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We are the AMMO Chiefs Association (ACA) established and operated by retired and active duty AMMO Chiefs dedicated to preserving our AMMO heritage. A fraternal, not-for-profit organization, our members consist of combat veterans and their spouses. The purpose of the ACA is to encourage and facilitate camaraderie and social activities among AMMO Chiefs and members of the AMMO Community by supporting and sustaining worthwhile AMMO related initiatives and programs.

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ACA holds elections every 4 years. This BOD will look to stagger elections for continuity

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FROM THE PRESIDENT:

By Bart Ivy

Fellow Ammo Chiefs, 2025 is shaping up to be an interesting year. The ACA will be taking on full responsibility for the Gauvin Scholarship, as such we have been soliciting donations and getting things in place to successfully execute the Scholarship awards. With the change in leadership at the Department of Defense the Air Force is once again going through a change cycle, I had to laugh at all the posts complaining about open ranks inspections. I am sure you all have fond memories, and I do over all the changes that we have seen in our times. I just call it the Air Force Life Cycle of Change, no matter what part of the cycle you enter it will change, and you will end up back at the same point. One thing that is constant is the physical process of AMMO work never changes. So let support our Ammo Brothers and Sisters as they deal with their change cycle. One last thing, the 2026 Reunion will be in Dayton Ohio, so please add it to your schedule and look for more information to come. IYAYAS!

Keep Your Powder Dry. IYAYAS!

FROM THE VICE PRESIDENT:

By Mark Gossett

Just as a heads-up the 2026 ACA reunion will be in Dayton OH from September 23rd thru the 27th. Please mark the dates. More info to follow. Keeping it short because I'm Cruising Down Under and wishing everyone a wonderful AMMO day. Thanks

Mark
IYAYAS

FROM THE SECRETARY:

By Matt Lingelbach

Have you noticed that you receive the Shell & Flame less often? As the ACA has come out of COVID and restarted activities, it seems like chapter functions have slowed to a creep and I didn't want to put out a letter just to put one out. I will continue the newsletter twice a year unless someone provides some feedback to change it.

The reunion is coming up 23-27 Sep 2026. That time will fly by but if you'd like to see something done to make it more likely you will attend, let someone on the Board of Directors know!

What can the ACA do better? We work for the career field, not literally, but want to help make things better. President Ivy spoke about the winds of change with the new administration. What can we do to help you or the blue suiters out with that change?

FROM THE TREASURER:

By Mike Robertson

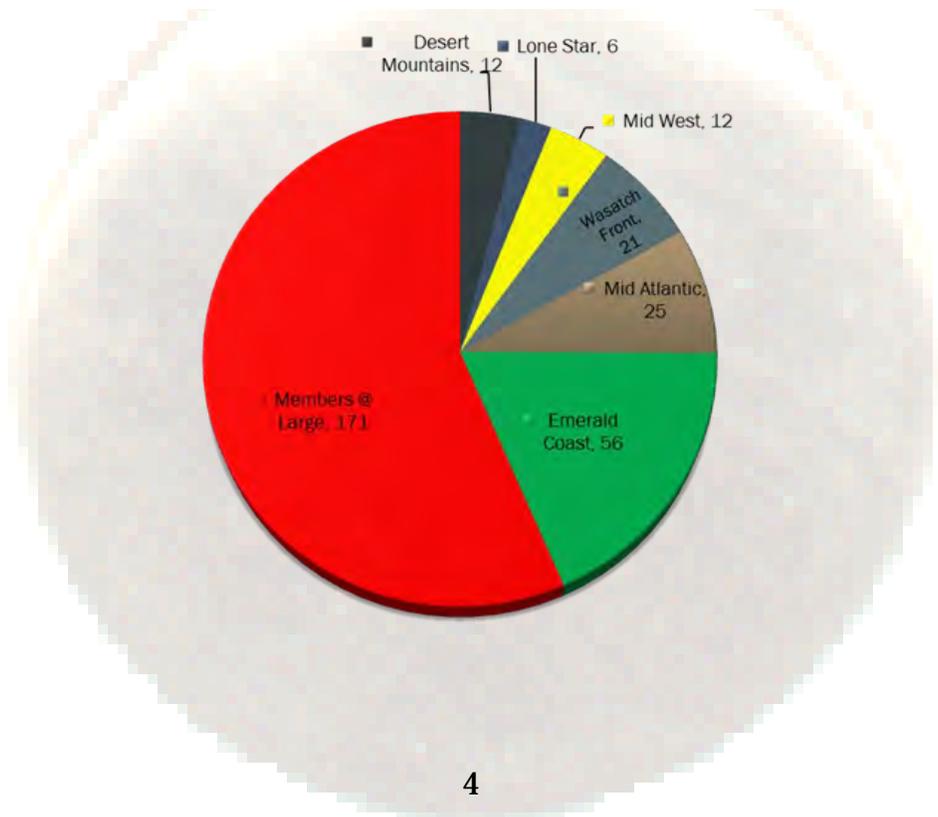
Let me start by saying the 2024 ACA Reunion on Destin hosted by the ACA Emerald Coast Chapter was a good turn out and all had a great time. I hope everyone in the ACA community is having a great

