



## The Official Newsletter Of The Aircraft Armament Chiefs Association (AACAA)

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### President's Message

Fellow Chiefs,

The end of the year is upon us and looking past this year we have accomplished quite a lot for being a virtual managed organization. As always, our Newsletter Editor, Keith Hilton, as continuously supported this role and collected the multiple correspondences from everyone and delivered us our newsletter.

Our greatest impact for 2016 would have to be our Webmaster, Bob Sherrill, who efforts has increased our webpage capabilities and provided the AACAA members an optimum mechanism for displaying information.

Bob and Pete Romeo also stepped up this year to be our key liaisons for the 2016 AACAA Reunion. Our store keeper and new Secretary, Evan Godwin, cleaned up the membership records, reached out and procured additional store items which has increased sales, and finally, he has initiated our quarterly raffle. The next raffle should be a Whiskey Decanter glass set with our association engraved on the glassware.

The AACAA historian, Steve Lebron continues providing us a lesson of armament history culture in each of our newsletter.

A few noteworthy appreciations is for our Career Field Manager, Jason Davis, who gives us the latest in Aircraft Armament career Field news and whom often gives us the direction on the Kebil scholarship and Air

Force issues that our membership inquiry upon. A great asset as a member and to our association.

Finally, the Vice President (Darrel Brewer), Secretary (Evan Godwin), Finance (Ed Paxton), and director at larges (Steve Laser, Jeff Hamburg, and Michael Cannon), have supported the association with dedication and enthusiasm and without their efforts we would not have been able to continue as the Aircraft Armament Chiefs Association.

One of our members is retiring this coming January 2017, Chad McMillian. Chad will be retiring out of Barksdale, LA, as the Global Strike MAJCOM Functional manager. Chad served our community well and his expertise and can do attitude will surely be missed. One good thing, he is a member of our AACAA and will always be able to be contacted. If you're in the Barksdale area, stop by and have a nice cold brew with Chief McMillian, and congratulate him on his fine career contributions and accomplishments.

On some sad news, we lost two of our own this past year, Chief (Ret) Bryan Brown and Chief (Ret) Roy Case. Each will surely be missed. Chief Brown will be missed among his bomber comrades and Chief Case left us with a better technical training center as well as his continued efforts as a contractor supporting Air Force fuels.

This leads me to take this opportunity to promote the BIO-template that Mike Cannon put together. This is something that we would like to keep records on for acknowledgement of each member and

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for historical purposes. The BIO will be on the webpage shortly. Please check it out and submit your BIO.

This past year we were able to put together a reunion and discuss a few strategic initiatives that will strengthen our association and continue supporting our vision and constitution. Even though we have been in operation for a few years now we do have some organizational areas that should be defined. I am hoping I will have a few volunteers to aide in supporting these initiatives. The vice president and myself are slowly working on the initiatives and we could use some help. If interested please contact me.

I am looking at having a membership meeting the week of Dec 18<sup>th</sup>, to finish out the year, welcome new members, and address items in work as well as the coming new year efforts. I hope all of you have a wonderful holiday and may the new year be one of many blessings.

*Michael D. Lucchesi*

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## ***Editor's Comments***

Thanks again to everyone that took the time to send in articles, links, etc. In this newsletter we have articles from our members including a Strategic Plan Update, Electrical Jammers, a career field update, and another installment of weapons history.

You will also get an update on the AACA store and a great article about the history of Air Force maintainers. Jason Davis also included an article on the CMSgt Gregory Kebil Memorial Scholarship Fund History and Purpose.

I've been keeping busy as an Air Force contractor doing some pretty cool stuff for the country and in my spare time I recently earned by Private Pilot, Single Engine Land rating. It has always been a goal of mine and I've finally achieved it in my Piper Comanche 250.



It was a coincidence that the Air Force also began training enlisted pilots in October (see next article).

I hope you enjoy this edition of the newsletter! As always, I appreciate inputs anytime. As I always say, this is YOUR newsletter. I just assemble what I receive from the members.

Thanks!!

*Keith Hilton*

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"The Guide says there is an art to flying", said Ford, "or rather a knack. The knack lies in learning how to throw yourself at the ground and miss."

*Douglas Adams, Life, the Universe and Everything*

**"BUT THE AIR FORCE WAS SORT OF A BASTARD CHILD OF THE ARMY, MUCH LIKE THE MARINES WITH THE NAVY. EVERYTHING HAD TO BE DONE OVER BY THE ARMY AFTER IT HAD ALREADY BEEN DONE BY THE AIR CORPS, A MESS."**

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## Two Enlisted Airmen Complete First Solo Flights in Decades

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[http://www.military.com/daily-news/2016/11/08/two-enlisted-airmen-complete-first-solo-flights-decades.html?ESRC=eb\\_161109.nl](http://www.military.com/daily-news/2016/11/08/two-enlisted-airmen-complete-first-solo-flights-decades.html?ESRC=eb_161109.nl)



FILE – A pilot lands a Diamond DA-20 trainer aircraft on the flightline of Pueblo Memorial Airport in Pueblo, Colo., Thursday, Dec. 14. (Air Force photo by Tech Sgt Mike Hammond)

After years of debate on whether enlisted airmen should return to the cockpit -- manned or unmanned -- two master sergeants this month achieved the first solo flights since 1961.

