

## Aircraft Armament Chiefs Association Charter

1. The name of the organization is the Aircraft Armament Chiefs Association (AACA). As the name implies, the AACA is an organization founded by United States Air Force (USAF) Chief Master Sergeants who spent their military careers serving primarily in Air Force Specialty Code (AFSC) 462XX or 2W1XX; Aircraft Armament Systems Specialist. The AACA constitution is the governing document.
2. The purpose of the AACA shall be to encourage and facilitate camaraderie amongst all Aircraft Armament Chiefs; to provide useful services to the membership and the Aircraft Armament Community; and to promote the welfare of their dependents, survivors, and the Aircraft Armament Community by:
  - a) Preserving our aircraft armament heritage; respecting our history and our presence, and continuing the comradeship of our brotherhood.
  - b) Maintaining the historical value and honor of the Aircraft Armament career field.
  - c) Assistance and active involvement in the Aircraft Armament Community.
  - d) Remaining in touch with members through correspondence, by organizing and conducting periodic reunions, social events, and/or AACA calls of the membership.
  - e) Assisting Aircraft Armament war veterans, hospitalized Aircraft Armament personnel, members of the Aircraft Armament Community, their dependents, and surviving spouses and/or orphans of deceased Aircraft Armament veterans.
  - f) Providing professional development information to members and assisting with professional networking.
  - g) Advocating for continued efforts and sponsorship of the CMSgt Gregory A. Kebil Memorial Scholarship Fund, and other Aircraft Armament Community related foundations and awards and recognition activities for active duty Aircraft Armament troops.
  - h) Perpetuating the memory of deceased Aircraft Armament Chiefs.
  - i) Voicing our armament perspectives.
  - j) Providing additional knowledge and facts to represent the Aircraft Armament career field to the Air Armament Museum (Eglin AFB) and Enlisted Heritage Museum (Gunter AFB); and to honor those facilities that contain our historical memories.
  - k) Working with the Career Field Manager and School House Chief to support the School House (Sheppard AFB) by promoting the career field, conducting speeches, providing historical data and honoring our fellow, newly developed armament technicians and weapons loaders.
3. The criteria on which the success of the AACA shall be judged include but are not limited to activities or endeavors that provide tangible or intangible benefits to its members and members of the United States Air Force Aircraft Armament community and their family; or actions that embody the Core Values of the USAF.

The fundamental goals of the AACA include building and sustaining; 1) a membership dedicated to preserving the traditions and values of the Aircraft Armament career field; 2) a membership of active participants in recurring activities such as reunions, scholarship programs and fundraisers; and 3) a membership united in promoting those activities that serve to support Aircraft Armament personnel of all ranks and their families.

4. The organizational structure of the AACA is comprised of the association officers and general membership. The association officers collectively make up the eight AACA Board of Directors (BOD) and are comprised of the following key positions: President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Chief-at-Arms, and three Directors-At-Large. Duties for the Directors-At-Large will vary depending upon the matter at hand and may be assigned during BOD or General Membership meetings. Further information is provided in AACA Constitution. Primary duties include:

President - Leads organization and conducts its day-to-day business.

Vice President - Assists President in leading organization and conducting business. Tracks action item status, facilitates strategic plan, provides updates to President.

Secretary - Maintains membership rolls, administers website and records all meeting minutes.

Treasurer - Administers association's funds and maintains records of all financial transactions. Files annual report. Chief-at-Arms/Orator - Maintains proper conduct at meetings and maintains all association property. Maintains order at meetings, facilitates discussion and ensures proper rules of order are followed. Directors-At-Large - Perform functions as directed by the president.

5. The AACA was created on the premise of camaraderie and retaining the USAF aircraft armament history. A group of Chiefs decided it was time to create an association where they can collaborate on the historical events as well as share their experiences and foresight to those who replace them in the coming years. The overall aircraft armament community, to include 462XX and 2WIXX retirees, the career field itself, and their dependents will reap the benefits of such organization through the leadership, camaraderie, and organizational events that will share a common framework of history, experience, family, and values. The AACA will perpetuate the values and traditions of the aircraft armament career field from which so many have dedicated their careers as they served and defended the United States of America.

6. The AACA will conduct periodic reunions, social events, and special meetings to administer the business affairs of the association as well as facilitate the direction and agreed upon activities by the council and its membership. An active commitment in the continual growth of the AACA should be conducted throughout its existence in order to contact all aircraft armament Chief Master Sergeants and provide them the opportunity to join the AACA.