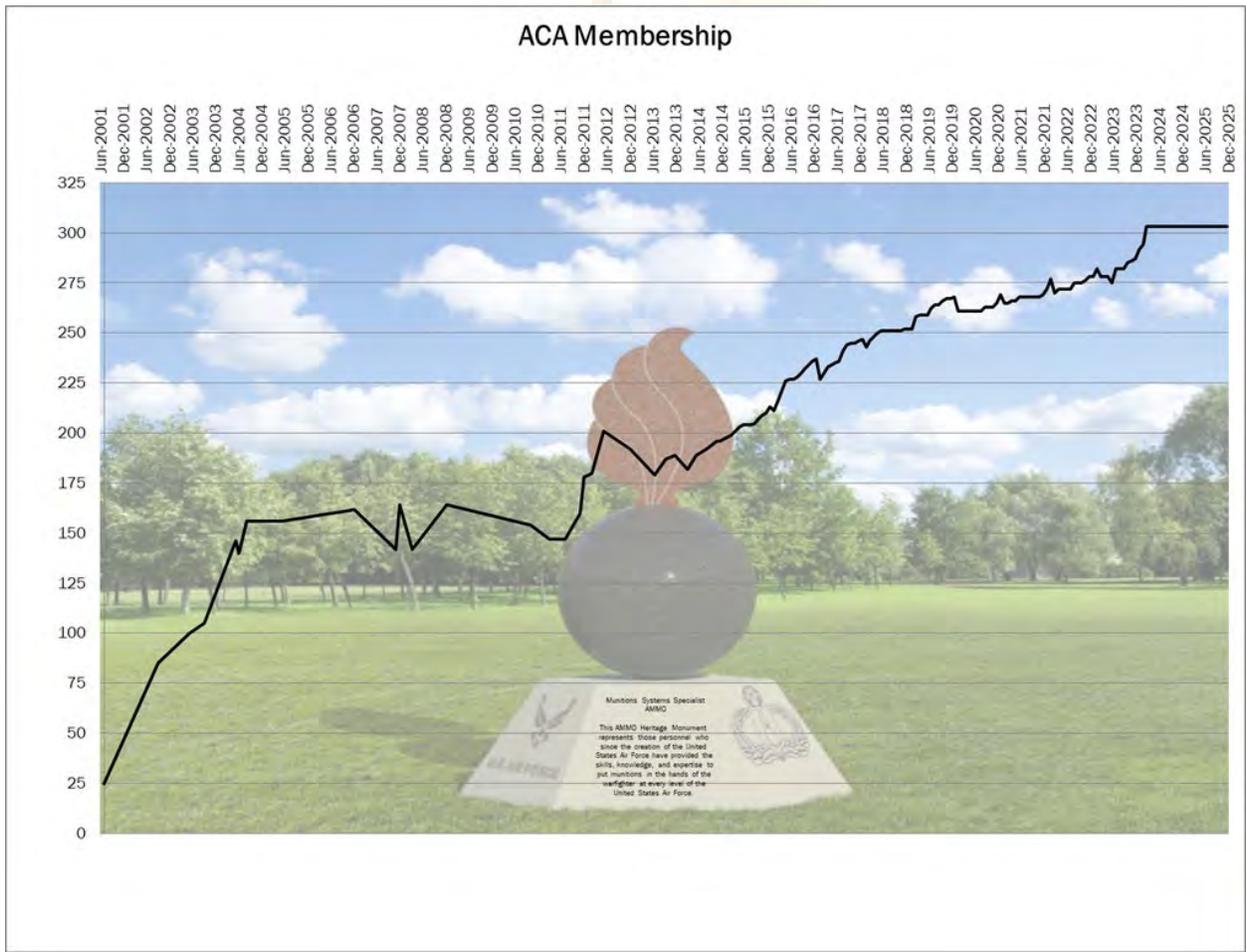
2025 so far. The ACA finances are in good shape to support all approved budget expenses for the 2025 calendar year.