The enlisted airmen, only identified by first names Mike and Alex, fulfilled the historic milestone on Nov. 3 after they flew in a DA-20 Katana two-seat, light aircraft over Colorado's Pueblo Memorial Airport as part of the Air Force's Initial Flight Training program, the Air Force said in a release.

The program is mandatory for all manned aircraft pilots, combat systems officers and remotely piloted aircraft pilots, the release said.

The Air Force announced last year it would begin training enlisted airmen to operate the unarmed RQ-4 Global Hawk remotely piloted aircraft. Officials in September touted that the Enlisted Pilot Initial Class, or EPIC, would begin on Oct. 12 with four of 12 total students training alongside 20 recently

commissioned officers. The training process spans a whole year, the release said.

The idea to use enlisted airmen as drone pilots has been years in the making.

In 2008, then-Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. Norton Schwartz said he was open to the idea given the steadily increasing demand for RPA airmen.

"No options are off the table ... I don't dismiss that as a possibility," Schwartz said at the Air Force Association's annual convention in Washington, D.C.

Then, facing a much higher operational demand and a pilot shortage due to the last fifteen years in Afghanistan and Iraq, among other missions, the Air Force in September announced plans to open to all career fields the job of steering the Global Hawk. The high-altitude spy drone is made by Northrop, based in Falls Church, Virginia.

Lt. Gen. Darryl Roberson, Air Education and Training Command commander, said at the time that in just a few class rotations, the service will also bring in airmen with little to no experience in RPAs so that we "get the full gambit."

"Each enlisted pilot that comes in will replace what would have been an officer so it's not additive, it's replacement, but I think this is actually going to help with recruitment," Roberson said at the Air Force Association's annual Air, Space & Cyber Conference in National Harbor, Maryland.

In recapping its own history, the Air Force said that in 1912, one of the first two pilots in the Army Air Corps was a corporal.

Thousands of enlisted pilots were trained and served in the military throughout World Wars I and II, which would one day include Chuck Yeager, the first pilot to exceed the speed of sound and retire as a brigadier general. The Air Force's Cadet Aviation Program, which oversaw enlisted airmen commissioning as officers to become pilots, ended in 1961.

Now, Master Sgts. Mike and Alex have reignited new turning points.

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"It's a great opportunity that we're getting enlisted pilots back into the full force," Master Sgt. Mike, the first EPIC student to fly solo, said in the release. He started his Air Force career in security forces, most recently served as a maintainer and is a 17-year veteran with flight experience.

"I was excited that I soloed, but I have to maintain focus. This is not over," Alex added. Unlike Mike, Alex does not have previous flight training, the announcement said.

"I've got to keep going and make sure that I get completely through the program," Alex said. "I'm the type of guy who, if someone doesn't like an idea and says, 'That's not going to work' and I think it's a good idea, I'm willing to be the guy who says, 'That's a challenge, let's go see if I can do this,'" he said.

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## FROM THE CAREER FIELD MANAGER

I hope everyone had a Happy Thanksgiving with friends and family. The year is cruising on by and Christmas and New Year's will be here before you can say "if you ain't Ammo you're waitin on em'!

All is going well in the career field. The schoolhouse has a steady flow of students and we are starting to get a little healthier out in the field. With all these students comes the challenge of getting them trained up in the field. One of the initiatives to help with this issues is to get our 7-levels back on the flightline and the Armament floor. The goal will be to have the minimum required 7-levels in management positions and the rest are out on the ramp or on the floor as expeditors, Mx supervisors, and team chiefs. This is probably nothing that you all haven't seen or tried during your time as our career field needs flex over time. This time we have direction from AF/A4 to make it happen so hopefully this will provide the teeth to enforce. End of the day we need to empty the offices and get these new Armament personnel properly trained.

Back in August we conducted the Senior Munitions Managers Conference (SMMC) at Langley. This was the first one since sequestration came into our lives and was long overdue. We discussed multiple issues throughout the career field but the best part was the face to face interaction among the WWMs on how life is out in the field. The "seasoned" Weapons Chiefs of course dominated the conversations and provided great real life experiences on how to be an effective WWM/career field leader. Our Ammo counterparts also had a great conference and with the joint success I believe we have the justification for AF leadership to get us back on an annual schedule.

As with every year we have 462's that either decide, or are required, to move on to their next life. I would like to congratulate those that honorably served our career field and have retired or will retire in the next few months. Thank you Patrick Edem, Kevin Gary, Chad McMillian, Roy Person, Ed Story, and Richard Wood. 2016 CMSgt promotions will be announced early December and looking forward to some new Weapons Chiefs to step up and take their places.

