



Aircraft Armament Chiefs Association (AACA)
General Membership Meeting Minutes
16 Dec 14 / 2014 (Eastern Time)

Location: Telecom - (937) 257-8000 or DSN 787-8000

Participants:

Bob Sherrill President	Pete Romeo Vice President	Mike Cannon Treasurer	Director-at-Large Dick Vancil
Ernie Valencia Director-at-Large	Joseph Gassler Secretary		

Purpose: Annual Membership Meeting to discuss new business and the health of the organization.

Open Discussion / New Business:

- 1) Roll Call: We had fifteen present members call in, and two new members also attended the meeting.
- 2) An opening overview of the Associations objectives and goals was given for the benefit of all members.
- 3) Mike Cannon (Treasurer) went over the CY14 Expense report and motion to accept as printed was unanimously carried. The proposed CY15 Budget outline was briefed. The only item that needed a vote for consideration was for a \$1,000 to be set aside for the Association store. Its purpose was to stock the store for some new fund raising opportunities. Motion carried without exception.
- 4) The subject of a Marketing committee was proposed to get some new opportunities for fundraising. It would use the website and social media to promote the organization and to market available merchandise in the store. To help Evan Godwin (AACA store manager) the following members volunteered to help this effort out and get the ball rolling: Darrell Brewer, Joseph Gassler, Robert Armbruster, and Bob Sherrill. Evan will get with these volunteers for some ideas.
- 5) An Awards committee update from Mike Cannon was all good news. The program is alive and well and we are getting the recognition out to those through the MAJCOM Functional. They are receiving the 1206s, and the awards are going to the deserving 462/2W1 Airman and NCOs. In addition to that, Ray Lapham at Sheppard AFB is heading up our effort at the tech school level and getting awards to our top graduates so DGs with a 97% or more are eligible. A discussion was started to try and include those serving in a combat zone and the ROE will be ironed out with a possible annual award to be handed out by the respective WWM after a nominee is chosen. More to come but it's a start. Still need some help in USAFE for the Germany and maybe someone for PACAF in Hawaii. If you know someone for those positions let us know.

6) Kebil Scholarship donation this year from the Association is \$970. Anyone wishing to donate more can do so before 1 Jan 15 by mailing your donation to Mike Cannon @ 1781 N.W. 775th Road Bates City, MO 64011.

Pete Romeo can be contacted for Kebil Scholarship info to include eligibility requirements and the form. It will be listed in the loader newsletter from Keith Hilton and will be posted on the website @ <http://www.armamentchiefs.org/> and <https://www.knowledgenow.net/Community/Views/Home.aspx?Filter=170>

We will also pursue posting this on our Facebook page and pass on to other weapons sites to go ahead and get the word out. This year's scholarship went to Ms. Heather Purdy, daughter of SMSgt Jeffrey Prurdy.

7) Pete Romeo has taken on the task of updating and validating our founding and governing documents, the constitution and charter. It will need some further eyes on to see if everything is good to go. After a great announcement for some volunteer help the following stepped up, Joseph Gassler, Nate Dixon, John Spronk, and Darrell Brewer. Once all have done their editing and polishing it will be ready for the BoD to approve and send to the general membership for adoption. This will tidy up a few things that were not foreseen at the Associations start three years ago.

8) We have a new volunteer to take on the task of maintaining the public web page. Ernie Valencia stepped up to help out in a big way. So look for new things and on the web page and as he learns it will grow. If you have a 2W1 working for you that has some talent we could use the help in taking the functionality to a new level. So solicit the population out there and see if we can get Ernie some help it would be a great experience for all. We also discussed adding to the page and having the store available which will mean a lot of development work. More to come as things develop and Ernie gets started.

9) Keith Hilton (Newsletter Editor) gave us an update on the great newsletter we enjoy twice a year. He will publish the next edition in January so time to get some articles, news, and any great 2W1 pics sent to him for publication. Think about some thoughts, accomplishments, and issues surrounding our career field, and let's get the word out. If you're active duty, talk to your troops, they always have some good ideas. It's always great to get the next newsletter and stay in touch. Newsletter inputs to Keith can be sent to: AACANewsletter@gmail.com

10) It's time to start planning a reunion. Unfortunately we missed the opportunity to get one going in March 2015 so we have settled on getting aligned with our AMMO brethren in the fall of 2016. Location is tentative at Eglin AFB in the Fort Walton Beach Florida area. We need to establish a working committee and are really in need of someone in the Eglin, Hurlburt Field or Duke Field locale to be the POC. The reunion is at no cost to our Association budget so it's all on the members. The first reunion was at Eglin and the last one in 2013 was at Nellis AFB, NV and aligned with the local Weapons Fest. It was a great time for all with enough activities on base and in the local area to keep you busy. We got to do some overdue catching up, make new friends and meet the local 2W1 population at the weapons fest. We all had a great time meeting the future great weapons folks and their families. Anyone interested in volunteering to be the POC for the Fall 2016 reunion, please get in touch with me @ jokerchief462@aol.com and we

can get things started. We have some files for a starting point and a few folks would be more than helpful with lessons learned from the past two reunions.

11) Nominations were solicited for open positions to be filled with a vote at this meeting. We received one nomination for the Vice President position from Darrell Brewer. His nomination was accepted and the vote carried without objection. Congratulations to Darrell and sincere THANKS to the outgoing Vice President, Pete Romeo.

We did not receive any nominations for the Treasurer position, so Mike Cannon will continue to do an outstanding job holding down the fort while we continue to solicit a nomination. The term is for two years so talk to Mike and find what he does and how much of your time you will need to invest. He can be reached @ michael.cannon.ctr@whiteman.af.mil

We had three openings to replace our Director- at-Large positions. The first went to Steve Laser, the second went to Jeff Hamburg (and he will continue to be the Sergeant at Arms). The third position went to Mike Cannon contingent upon his replacement as Treasurer, until then Ernie Valencia will continue to serve in that capacity.

Thanks to those who stepped up to help out and grow this organization.

12) The meeting was opened to any new issues, or discussions. None were presented.

13) The meeting was adjourned at 9:20pm.

The next General Membership meeting will be held by telecom in Fall 2015. Until then stay involved, visit the website, and address your AACA BoD with any concerns, ideas, complaints, or just comments in general. Please remember, we are looking for a Treasurer to replace Mike Cannon.

Current Officers and Committee Members:

Board of Directors

President	Bob Sherrill
Vice-President	Darrell Brewer
Treasurer	Mike Cannon
Secretary	Joe Gassler
Director at Large	Steve Laser
Director at Large	Ernie Valencia
Director at Large	Jeff Hamburg

Recognition Program Committee

Eric McGowen
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AACA Store
Evan Godwin

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JOSEPH P. GASSLER
AACA Secretary

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BOB SHERRILL
AACA President

If you know of other 462/2W1 CMSgts who would be interested in joining the AACA, please have them send a check or money order made payable to: Aircraft Armament Chiefs Association to Mike Cannon. Dues are \$20.00 per year or \$200.00 Lifetime Membership. Please include name, address, contact number, and e-mail address.

Mike Cannon