We are quickly approaching the ACA's first round of CMSgt Gauvin Memorial Scholarship awards in May for the 2025-2026 educational sessions. Note To all Readers: Please help to get the word out about the scholarship application process to all active duty, guard, and reserve AMMO troops so we can get maximum participation. The entire application requirements and process can be found at: <https://ammochiefs.com/wp-content/uploads/2024/03/ACA-Gauvin-Memorial-Scholarship-Application-Instructions-21-Mar-2024.pdf>.

As always, donations to the ACA and the now ACA Gauvin Scholarship program are always welcome via PayPal, Venmo or "old fashioned" check in the mail. You can donate or find out how to donate at www.ammochiefs.com. Remember, the ACA is a Tax-Exempt IRS 501c(19) War Veterans Organization where donors may be able to deduct their contributions. The ACA Employee Identification Number (EIN) is: 59-3738339.

<i>Membership Totals by Chapter and Type</i>								
<i>Chapter</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>Chief Life</i>	<i>Chief Annual</i>	<i>Associate Life</i>	<i>Associate Annual</i>	<i>Honorary Spouse</i>	<i>Honorary</i>	<i>Shell and Flame</i>
<i>Lone Star</i>	6	5				1		
<i>Desert Mountains</i>	12	11				1		
<i>MidWest</i>	12	10		1				1
<i>Wasatch Front</i>	21	16		2		2	1	
<i>Mid-Atlantic</i>	25	19		5		1		
<i>Emerald Coast</i>	56	27		16	1	10		2
<i>At Large</i>	171	115	14	18	2	13	2	7
<i>Totals</i>	<i>303</i>	<i>203</i>	<i>14</i>	<i>42</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>28</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>10</i>





At the end of every March, we update and distribute to members the All Members and All Known AMMO Chiefs List. If you have changes to make, be sure to send them in quickly so your information is updated in the ACA Membership Database. If you want your contact info shown, you need to let us know with either a YES or NO. The default is NO when a new member is added unless they tell us otherwise. Please send changes to: Secretary@ammochiefs.com

MID-ATLANTIC CHAPTER:

By Phil Kennedy



ACAMC	BOD
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Vice President	John Nye
Secretary Treasurer	Phil Kennedy
Director at Large	Rich Pennington



Numerous Chapter members and spouses traveled to Vice President John Nye's home in Appomattox, VA to attend the 2024, 4th Quarter Meeting/Christmas social. John and Angela were gracious hosts; plenty of food and drink... a fun time was had by all.

The Chapter also held a raffle for a 3x5 AMMO Flag and a 2025 White House Christmas Ornament. In all the excitement, a short Chapter business meeting was held. John and Angela have pledged to host this year's 4th Quarter Meeting/Christmas social. Everyone is looking forward to it.



The best AMMO troops in the world are in ACC... none better as they say. Right!!!! The Chapter recognizes some of these outstanding AMMO troops in the following categories:

- 2024 ACC 3rd Quarter Munitions Award Winners
 - Outstanding Munitions Supervisor, TSgt Matthew Durkovic, 4th MUNS, Seymour-Johnson AFB
 - Outstanding Munitions Manager, MSgt Kristopher Tremaine, 4th MUNS, Seymour-Johnson AFB
 - 2024 ACC 4th Quarter Munitions Award Winners: No winners
- CY24 ACC Annual Award Winners
 - Outstanding Munitions Manager, MSgt Jason Aviles.