I will close with a few announcements. First, taking over as Global Strike Command MAJCOM FAM will be Jason Sells. Jason is moving over from Whiteman so is well versed in the nuclear/bomber world and I expect a smooth transition. Second, Chief Kebil scholarship applications are due to me by 31 December 2016. Applications and rules are posted on the AACA website so please spread the word to get them submitted ASAP. And lastly I would like to announce that we have been given approval to have an Aircraft Armament annual award for the HAF. This will be an annual award to our top Armament personnel that have won at the MAJCOM



level recognizing the best of the best in Aircraft Armament.

That's it for me and if I don't talk to you before the end of the year have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

*Jason Davis*



*Master Sgt. Albert Wright and Staff Sgt. Nicole Brown, both weapons element loaders with the 188th Fighter Wing, prepare to load a 500-pound bomb on an A-10C Thunderbolt II during a Unit Training Assembly November 7, 2009. (U.S. Air Force photo by Tech Sgt. Stephen Hornsey)*

## **AACA Membership Biography Project (Reprint)**

One of our AACA Directors At Large projects this year is to collect BIOs from all AACA members. I have developed a biography template and have submitted it to the AACA BoD for approval. Once approved, I will send the template to all AACA members for everyone to fill out and return. I hope to send these out electronically via email, but will also send the template out thru the USPS if necessary. Once I have collected everyone's BIOs, I will consolidate them and provide to our AACA Secretary Evan Godwin. Below is the biography template that the AACA BoD is reviewing. If you have any suggestions on

how to make the template better, please email y If your ideas to me at:

[mscannon001@hotmail.com](mailto:mscannon001@hotmail.com)

Thanks!

*Mike Cannon*

**Name:**

**Include Go-By Name:**

**Family:**

**Spouse, Children, Grandchildren**

**Residences:**

**Place of Birth  
Home of Record  
State you enlisted/entered AF in**

**Education:**

**Military and Civilian education, list chronologically, pre/during/post AF career.  
Degrees, Awards and Honors earned  
Graduation Dates  
School name/location**

**Professional Training and Certifications:**

**Military and Civilian training, list chronologically, pre/during/post AF career  
Certifications and Awards earned  
Completion Date  
School name/location**

**Career Chronology, Military Assignments:**

**List chronologically  
Dates assigned  
Unit(s) assigned to  
Duty position(s)  
Aircraft/systems you worked on  
Achievements**

**Military Decorations:**

**Military Decorations, include devices and clusters**

**Other Military Achievements:**

**Include Year, Type (STEP, Annual Award, Graduation Award, etc)**

**Civilian Awards:**

**Include Year, type**

**Effective Dates of Military Promotions**

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**Hobbies and Interests:**

**Professional Memberships and Associations:**

**Volunteer and Charity involvement:**

**Post Military Career:**

List chronologically  
Company and location  
Job title/description

**Post Military Achievements:**

Please include a Selfie of photo of yourself and/or you + family.



## Strategic Plan Update

Hope you all are doing well and I hope you all are gearing up to enjoy the upcoming holiday season with friends and family.

To reiterate our first short term goal is to strengthen administrative roles and processes. This will entail defining each key position's roles, duties, and responsibilities. Additionally, we will identify all of the organization's processes and codify those processes in writing.

Initially, five positions have been identified to be detailed as far as roles and responsibilities. The positions are Store keeper, Webmaster, Historian, Newsletter Editor, and Recognition POC. These five positions are key to our organization and nailing down the roles and responsibilities will help streamline our processes as we continue to grow as an organization.

Ultimately, the overall goal is to solidify our key positions to help us as we move forward in showing the value of this great organization.

Kim and I wish you a great holiday season. Please take some time to remember those we lost and their families this past year, and keep them your thoughts and prayers.

*Darell Brewer*

## 462 History Part III

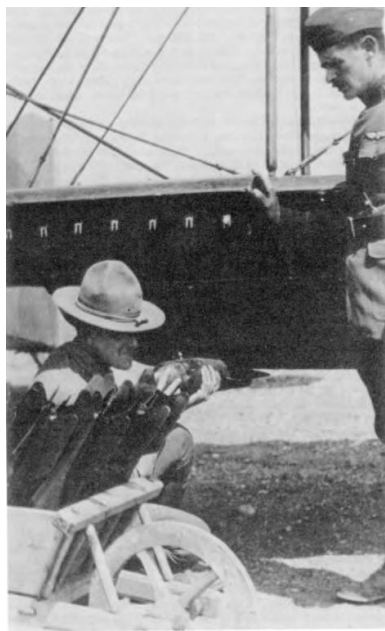
Prior to WWI there was little respect for the role airplanes could play in combat operations. In fact, in 1913, Brig Gen George P. Scriven, Chief Signal Officer of the US Army, testified before Congress "the aeroplane is an adjunct to the cavalry." While WWI, as we saw in a previous article, matured aircraft giving rise to our career field there were still biases against air power among top brass. Even within the flying organizations there was at least a yearning for the good old days giving rise to a 1920 US Army Air Service regulation: "Pilots will not wear spurs while flying!"<sup>1</sup> Despite the impressive WWI record of shooting down 781 enemy aircraft and flying 150 bombing sorties dropping 275,000 pounds of ordinance

<sup>1</sup> <http://www.military.com/air-force-birthday/history-of-us-air-force-organization.html>



(thanks to the armorers and you can tell the armorers were critical because the pilots always wanted their pictures taken with them!).<sup>2</sup> The post WWI period would be a trying time for airpower and airmen.

