

#### AACA President's Corner

#### AACA Membership,

The most important message a membership sends is you, the member, supporting what the AACA is doing. We are organized to preserve and promote the Aircraft Armament community. Your ideas and suggestions are greatly appreciated and if you want to get involved there is ample opportunity to take part in putting together the newsletter, collecting history, or setting up the AACA reunion. Speaking of Reunion, this year's reunion is scheduled for 26-29 September 2013, in Las Vegas. There will be a weapons fest on Saturday, September 28<sup>th</sup> that will include Nellis, Creech, Luke, and Edwards. Hope to see you all out there, should be another great time. Sign up on the website. Did I say website? Ah yes, a mighty thanks to Bob Sherrill and his webmaster skills in creating a new website. This will be the go to location for upcoming events, getting involved, and general information. The newsletter should cover a bit more on the website, just wanted to be sure all are in the know.

I wanted to take a moment and make a request for all to recognize any aircraft armament community accomplishments, highlighted activities, pictures, and/or significant efforts or events. The newsletter is a great place to submit these highlights and shared efforts so we can all be kept informed on the continued efforts and significant results of the Aircraft Armament career field.

Ah time, where does it go, my two years are up as President, and it is truly time for new leadership to take the AACA further into supporting the weapons career field and community.

As President of the Association, I would like to take this opportunity to say thanks to all the board

members who have assisted in stepping up to bring this association where it is today. I am honored to work with such a distinguished and dedicated Board. All Board Members are deeply committed and passionate as always towards the career field and the association. They all step up when needed and they ensure the direction of the association maintains it course. I also greatly appreciate those who stepped up and took on the newsletter, website(s) and the store. Another blessing for the association and myself. You make this responsibility easy. A teacher once wrote:

"Greatness is not found in possessions, power, position, or prestige. It is discovered in goodness, humility, service, and character." William A. Ward

The time will soon come that we shall all meet in person and rejoice upon our careers and support a career field for others to embark upon in their futures, may they have a memorable career such as ours...long live the loaders.

Michael Lucchesi

#### **Independence Day Quote**

"I am well aware of the toil and blood and treasure it will cost us to maintain this declaration, and support and defend these states. Yet through all the gloom I see the rays of ravishing light and glory. I can see that the end is worth all the means. This is our day of deliverance." John Adams



#### Editor's Comments

I hope everyone had a safe Independence Day! I



had quite a unique experience on the 6<sup>th</sup> of July I would like to share.

For the last year and a half I have been learning to fly gliders as a member of Skyline Soaring Club. One of our members was at the club on the Saturday after the 4<sup>th</sup> of July. He had a big smile on his face and brought some

treats for members that were there to fly that day. I asked him what he was celebrating. He told us that he and his family had just become U.S. citizens earlier that week. He was so very proud and happy that I thought it was going to take plastic surgery to wipe the smile off his face. He had been working for ten years to become a citizen. It was my great pleasure to welcome him as a citizen!

Most of us that were born and have lived here all our lives take this great country for granted. How many of us treated the Fourth as just another day off? It takes moments like this to make you sit back and think about how very fortunate we are to live here, have served the country, and have what most people in the world could only dream of. You know, I had a smile on my face too!

Speaking of soaring, I am also very proud that I earned my private pilot – glider rating last weekend. I had another big smile on my face! It was also another item off my



bucket list. It was a lot of studying, flying, and hard work. That is why I'm so late on getting this newsletter out. Sorry!!

Thanks to everyone that submitted articles, pictures, etc. over the past few months! You make my job easy. I'm sure everyone will enjoy them.

I'm very excited about the reunion in September. More on that later in the newsletter. I look forward to seeing many of you there.

Also in this newsletter you will see articles about the seven-level school, the first Remotely Piloted Aircraft Armament course, A Deployed Wing Weapons Managers Perspective, and much more.

Enjoy!!





Courtesy of Paul Barton

#### **Independence Day Quote**

"My God! How little do my countrymen know what precious blessings they are in possession of, and which no other people on earth enjoy!"

Thomas Jefferson



## Air Force Graduates First RPA Armament Course

Posted 4/10/2013

by Dan Hawkins 82nd Training Wing Public Affairs

4/10/2013 - **SHEPPARD AIR FORCE BASE, Texas (AFNS)** --Five Airmen from the 363rd Training Squadron graduated from the Air Force's first Remotely-Piloted Aircraft armament apprentice course during a graduation ceremony here April 8.

Prior to the RPA armament apprentice course coming on-line, Airmen who were headed to an RPA armament assignment received one block of RPA familiarization training in the Special Missions armament course, with the rest of their upgrade training being conducted in the field at the gaining unit.

With the ever-growing multi-role use of RPAs, it became apparent a more formalized training method was needed to ensure war-fighting success.

"As Remotely-Piloted Aircraft become more and more prevalent on today's air and space battlefield, it is critical that we have a fully-trained force to support combat operations for this cuttingedge technology," said Maj. Oliver Ulmer, 363rd TRS commander.