Unfortunately, no pictures are available of each winner receiving their certificate of appreciation, Chapter coin, and gift card. Next time...

Wreaths Across America (WWA) program... JT (Jimmy Taylor), provided information a few years ago that the WWA program has a fundraiser program and suggested the Chapter should sign up for it. Pretty simple...champaign a veterans' wreath at \$17.00... receive a \$5.00 rebate. The key is groups can sponsor a wreath in any National and local community cemetery if it is registered in the WWA Foundation. Currently the foundation has more than 4,600 participating locations in all 50 states, at sea and abroad. In the last two (2) years, the Chapter has received over \$200.00 in rebates... does not sound like much but every little bit helps.

The WAA Program mission... Remember the fallen. Honor those who serve. Teach the next generation the value of freedom. This is a fantastic program to honor, remember, and teach our AMMO FAMMOly freedom is not free.

As a volunteer-based organization, the WAA program recognized the Chapter's effort during 2024. If you want to make a difference in your community suggest championing the WWA program. You will not regret it. For more information about the WWA program, go to <https://www.wreathscrossamerica.org/>.



Fellow Ammo chiefs attending Chief Lemke retirement.

EMERALD COAST CHAPTER:

By John Greer

<i>ACAEC</i>	<i>BOD</i>
President	John Greer



Vice President	Dennis Tangney
Secretary	Vacant
Treasurer	Johnny Long
Chief at Arms	Willie Mothersell

No input for this edition

Wasatch Front Chapter:

By Chris Hazard

<i>ACAWFC</i>	<i>BOD</i>
President	Chris Hazard
Secretary/Treasurer	Keith Jackson

No inputs for this edition.

MID-WEST CHAPTER:

By Don Meyers

<i>ACAMWC</i>	<i>BOD</i>
President	Mark Gossett
Vice President	Don Myers
Secretary Treasurer	Vacant

No inputs for this edition

LONE STAR CHAPTER:

By Joe Dominguez

<i>ACALSC</i>	<i>BOD</i>
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Vice President	Fred Lee
Secretary/Treasurer	Joseph Dominguez



The LSC is a sponsor organization for Wreaths Across America and you can sponsor a wreath to be placed on a veteran's gravesite at a location of your choosing by visiting our website [HERE](#). Your sponsorship is greatly appreciated.

DESERT MOUNTAINS CHAPTER:

By Tom Cox

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Vice President	Bill Pennington
Secretary/Treasurer	Ricky Quattlebaum



No input for this edition

363RD TRAINING SQUADRON **SHEPPARD AMMO**



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AMMO Schoolhouse - ACA Outstanding Graduates