1920 did bring the National Defense Act which made the Army Air Service permanent.<sup>3</sup> However, demobilization after WWI gave no consideration to necessary skills and therefore highly specialized mechanics, like armorers left the service quickly. The loss of trained airmen wasn't the only problem for those who stayed in the service. Promotion rates were also terrible. As Air Force



historian Mark R. Grandstaff said, "Although World War I statistics are sketchy, it follows that during the war and the expansion of the Air Service, many enlisted men were promoted to master sergeants and remained there in the 1920s and 1930s. Similar grade humps would occur after World War II and Korea."<sup>4</sup> The same could be said when VSI/SSB hit the Air Force in the 1990s. Something else that is recognizable was

the outlines of the armorer's job.

Then as now, trouble shooting problems was critical. In working with the Lewis gun one unit found that none of the guns delivered would fire. As told in their unit history, "In every case it was the same story; the piston would not come back, showing either too much friction or not enough gas. The

<sup>2</sup> <http://www.afhso.af.mil/shared/media/document/AFD-101013-007.pdf>

<sup>3</sup> <http://www.afhso.af.mil/shared/media/document/AFD-100924-040.pdf>

<sup>4</sup> <http://www.afhso.af.mil/shared/media/document/AFD-100924-040.pdf> page 21

latter was finally decided on as being the cause, and the problem cleared up when we bored straight through the gas chamber nipple through the barrel



with a 4.5 mm drill. After this no trouble was experienced." Today's armorers would also recognize the career fields focus on pride and responsibility. They recognized

the most important thing to develop was responsibility for their own work and a pride in their performance of this work. In fact this pride was encouraged via competition between armorers who were responsible for their armament on assigned aircraft (each armorer was assigned three aircraft). While I have yet to find any structured competition from this time period it is not a giant leap to see the seeds of today's formal loading competitions in those long ago bragging rights. Another similarity between then and now was their organization. We've already mentioned the armorers with assigned aircraft. These men had a sergeant assigned over them (section chief). While another sergeant was assigned over the armory. These armorers in the armory were responsible for the in shop maintenance of the guns and bomb racks. Hence we see the genesis of the flightline and backshop division. Our forbearers even contended with rounds counts. They were required to tally the numbers and report them to the "ammunition men" (Ammo). They also contended with bad lots of ammo; "low primers, split cases, and insufficient powder charges" being called out specifically. Apparently, not much has really changed.<sup>5</sup> Something else that was as clear to them as us was the importance of their work.

The Hand Book of Aircraft Armament; 1919 stated that a gun, "stoppage due to improper care or adjustment may prove fatal to

<sup>5</sup> [afhso.af.mil/shared/media/document/AFD-101013-009.pdf](http://www.afhso.af.mil/shared/media/document/AFD-101013-009.pdf)





the operator or at least result in the failure of his mission."<sup>6</sup> Even the concept of a standardized tool box hasn't changed as shown by an example from 1919! And we thought the Composite Tool Kit (CTK) was a new idea. As you can see this CTK was used at the Air Service training school.

HANDBOOK OF AIRCRAFT ARMAMENT. 13

TOOLS FOR MAINTENANCE OF LEWIS AND MARLIN AIRCRAFT MACHINE GUNS TO BE SUPPLIED WITH ARMORER'S CHESTS FOR AIR SERVICE TRAINING SCHOOLS.

Arms chest (Vickers) Ordnance Department drawing 16, class 76, division 13.....	1
Ball peen hammers, 12ounce.....	2
Soft ballbit hammers, 15-5-180, U180C.....	6
Standard hammer handles.....	6
Sets mild steel drills—1, 1½, 2, 2½ inch.....	4
Bulldoze drills, copper, 1 by 4, 1½ by 6.....	4
Drill, hand and breast, with chuck to hold drills 6 to 8-inch, Goodell Pratt, 54B.....	1
Set assorted drills ¼ to 1 by 1½.....	2

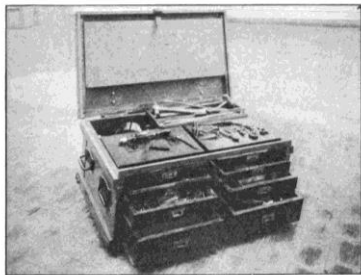


FIG. 1.—ARMORER'S CHEST.