The AACA will provide leadership through continually promoting the aircraft armament career field through such efforts in professional development and career field enhancement. This may be in the form of speeches, writings, and social networking. The AACA may assist aircraft armament veterans, members of the aircraft armament community and their dependents and surviving dependents of deceased aircraft armament personnel, to include honoring the memory of all deceased armament Chiefs. The AACA will actively support and may sponsor patriotic programs, armament community recognition activities, and other events to support armament personnel still in uniform.

The AACA may sell or give items of memorabilia as agreed upon in council and membership meetings. These items could be in the form of hats, coins, shirts, but are not restricted or limited to such items that support the aircraft armament community. The objective is to promote the aircraft armament community through such endeavors for long term social commitment.

In the event of the death of any USAF 2W1/462 whether active duty, retired, Guardsman or Reservist, the AACA will provide a Letter of Sympathy/Condolence to the surviving spouse or nearest family member, and will make a \$25 donation to the charity indicated by the surviving family or as indicated in the obituary announcement as soon as practicable after notification of death. If there is no indication of preferred charitable donation, the AACA BOD will determine whether to send a donation or gift in memoriam to the surviving family. Further, the AACA will provide a letter of Sympathy/Condolence to any 462/2W1 whether active duty, retired, Guardsman or Reservist as soon as practicable after notification of death of an immediate family member. This includes the death of a spouse, child, parent or any other relative known to be of extremely significant importance to surviving 2W1/462 (for example the death of an uncle who acted on behalf of an absent or deceased father). Whether or not any monetary donation is to be made will be determined by the BOD. In all cases, the AACA BOD will inform the AACA membership of the loss and offer to collect individual contributions and make a donation on behalf of the AACA. Donations in addition to the \$25 AACA donation for deceased 462/2W1 personnel; as well as any donations to members in the case of the death of an immediate family member will be sent to the AACA Treasurer who will, after no more than 30 days after notification of loss, make the donation. It is the responsibility of the BOD to determine which officer will provide the letter.

7. The AACA conducts its business through meetings and communication among its members as well as externally to businesses, individuals and other organizations.

The AACA BOD will meet on a quarterly basis as scheduled by the President. These meetings may be conducted in-person, via teleconference, online technology or any combination as long as all BOD members are afforded the opportunity to participate. The President or Vice President will provide a meeting agenda in advance and the Secretary will record and publish minutes from the meeting. A quorum of four BOD members is required to conduct official AACA business and authorize expenditure of funds. A majority vote is required to pass all issues and proposals before the board.

General Membership Meetings are open to all regular, associate and honorary AACA members. All attempts will be made to schedule general membership meetings concurrent with a periodic reunion or other event where a majority of AACA members is anticipated. An agenda for the general membership meeting will be provided in advance and the secretary will record all proposals, decisions, votes, activities and other pertinent actions in the meeting minutes. One fourth of members on the AACA membership roll must be present or participate to constitute a quorum for conducting AACA business. Members not present at the general membership meeting should be given equal opportunity to vote on all issues presented.

Working Group or Committee Meetings are called as required by the AACA President, Directors-At-Large or other person designated to carry out a specific function.

As an officially sanctioned organization, the AACA will closely follow Robert's Rules of Order during conduct of all meetings. The AACA Orator is responsible for assisting the presiding officers and must be well grounded in Robert's Rules of Order.

8. The AACA will operate on a budget funded through lifetime membership dues, renewed annual membership dues, new member dues, memorabilia and coin sales, fund raisers, income interest earned in the AACA Money Market Savings Account, external income donations to an Aircraft Armament Chiefs Memorial Fund, miscellaneous income, and through donations from its membership. An annual report is to be filed with the State of Florida. Florida State department will send the AACA President an email reminder to file an annual report. This must be done by the 1st of May or the association will incur a \$400 filing fee. An annual report is filed with [www.sunbiz.org](http://www.sunbiz.org).

Initial operating expenses required to begin work as an organization, and to sustain the Association through the first year are estimated at \$1,500. The estimated expenses include savings account deposit (five dollars is required to establish and keep the account open), Treasurer operating expenses (envelopes, stamps, paper, etc), Secretarial operating expenses (printing and miscellaneous expenses), annual incorporation fees (annual report filing to the Florida Department of Corporations), donation to the CMSgt. Gregory A.Kebil Memorial Scholarship Fund and AACA recognition of Aircraft Armament Community Top Performers (awards, certificates, coins, etc), and miscellaneous expenses. Recurring annual expenses may include AACA memorial plaques (one-time cost for placing plaques at the Air Armament Museum, School House, etc), AACA charity donations, procurement of coins and memorabilia (bought in lump sum and sold over the course of several years), AACA member recognition (awards, certificates, coins, etc), and donations to an Aircraft Armament Chiefs Memorial Fund.

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