The following PDS had no ACA – 24041, 24044, 24046, 24048, 25008

SrA Christopher Lovejoy

Class: 24038

Hometown: Hopedale, MA Gaining Base/Unit: Cannon AFB, NM



Amn Joshua Monroe

Class: 24039

Hometown: Batesburg, SC Gaining Base/Unit: 3 MUNS, JBER, AK



A1C Hector Ortiz-Cotto

Class: 24042

Hometown: Cidra, Puerto Rico Gaining Base/Unit: Misawa AB, Japan



A1C Sydney Brown

Class: 24043

Hometown: Minneapolis, MN Gaining Base/Unit: 3 MUNS, Elmendorf AFB, AK



A1C Kenneth Pinkham

Class: 24045

Hometown: Holly Springs, NC Gaining Base/Unit: Davis Monthan AFB, AZ



Amn Adrian Cardenas

Class: 24047

Hometown: Del Rio, TX Gaining Base/Unit: Hurlburt Field AFB, FL



AB Luke Kruss

Class: 25001

Hometown: Pottsville, PA Gaining Base/Unit: Holloman AFB, NM



AB Seth Jensen

Class: 25002

Hometown: Indianapolis, IN Gaining Base/Unit: Hill AFB, UT



A1C Andrea Hendricks

Class: 25003

Hometown: Aurora, CO Gaining Base/Unit: Hill AFB, UT



A1C David Macias

Class: 25004

Hometown: El Paso, TX Gaining Base/Unit: Nellis AFB, NV



A1C Simon Ecklund

Class: 25005

Hometown: Willow River, MN Gaining Base/Unit: 5 MUNS, Minot AFB, ND



A1C Ryan Pasch

Class: 25006

Hometown: Crestview, FL Gaining Base/Unit: Nellis AFB, NV



SSgt Shaeriah Castro

Class: 25007

Hometown: Anderson, Guam Gaining Base/Unit: Nellis AFB, NV



A1C Ar'Mani Robinson

Class: 25009

Hometown: Baton Rouge, LA Gaining Base/Unit: New Orleans NAS, LA



AB Clayton Scott

Class: 25010

Hometown: Lawrenceburg, TN Gaining Base/Unit: 1 MUNS, Langley AFB, VA



A1C Gabriel Neisler

Class: 25011

Hometown: Ocala, FL Gaining Base/Unit: Yokota AB, Japan



A1C Merrick Mitchell

Class: 25012

Hometown: Monroe, MI Gaining Base/Unit: 180th FW, Toledo, OH



A1C Makayla Gottschalk

Class: 25015

Hometown: Fort Worth, TX Gaining Base/Unit: Kunsan AB, ROK



AFCOMAC - 9TH MUNITIONS SQUADRON

Points of Contact: CMSgt Anthony Diamond, SMSgt Trapis Leslie



ACA Outstanding Performer Awards

24-006: SSgt Roy Chastain, Misawa AFB

25-001: SSgt Chealsey Miller, Hill AFB

25-002: SSgt Lane Smith, Langley AFB

25-003: SSgt Jeffery Turner, RAF Lakenheath

One of the most notable achievements was the completion of the most substantial curriculum expansion in over a decade, introducing new training initiatives for Air Cargo, ACE, new munitions, and a stand-alone 9-level curriculum tailored to SNCOs and CGOs.

AFCOMAC significantly increased its forward deployment taskings and ACE operations, strengthening the carrier field's operational readiness and expeditionary capabilities. The introduction of new munitions, including GBU-56, AIM-9, AIM-120, MALDS, and FMU-139D/B, expanded the center's arsenal, further enhancing our combat effectiveness.

To enhance SNCO and CGO training and development, AFCOMAC created a stand-alone 9-level curriculum specifically targeting senior leaders, providing tailored education to these decision-makers. We also focused on bolstering joint combat capabilities by conducting site visits of joint operations and successfully graduating the first Navy and Marine Corps ordnance technicians in the history of the CAPP course.

AFCOMAC has also incorporated allied partners into the Senior Leader Aerial Munitions Course (formerly known as the SOO), graduating representatives from the Royal Air Force (UK) & Canadian Air Forces and we're working with our partners to open the class up to students from Australia, Korea, and Japan. These initiatives aim to enhance joint capabilities and promote information sharing among allied nations.

Furthermore, the integration of the first 2W1 (Weapons Loaders) into the CAPP course will streamline combat generation processes and align our Tactics, Techniques, and Procedures (TTPs) and Technical Orders (TOs) for improved operational coordination.

Finally, AFCOMAC's successful execution of the 6th annual AFCOCOMP, involving TFI munitions teams from every MAJCOM, culminated in the 4 MUNS from Seymour Johnson emerging as the overall winner, showcasing their dedication to excellence and competitiveness.

The changes and enhancements at AFCOMAC underscore its commitment to continuous improvement, collaboration, and operational readiness, positioning the center as a pivotal player in supporting Air Force combat missions and joint operations. As AFCOMAC continues to evolve and innovate, it remains at the forefront of ensuring national defense and security.

CHIEF GAUVIN MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION



Since the Scholarship was established the Air Force Combat Ammunition Center (AFCOMAC) Senior Staff has administered the scholarship. However, in 2024, administration of the Scholarship will transition to the AMMO Chiefs Association (ACA). While future AFCOMAC classes and Ammo Troops worldwide will still have an opportunity to raise funds and contribute to the scholarship, we anticipate challenges with fundraising in the future. The ACA will be exploring various options as we move forward with this change. We are also trying to use Mail, Venmo and PayPal to make things as easy as possible. See below for the appropriate QR codes and addresses.

In the future, the ACA Board of Directors (BOD) will determine which applications receive Scholarship awards and how much funds will be awarded.