Screw drivers, 5-inch.....	12
Screw drivers, 9-inch, all steel, Channon, 1.....	2
Pliers, 6-inch, round nose.....	3
Pliers, 6-inch, side cutting, 15-5-254.....	3
Large bench vise 3½ by 4 inch jaw, Prentiss.....	3
Set copper jaws for same.....	3
Small hand vise, Simmons Hardware Co., No. 540.....	2
Sets copper jaws for same.....	2
Oil can, dome type, 15-5-46.....	6
Pair 6-inch inside spring callipers, No. 610, Goodell Pratt.....	1
6-inch outside spring callipers, No. 504GP.....	1
8-inch dividers, No. 613GP.....	1
6-inch flexible Starret scales graduated hundredths and sixty-fourths.....	2
Center punches, small, GP.....	2
Scrapers, 3½-inch blade, No. 382GP.....	4

This school opened at Kelly Field in 1919. Our career field soon outgrew Kelly and was moved to the new base recently opened next to Denver, Colorado, Lowry Field in 1938. Courses were started on 2/28/1938. Several career fields moved their training to Lowry at this time, however, we were the first to complete a course graduating ten students from the Armament Department on 3/19/1938.<sup>7</sup> By the way, Lowry Field was named for 2d Lt Francis Lowry, the only Colorado pilot killed in WWI combat. He was from Denver.<sup>8</sup> See you next time...

*Steve Lebron*

<sup>6</sup> [https://babel.hathitrust.org/cgi/pt?id=uc1.\\$b74263;view=1up;seq=15](https://babel.hathitrust.org/cgi/pt?id=uc1.$b74263;view=1up;seq=15)

<sup>7</sup> [http://www.airfields-freeman.com/CO/Airfields\\_CO\\_Denver\\_SE.htm](http://www.airfields-freeman.com/CO/Airfields_CO_Denver_SE.htm)

<sup>8</sup> [http://america.pink/lowry-air-force-base\\_2767319.html](http://america.pink/lowry-air-force-base_2767319.html)

## From Earl W. Ballenger by way of Jeff Hamburg

Earl is the Manager, F-16 Product Support Engineering Integrated Fighter Group Operations Center Lockheed Martin Aeronautics Company

## Maintainers: The driving force

By Air Education and Training Command Public Affairs, Air Education and Training Command / Published November 10, 2016

**JOINT BASE SAN ANTONIO-RANDOLPH, Texas (AFNS) --** The Profession of Arms Center of Excellence released a new video Nov. 10, as part of the Heritage Today series.

"Driving Force – Maintainers" pays tribute to aircraft maintenance Airmen and focuses on the dedication and culture of the more than 100,000 total force flightline warriors serving today.



Please go to the following link to view the video:

<http://www.af.mil/News/ArticleDisplay/tabid/223/Article/1001950/maintainers-the-driving-force.aspx>

Brig. Gen. Walter J. Lindsley, the director of logistics, deputy chief of staff logistics, engineering and force protection, Headquarters, Air Force at the Pentagon, described the Air Force's maintainers as "crazy loyal to our country and tirelessly





devoted to our mission.”

“And we need them -- active duty, Guard, Reserves, and civilians,” he added. “We work as one team ... in one fight.”

Master Sgt. James Weeks, the superintendent of the Maintenance Management School at Air Education and Training Command headquarters here, is the voice behind the recording.

“I have worked on the B-2 (Spirit), the C-130E and H models, and most recently was part of the special airlift missions at Joint Base Andrews,” he described. “As the video states, aircraft maintainers are a special breed of individuals. They work in all conditions, at all hours and make sacrifices time and again to make the mission happen.”

The 19-year veteran said it was an honor to work with what, “I believe are the most dedicated, hardest working, mission driven, selfless group of people in the Air Force – the aircraft maintainers.”

The Heritage Today video series is designed to inspire Airmen through stories of Air Force heritage linked to current real-world Air Force operations.

“Our Heritage Today videos reinforce Airmen identities – we recognize, feel, and live them,” said Col. Joseph Rizzuto, the PACE director. “These videos help Airmen better understand principles of our Air Force culture and our core values.”

“I hope it (the video) will instill an added sense of pride in maintainers and help recruit those that we need to take our place,” Weeks said.



## Acquisition Update

### Electric Bomb Loader

Nothing new here, the Belgium Air Force has had them for over 10 years, Canada's Air Force has had a couple of them for 8 years and the USAF F-35 program has been using them at their training facility for over 5 years! So what's the news? The USAF (ANG) stepped up with a buy of the Electric MJ-1 (MJ-1E).

Over the last 10 years technology not only in rechargeable batteries but in the charging and management systems has been tremendous! New batteries are smaller, hold a charge longer and charge faster than they did years ago, thus, the "Battery Pac" went from 20 to 24 batteries - as a result the jammer has a longer run time!

