contact details. Drop me an email or snail mail. All members were sent a new membership card this year. If you did not receive yours, please contact me and I will send you a replacement. Also, if you have not received your numbered Membership Coin, please let me know.

Fred O'Hern, Secretary
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REUNIONS

ACA Reunion

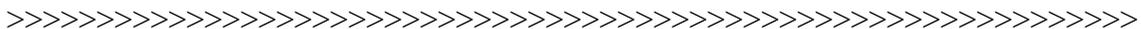
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Just a reminder to all...The ACA Reunion is set for October 15 through 19, 2008 and I've only received registration from six (6) AMMO Chiefs so far. If you plan on attending please go to the AMMO Chiefs website and send me your registration form with appropriate amount of money, (do not forget the registration fee). Please send your registration form and check to:

Darrell Beasley
53A Country Club Road
Shalimar, Florida 32579

Thanks and look forward to seeing everyone in October. Take care and keep your powder dry.

Darrell



MORBACK Ammunition Squadrons Reunion 2008

September 5-6 (Friday & Saturday), 2008
Holiday Inn Dayton/Fairborn I-675
2800 Presidential Drive ~ Fairborn, Ohio 45324

Phone: 937-426-7800 / Fax: 937-426-1284 / www.whihotels.com/ebrochures/hifairborn

Contact: Jimmy Wright

Rt 3 Box 1636, Jonesville, VA 24263 ~ 276.346-3205 ~ jdwright@naxs.net

Comrades:

The 2008 reunion of our Morbach Ammunition Squadrons is scheduled for September 5-6.

The venue is Holiday Inn Dayton/Fairborn I-675 in Dayton, Ohio, near Wright-Patterson Air Force Base.

The Inn is a full service hotel featuring (among other things) 204 guest rooms with a rich array of amenities, complimentary wireless high-speed Internet, 24-hour fully-equipped executive business center, McKenna's Grille featuring Cincinnati's own Montgomery Inn Ribs, indoor pool, and executive fitness center. More information may be found at the Inn's website: www.whihotels.com/ebrochures/hifairborn

The Inn has reserved a block of rooms for our group. The room-rate per night is \$89 (+ tax). This rate can apply three days pre- and/or three days post- reunion with advanced reservation notice, subject to availability. You may choose rooms with either two double beds, one king bed, or one king bed and one sofa bed. Smoking rooms are available. Financial arrangements for rooms must be made with the Inn. When making your reservation, and in order to obtain a room in our block and at the special rate, be sure to inform the Inn that you are doing so for the Morbach Ammo Squadrons Reunion.

The only other cost for the reunion will be \$25.00 per squadron member, payable to your coordinator at the reunion. There will be no extra charge for family members accompanying squadron members. We will be using the Inn's Armstrong Room for our "headquarters".

Wives and families are welcome – assuming you do not mind your comrades telling them what you really did in the war!

Nearby attractions include Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, National Museum of the U.S. Air Force, Neil Armstrong Museum, Huffman Prairie Flying Field, Dayton Aviation Heritage National Historical Park, Aviation Trail, National Aviation Hall of Fame, Wright B Flyer, Blue Jacket: Ohio's Epic Outdoor Drama, National Afro-American Museum and Cultural Center, Paramount's King's Island, and Beavercreek Golf Club. (For more information, visit the website of Greene County Convention and Visitors Bureau: greenecountyohio.org <<http://greenecountyohio.org/>>

Situated very close to the hotel is the National Museum of the United States Air Force, the world's largest and oldest military aviation museum, hosting more than one

WANTED

The ACA is looking for a few good men to chair our Sunshine Committee. The Sunshine Committee responds to deaths of ACA members and AMMO troops. The Chair also responds to serious health issues of members and their immediate families with cards and notifies the rest of the membership and posts to the web when one of ours is seriously ill so personal friends and acquaintances are informed and can send their letters of care and concern. The Committee may also address issues of personal need where an AMMO troop has fallen on hard times and can use a helping hand. The Committee is one of the main ways through which we support the AMMO community and we are looking to be more proactive in this endeavor. If you are interested in Chairing this Committee please submit your name to the ACA Board of Directors. ACA_BOD@ammochiefs.com



🔥*Chapter News🔥*

🔥***Wasatch Front Chapter.** JOE D'ARCO, President. The Wasatch Front ordered 50 more Chapter coins from a firm in Texas with all of them numbered "461". The vote to stamp in our heritage AMMO AFSC was unanimous. What better numbered coin to be carrying as a proud member of AMMO?