All scholarship applicants will submit their applications to the ACA Secretary prior to **1 June** of each year.

Applications/information should be sent to: ACA Gauvin Scholarship Committee c/o Matt Lingelbach, 1040 E Nicholes Ave, Layton UT, 84040. Telephone (757) 525-0961 or by e-mail: secretary@ammochiefs.com

Information on the Gauvin Memorial Fund, Eligibility, Requirements, Application Form, and Administration can be found at URL: <https://ammochiefs.com/cmsgt-richard-a-gauvin-ammo-troop-memorial-fund/>. Please distribute to anyone you know in the fAMMOly that can take advantage of this opportunity. AMMO helping AMMO....huuaahh!!!!



Richard A. Gauvin Memorial Scholarship

Please Visit Website: <https://ammochiefs.com/cmsgt-richard-a-gauvin-ammo-troop-memorial-fund/>



The Chief Master Sergeant (CMSgt) Richard A. Gauvin Memorial Scholarship was established to award scholarships to eligible dependents of munitions personnel who held AFSC 461XX, 465XX or 2W0X1 on active, reserve, or ANG duty in the service of the USAF.

CHANGES ARE COMING TO THE SCHOLARSHIP

Since the Scholarship was established the Air Force Combat Ammunition Center (AFCOMAC) Senior Staff has administered the scholarship. However, in 2024, administration of the Scholarship will transition to the AMMO Chiefs Association (ACA). The ACA continues to look for ways to generate funds and support eligible dependents into the future. The Memorial Scholarship will not survive without continued donations from the 461/5 & 2W0 career field.

The ACA is an IRS 501(c)(19) War Veterans Organization. Donations to the Gauvin Memorial Scholarship are tax deductible depending on your specific tax situation. EID: 59-3738339

Suggested Donation:

- One Time
- Recurring

Ways to help?

PayPal



Venmo



USPS



Mail Donations to:
ACA Treasurer
c/o Mike Robertson
16394 Red Cedar Rd
Piedmont, SD 57769

ACA MEMORIAL PAVER PROGRAM

By Mike Robertson

The ACA Legacy Paver program include all AMMO ranks and we call it - **AMMO ROAD!** Details on the program and how to order one or more Legacy Pavers can be found at: <https://ammochiefs.com/aca-memorial-paver-program/>

New: You can now also pay for Legacy Pavers using Venmo to **@IYAAYAS-ACA**. In the comments be sure to include what you want on the paver. Paver text is limited to 3 lines and 14 characters per line (including spaces).

The price of one paver \$95. However, ACA receives a \$15 discount from Airman's Heritage Foundation (AHF), so our cost is \$80 per paver. Also, if you 2 or 3 pavers at the same time, there is

an additional \$5.00 / paver quantity discount applied. Be advised that any orders placed via PayPal and paid with credit/debit card will include a PayPal processing fee which is included in the below pricing. The full Legacy Paver pricing chart follows:

The focal point for all orders is the ACA Treasurer.

Method of Payment	Qty	Costs	Links/Email
Check/Money Order	1	\$80.00	Email: acatreasurer@ammochiefs.com Our response will tell you where to send your payment.
	2	\$150.00	
	3	\$225.00	
PayPal Credit / Debit Card	1	\$82.12	https://ammochiefs.com/donations-to-the-aca/ Bottom left side of HOME page; links to PayPal.
	2	\$153.55	
	3	\$230.07	
PayPal.me		\$80	https://paypal.me/AmmoChiefs

Legacy Paver Cost Options

All pavers are placed as ordered and there can be no reserved spaces or special grouping. Orders would remain "First in - First out". Order your own, one for a mentor you respected while on duty, a friend, or a spouse. If you place an order and we find it is a duplicate, we will let you know. We would reserve the right to ensure any wording is in accordance with the AHF guidelines and our requirement that the paver have some wording related to AMMO so AHF knows to place the paver within our Group. Remember there are 3 lines of text limited to 14 characters per (including spaces).

The Pavers are located on the Lackland AFB, Parade Grounds in the location shown on the below Google map.



To date, since the AMMO Legacy Paver program began, 145 AMMO Legacy Pavers have been ordered/installed. 91 of those pavers have been installed to honor the legacy of deceased AMMO warriors, Champions of AMMO, or their spouses!