The original charging system was a large box charging station, normally in one location and the cost was near as much as the jammer was - not anymore; the new chargers are cheap and very small. The old system only charged as fast as the



"weakest" battery, if you had a bad battery, it would hold all the other back and a full charge could not be achieved. Today, there is a charger for each battery, when it is fully charged it drops to a "maintain charge". In less than an hour 75%+ can be achieved, to get all the batteries back to Full Charge, like all other batteries, it normally takes 12 or so hours. The key is keep them charged - even between loads will maintain a full charge.

I mentioned earlier the old charging stations, today, any 220 3 phase power can be used to charge the unit. An extension cord is plugged into the back of the jammer and the wall power, flip the charge switch and push the start button. When you need the jammer again, flip the switch off and disco the power chord.

I can hear the Old Heads "that's BS and that would never happen on MY WATCH, I made them train the way we were going to fight!!" They would storm off, smoke a couple Fags (that is cigarettes for you young guys) drink a couple more cups of Joe (that is coffee) and it would be sometime later, most would admit it was a pretty good idea but the old way is not broke - why are we changing???

Well the Air National Guard took the lead looking at how they could improve their load training with the limited time they have on their Drill Weekends. With many of the Guard Bases being "Northern Tier" cold weather operations forced them to open/crack the hanger doors when the diesel jammer was used to let out the exhaust fumes, in turn most of the loading now had to be done in Winter Gear, additionally, the noise from the diesel engine is considerable more than the electric. Many of the ANG base have much more going on in the load training hanger, Phase, Hard Broke, Cann Jet, Scheduled Maintenance so

opening the doors caused these different work area to deal with the weather too.

Back to the "train the way we are going to fight" hold outs, when you get on a diesel jammer, you flip the switch - in cold weather you hold the "Pre-Heat" glow plug, then hit the starter switch - may have "Pre-Heat" again! Then get to loading. With the Electric, flip the switch, push the "Start Button" and your are going! It really does not change how any loading is done!

Currently it appears the ANG's plan is to use the electric jammer for home base use - they own them and that's their call. One thing that always bothered me in Korea, taking cover and concealment was always on everyone mind, we would jam the jets in the shelters, close the door, use pan-a-graph to fuel, or open the door and back a truck in and close the door. Then we open the door, the fuel truck leaves and us Weapons guys spend the next 20-45 minutes with the door open loading the jet - so much for cover and concealment in a Hardened Shelter!! If we had electric jammer over there and most other places we now load or fight out of, it would be a safer environment for those doing the heavy lifting today.

Congrats to the ANG for taking the lead on this - maybe at the next reunion (in Florida) we can visit the F-35 training area and some of you that are still unsure can drive it!

Hope everyone has a safe holiday season! Happy Veterans, Happy Thanksgiving, Merry Christmas, Happy New Year and God Bless the USA!!!

*Jeff Hamburg*

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Hello Chiefs! I hope all of you and yours are doing well! It was great seeing many of you at our reunion this past July—we missed those who couldn't make it...a good time was had by all!

The biggest news for the store is our quarterly raffles continue with the gifts getting fancier and new merchandise available for sale, all thanks to a few of our members suggesting, and running with their ideas—thank you Jason Davis, Lou Fields and Darrel Brewer!

Last quarter we raffled a King Suite donated by the hotel for those who attended the reunion. We raised \$400.00 in the raffle and Jeff and Linda Hamburg were the “lucky” winners...of course Jeff nearly spent that much in raffle tickets anyways and ended up sacrificing their alone time in their SWEET Suite for a bunch of thirsty Chiefs each day! Nice “hospitality suite” Hamburgs! Thank you both...you're awesome!

Our on-going raffle item this quarter is a 3' X 5' Weapons Reaper Flag—picture below. Ticket price is \$10 for 1, or \$20 for 3, and can be purchased at our [armamentchiefs.org](http://armamentchiefs.org) website. The shipping price is included. We plan to have our drawing at the next General Membership meeting,

so please don't waste anytime buying your tickets.



Sneak Preview...Lou Fields is working on having a Whiskey Decanter set etched with our AACA logo for our first quarter raffle in 2017 (see picture below). Depending on the popularity of the item, we may stock of few different style decanter sets in our store for sale...let me know what you think!



Finally, as promised, we've added license plates to our store inventory for the low price of

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\$12.00. Thank you Darrel Brewer for designing, sourcing and procuring this new item!



As always, thanks for your continued support of the Association! Pictures and prices of store merchandise are on the [armamentchiefs.org](http://armamentchiefs.org) website. If you want to order merchandise, please send me an email including a list of items you want to purchase and shipping address. I'll mail you the items requested and send you an email with total cost, including shipping. You simply mail a check made out to me to the address I provide you and I, in-turn will send a single check to our Treasurer for all merchandise sold each month.

If you have any new ideas for store merchandise or raffle items, please let me know. Thank you much and take care!