We also said farewell to our Secretary, Scott Heisterkamp, as he departed for the Air Staff (AF/A4MW) as the AMMO Functional. He will surely protect AMMO from those who do not understand or appreciate us!

🔥* **Mid-Atlantic Region.**



Mid-Atlantic Region
(Virginia Chapter)



The ACA Virginia Chapter held its June 2008 meeting at the 1st Fighter Wing Ammo flight facility. As reported in our last meeting minutes, we are providing an update and a picture showing the size of it.



The facility is large enough to accommodate all assigned Ammo personnel plus AGE support and ANG Ammo troops. The base didn't get as many F-22 aircraft as the building was designed to support; however, you can never have too much space for Ammo. If you are ever in the Langley area you should take a few minutes to drive out and take a tour. Not sure there will be another one

Twelve of our members were in attendance; our AOR stretches out over 600 miles in length for the Mid Atlantic Region area. It's always a good time for us to conduct business and enjoy friendship while continuing to look for ways to assist Ammo families in our region. We started the planning process for our next Junior NCO (E-4 and below) Award to be presented in December 2008. We will be sending out email notification to bases within our region with submissions due by 21 November 2008. We select a winner during our December meeting.



During our December meeting we will also select a number of young Ammo troops from our region to support for Christmas. This program has been a huge success the past two years. We have donated over \$1,100 over the past two years and have a budget of at least \$500 for this Christmas.

We finalized the design of our new chapter coin and placed an order. We also discussed the need to change the name of our chapter to more represent the membership of our chapter. We will have to address this through the ACA to amend our charter.

We discussed supporting the 2009 ACC CAF conference next year and the possibility of having an ice breaker social at the 1st Fighter Wing Ammo flight. The facility is large enough to conduct large scale events. This would be a good opportunity for ACA and our chapter to contribute to an Ammo event and discuss becoming an ACA member and inform them of what ACA has been doing to support the Ammo community. We look forward to seeing everyone in October at the ACA reunion. Our next scheduled chapter meeting will be held in December.

Richard Pennington
Chapter President

🍷* **Midwest Chapter** – Mark Gossett, President. The ACA Mid-West Chapter held a meeting on June 21st. Don Myers hosted the event. During the meeting, Gary Knighton was elected as the new Secretary-Treasurer beginning in January 2009. The food was

great, the drinks cold, and the company outstanding. At present, Billie Campbell, Bob Brown, and Mark Gossett intend on being at the ACA Reunion in October.

◆*Emerald Coast Chapter – David Osborn, President.



◆*ACA Web Page News◆*

There's a new web site to view. Visit ammochiefs.com for further information.



TRINKET SHOPPE

AMMO Chief Association Members,

Mike Curran and I have purchased a supply of good quality ball-points for sale @ \$4.00 each (includes postage) proceeds will go to the Trinket Shoppe! These gold colored metal pens are laser etched with "Ammo Chief" "IYA AMMO YAS". A plastic stick pen will be included with each order. Quantity discounts can be negotiated! The stick pens can be ordered @ 10 for \$8.00! Contact me at the address above for ordering! Fred



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Membership Application

Dues: \$25.00/year or \$250 Life Membership

**(Note: Applications for Associate Membership must be submitted
and endorsed by an active AMMO Chief Member.)**

First Name _____ MI _____ Last Name _____

Spouse's Name: _____

Mailing Address:

Street _____

City, State, ZIP Code: _____

Home Phone Number _____

Cell Phone Number _____

E-Mail Address: _____

Service Status: Active Duty: (Circle one) Yes No

Present Grade/Rank or Rank at Retirement: _____

Date Entered Service: _____

Date of Retirement: _____

War Veteran: (State War or Conflict) _____

Brief history of your AMMO work, i.e., duty/unit assignment, dates, bases
stationed at, etc.