AMMO Heritage Monument

By: Mike Robertson

Our Goal is to preserve the AMMO Heritage with a Monument that depicts or symbolizes the efforts of the USAF Munitions Systems Career Field personnel and their achievements.

DONATIONS: ACA is still accepting donations via PayPal, Venmo, or Check by mail.



Last Call

No inputs for this edition.

Though we had some members pass since the last edition we were unable to locate any information. The people we were notified about have been added to the Memoriam page

IN MEMORIAM



They shall not grow old, as we that are left grow old: Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn. At the going down of the sun and in the morning, we will remember them.

Laurence Binyon, "For the Fallen" September 1914

Leon B. "Pete" Aaron

Frank Arnold

Michael Bachman

Larry G. Ballard***

Dave Barber***

Wilbur R. Barrentine *

Gail Bechtal (Bectle)

Walter L. Bell */**

John Bennett

Frank D. Bolin

Anthony P Borzomowski

Jim "Jimmie" Branson

Rennice H Jim Bray

Randolph H. Brown

Shawn P Byrne

Don Carbonneau

Raymond L. Caron

Lott S. Carter ***

Martin Church

Gerald R. Conger

Edward H. Ted Costick ***

Preston Craven

Charles Crawford

Bernard C. "Red" Crayne

Michael D "Mike" Curran ***

James Curtin

Thomas E Jr Danihel

Robert J Delaney

Phillip Delisi

William R "Bill" Dressler

Lawrence Duska

Larry Eaton

Charles L. "Chuck" Eaves

Kathy Elle

James N Elledge

Thomas F Everett

William "Bill" Fick ***

Salvatore Fina

James "Jesse" Fisher

Joseph N Freas

Francis J "Frank" Gamache

Richard Gauvin

Karl J Gershutz

Don Hamilton ***

Gerald "Red" Hess

Fredrick "Fred" Hof

Gary A. Hofstetter

Rufus C. Holman

Howard Holt

Ralph B. House

Robert N. Ivey

Jay A. Jameson

Stefiel D. Johnson

William M "Bill" Jolly

Perry D. Jones

Paul Killion*

Paul H. Klein

Jerrad Kooley

George Lander

John C Lane

Karen Long

Paul Long ***

William Lovelady

Stanley Madaj

Leo Marquez ***

Terrance Martin

John A. Matthews Sr.

Donald Mayo

Arthur L "Lon" McAlister

Chris McCullough

Richard McVey

Alvin "Al" Mercer ***

Donald Miller

Clifton E Mills

Kathy Morgan

William R "Bill" Mosier

Kevin Mullaney

Darrell Mulvany

Charles Chuck Norton***

Michael R Obleman

Marion O'Hern

Fred H. O'Hern

Gregory "Buns" Osbun

Edward Patry

John A Pfromm

James Phinney

William "Bill" Poe

Louis V. Prelip

Harold P. Prevett *

Paul M. Queen

Stonewall Ramsey

Erwin G. "Erv" Redman

James W. Reese

Robert "Bob" Reinhart

Leander Richards

Glenn Riley

Patrick Ritchie

Leroy Rott

Neil G. Schaible

Frederick J. Schoettler

Gary Scott

Robert G Sechler

Harrell Singley

George Sevier

James A. Smith

Ben Stubbe

Gerald K. Thompson

Richard Twining

Troy W. Tysinger

Frank A. Uhlic

Wilburn Vaught

Addison George Wadsworth

Joseph S "Joe" Wata***

Donald L. Wesolowski

Richard Whatton
Kenneth R. Whitley
Bruce Wilson
Lyle M. Winnicki

John R. Worrell
George Yarbrough
Michael J. Yurkanin
Thomas Zima ***

Carroll Zollicoffer

The Light of the shell and flame will 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 and flame will also help us look back to remember those AMMO Troops, 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 and women lived.....

FOR WE ARE AMMO!

*Those listed with a single asterisk * held the distinction of being a Charter Chief in the USAF. Those listed with a double asterisk ** were Bataan Death March Survivors. Those listed with a triple asterisk *** are Shell & Flame Awardees*