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## **Chief Master Sergeant Gregory A. Kebil Memorial Scholarship Fund History and Purpose**

The Chief Master Sergeant (CMSgt) Gregory A. Kebil Memorial Scholarship Fund was founded by the USAF Aircraft Armament Systems community as a continuing legacy to pay tribute to Chief Kebil for his selfless contributions to his country and the Weapons community. The Air Force Career Field Manager (AFCFM) and MAJCOM Functional Managers agreed the fund should be established to award scholarships to children of personnel who held AFSC 462X0 or 2W1X1 on active, reserve, or ANG duty in the service of the USAF.

### **Eligibility**

In order to be eligible and qualify as a recipient for the CMSgt Kebil Memorial Scholarship award, the following criteria applies:

- a. Be a child under the age of 23, to include: natural born child, legally adopted child, and other dependent children of a parent(s) or legal guardian(s) who served honorably in the United States Air Force in Air Force Specialty Codes (AFSC) 462X0 or 2W1X1. Service may include Active, Reserve, or Air National Guard duty for any period of time. The applicant must provide proof of honorable service and AFSC.
- b. Be a graduate of an accredited high school or equivalent, or high school senior who will qualify for graduation prior to beginning eligibility for assistance.

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- c. Be enrolled or accepted for enrollment in a full time (as defined by the school attending) undergraduate course of study at an approved accredited college, university or technical school beyond the high school level with the exception of a service academy. Applicants attending a service academy are not eligible for this scholarship.
- d. Selection for the award is made without regard to Race, Religion, National Origin, and Sex, Age or other factors determined to be illegally discriminatory by the law of the land.

NOTE: Eligibility is not limited to citizens of the U.S. However, applicants must be attending a U.S. institution of higher learning.

### **Selection Priority**

The Board of Advisors Scholarship Selection Committee will use the following precedence list to prioritize the eligible candidates:

- a. Eligible children of AFSC 462X0 or 2W1X1 personnel who died on active duty.
- b. Eligible children of AFSC 462X0 or 2W1X1 personnel who died after retirement.
- c. Eligible children of AFSC 462X0 or 2W1X1 personnel who are/have served honorably.

NOTE: The original intent of the scholarship program is to assist dependent children of deceased Weapons troops with higher education.

### **Requirements**

The following must be enclosed with the application:

- a. The completed application and appropriate financial information sheets.

b. Privacy Act (page v of the application web package) must be dated and signed.

c. A brief pertinent history of the applicant's background and reason for requesting the scholarship. Include such items as high schools and colleges attended, awards won in schools, significant scholarship recognition, special interests and hobbies, clubs, sports, volunteer work (provide average hours/week), and employment history (provide average hours/week). A paragraph must address the military and the applicant's sponsors career. Please limit this to one typewritten single-spaced page, font Times Roman 12, one inch margins.

d. Copies of the current year's Federal Tax Form (1040/1040A/1040EZ, or electronically transmitted equivalent) of parent(s) tax forms along with their own tax form if applicable.

e. Applicants may informally notify the fund administrators of intent to apply at any time.  
Additional Information

f. Applicants are personally responsible for ensuring the completeness and accuracy of the applications package. Applicants are strongly urged to carefully review their submission for absolute conformity to requirements.

g. Award amounts may be tailored based on the applications request and fund availability, but must be fairly and impartially distributed. These funds are for the immediate school year, approximately 1 August through 31 July. (Note: The scholarship is to be used for tuition, books, room and board on campus, and laboratory fees only). It is payable to the school, university or college only. Should the applicant fail to enroll as a full time student or become disenrolled, all money will be returned to the scholarship fund. If the applicant is awarded a full



scholarship from another source, this scholarship must be relinquished.

h. Applications must be postmarked/mailed no later than 31 December (1600 EST). Any postmarked after that date will not be considered for that school year.

i. It is the responsibility of each student to take the steps necessary to gain admission to the institution of his/her choice.

j. Applications/information should be emailed/mailed to:

Email: [jason.r.davis6.mil@mail.mil](mailto:jason.r.davis6.mil@mail.mil)

Mail:  
AF/A4LW  
C/O 2W1 Career Field Manager (CMSgt Kebil Memorial Scholarship Program)  
1030 Air Force Pentagon  
Washington DC 20330-1030  
Room 4A1062B

### **Administrative Information**

The 363 TRS/TTW, Aircraft Armament Systems Flight, is responsible for the fund administration. These individuals shall be responsible for the following:

1. Establishing a financial account for funds management.
2. Maintaining financial and tax exempt records.
3. Promotion of fund raising activities and scholarship awards.
4. Disbursing funds for selected applicants in the amounts determined by the Board of Advisors within 30 days after the BOA has made their decision. Notify AF 2W1 CFM upon release of funds and

provide scholarship account balance after funds are distributed.

The Air Force 2W1 Career Field Manager is responsible for the scholarship application process to include:

1. Providing initial reminder of the Scholarship during the World Wide/CAF SMMC and emailing applicable MAJCOM Functional Managers a reminder notification for application submittals by 1 May of each year.
2. Receive and maintain all applications along with information on how to contact them.
3. Application and approval/disapproval information file for all applicants.
4. Preparing Application packages and presenting them to the Board of Advisors.

The Board of Advisors will conduct the Scholarship selections and ensure that:

- a. The applications are sound and meet all criteria listed under “Eligibility”, “Requirements”, and “Selection Priority”.
- b. Conduct a panel and prioritize selection; include amount of funds per selection
- c. Administer names and monetary award amounts to the 363 TRS/TTW, Aircraft Armament Systems Flight

### **Written Statement (Example)**

My name is Joe T. Loader. My parents are Fred and Wilma loader. I am the elder sibling of my brothers Tad and Paul. I was born in Millers pond, Florida on 1 April 1995. My father served for over 20 years at various locations. I am finishing high school at Coors Spring, Arkansas and plan on attending





University of Florida in Gainesville, Fl this upcoming August 20XX. My previous and current year I have been on the Deans Honor roll and expect a 3.9 GPA upon graduation. I earned a sports letter in my junior year for the High Jump on the Track and Field team. When I was 11 I won a poetry writing contest for a poem written about my Father's career in weapons loading. I traveled to many different parts of the United States and Europe. I always remember hearing the loud aircraft and watching them land from looking through the window of our vehicle when we were on the base going to the swimming hole. My Father would have barbecues and have plenty of his co workers over the house, it would drive my Mother crazy as they would discuss work. For me, I knew it made my dad happy and watching him in uniform made me feel proud.

I have volunteered doing the various functions through my life

1994-present Red Cross Blood Mobile volunteer, 6 hrs per month

1993-present Brownie Leader Troop 334, 1 hr per week

1992-present Cub Scout Leader Den 555, 1 hr per week

1991-1993 USO volunteer, 2 hrs per week

1990-1992 Tutor Prince William County Adult Literacy Program, 6 hrs per week

1992-present Secretary, Johnson's Law Firm, Lorton, VA, 15 hrs per week

I have worked since I was sixteen and my latest employment is at the nearby fast food restaurant after school and on weekends. I average 15 hours a week, pending after school curriculum and track and field training and events. I understand the need of training

and dedication and plan on continuing this way throughout college. Here are the locations in which worked

1992-present Secretary, Johnson's Law Firm, Lorton, VA, 8 hrs per week

1993 Vendor, local craft shows throughout the area, 12 hrs per week

1994 Restaurant Server, 15 hrs per week

I am requesting scholarship funds to offset college expenses in order to have more time to concentrate on my studies and plan on trying out for the University of Florida track and field team. The economy is harsh and college tuition costs are rising and I plan on working, but these funds would be greatly appreciated to assist me in my future. I am very proud of my Father and grateful for the places I was able to live, but it is time for me to live my life and this is the path I have chosen.

Sincerely

*Joe T. Loader*

#### PRIVACY ACT STATEMENT

Authority to request this information is derived from Title 5, United States Code 301, and Departmental Regulations. The purpose of the information is to apply for educational financial assistance through the CMSgt Kebil Memorial Scholarship Program.

Information provided will be used to assess scholastic achievement and to evaluate the need for financial assistance. Completion of this form is mandatory.



Applicant's Signature/Date

### Checklist

1. Application
2. Official transcript sent from the high school or college.
3. Personal history/reason statement.
4. Privacy Act signed.
5. Federal Income Tax Forms

### Timeline

1 May: AF 2W1 CFM provides notification to MFM

31 Dec: Applications must be submitted to AF 2W1 CFM

1-20 April: BoD Scholarship panel convenes to selection scholarship candidates

30 April: AF 2W1 CFM provide notice to 363TTW on selected candidates

1 June: 363 TTW distribute funds to applicable scholarship winners

These instructions are as of 7 July 2015

//signed, jrd, 07 July 2015//

JASON R. DAVIS, CMSgt, USAF  
Air Force 2W1XX Career Field Manager

Please see attachment to this email  
for the application format.

**SURVIVAL KIT**  
(contents check)

"one .45 caliber automatic,  
two boxes of ammunition,  
four days concentrated emergency rations,  
one drug issue containing:  
antibiotics, morphine, vitamin pills,  
pep pills, sleeping pills, tranquilizer pills,  
one miniature combination Russian phrase  
book and Bible,  
one hundred dollars in rubles,  
one hundred dollars in gold,  
nine packs of chewing gum,  
one issue of prophylactics,  
three lipsticks,  
three pair a nylon stockings."

"Shoot, a fellah could have a pretty good  
weekend in Vegas with all that stuff."

Slim Pickens as Major T. J. "King" Kong in the Columbia Pictures comedy "Dr. Strangelove: or How I Learned to Stop Worrying and Love the Bomb"