"RPAs have transitioned from a role of Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance (ISR), and into a more active offensive weapon system. With this move, our force has also transitioned to provide trained Airmen to support this increasing combat support requirement."

The course, which covers four blocks of instruction over 20 academic days, includes instruction on aerospace ground equipment, MQ-1 Predator familiarization, as well as MQ-9 Reaper familiarization.

Subjects such as armament systems components, weapons release systems, suspension equipment and air munitions loading and unloading are taught throughout the course.

"The students go through armament fundamentals with everyone else first," said Staff Sgt. Ronel Rivera-Santiago, 363rd TRS aircraft armament instructor and one of two RPA instructors. "Then they come to us for four weeks of nothing but RPA training."

The Reapers, with a range of 1,150 miles (or 1,000 nautical

miles) and cruise speed of approximately 200 knots, can carry a munitions combination of AGM-114 Hellfire missiles, GBU-12 Paveway II and GBU-38 Joint Direct Attack Munitions (JDAM), according to the Air Force MQ-9 Factsheet.



Staff. Sgt. Ronel Rivera-Santiago (left fore), 363rd Training Squadron Aircraft Armament Instructor for the new Remotely Piloted Aircraft armament course, gives a lecture to students on how to upload the AGM-114 Hellfire missile to the MQ-9A Reaper during class at Sheppard Air Force Base, Texas, April 4, 2013. The RPA armament course will graduate its first students April 8. (U.S. Air Force photo/Dan Hawkins)

These types of payload, not to mention the Reapers' ISR capabilities, significantly increase the options for battlefield commanders and are helping to change the concept of irregular warfare in real-time.



Airman Matthew Newman (2nd from right) and Ryan Bowen (3rd from right), remove a Hellfire missile from the MQ-9A Reaper under the watchful eye of Staff. Sgt. Ronel Rivera-Santiago (far left) during the 363rd Training Squadron's new Remotely Piloted Aircraft armament course at Sheppard Air Force Base, Texas, April 4, 2013. The RPA armament course is 20 academic days long and will graduate its first class April 8. (U.S. Air Force photo/Dan Hawkins)



"The RPA's multi-mission capability and long endurance allow commanders to see changes to the battlefield instantly," Santiago said.

Santiago is thrilled to be a part of teaching the RPA armament pipeline students.

"It's a great opportunity," Santiago said. "It's amazing to actually be able to teach this course and be on the cusp of getting to teach these new students coming online."

For one student, knowing he is working on cutting-edge technology that is impacting the battlefield in real-time makes it all that much more worthwhile.

"I love working with computers, my father worked with computers," said Airman Ryan Bowen, 363rd TRS RPA armament apprentice student from Shenendoah Valley, Va. "It's just very exciting to see an unmanned aircraft being able to fly with just computers and being able to be a part of that technology."



Airman Shayne Hughes, 363rd Training Squadron Airmen-in-Training in the new Remotely Piloted Aircraft armament course, conducts a systems check on the MO-9A Reaper prior to a Hellfire missile upload exercise at Sheppard Air Force Base, Texas, April 4, 2013. The RPA armament course will graduate its first students April 8. (U.S. Air Force photo/Dan Hawkins)

For Airman Austin Hoisington, 363rd TRS RPA armament apprentice student from Olathe, Kan., the realization that unmanned aerial vehicles help execute the mission downrange while at the same time ensuring personnel safety make his future job one to look forward to.

"What's exciting about this course is that it's the absolute future of the Air Force," Hoisington. "With remotely-piloted aircraft, no one has to get hurt flying this aircraft. If something were to go wrong, it's just the machine going down." Graduates of the RPA armament apprentice course earn 16 credits towards their Community College of the Air Force degree.

The 363rd TRS, part of the 82nd Training Group here, trains more than 3,800 graduates in armament systems, nuclear and conventional munitions annually.



Courtesy of Paul Barton

#### AACA election this year (October 2013)

The Association will be calling for nominations for elections for the position of AACA President and AACA Secretary with the voting to be in October 2013. This article is to provide you a source of information on the nomination and election procedures. The AACA Constitution also holds this information in Article VI.

AACA members can nominate regular status AACA members or themselves (if a regular member). These nominations can be for both positions, however, if ballots reflect possible election in both positions, the nominee will be given choice, and second highest total number of ballots for the position not chosen will be the elected official. The



AACA contact list provides membership status. The Association President certifies all candidates for election are regular members in good standing, are qualified, and are nominated and seconded for the open board position.

#### How to submit a nomination

When the announcement for nominations are due, you first check the contact list make sure they are a regular member and in good standing (dues paid), then you contact the individual you would like to nominate, make sure they are good with supporting and fulfilling the position for two years. Finally, you submit the individuals name, the position(s) you nominated them for, and the date you contacted them about accepting the nomination.

#### Nominations

The Association Secretary will announce all candidates running for election sufficiently in advance of the election.

#### **Elections**

Elections will be conducted in October 2013. Members will submit their vote via web-link.

Nominated individuals must be informed and agree to hold the open position in writing. The winner(s) of election are those individuals who have received the largest number of votes for each open board position. Election winners assume the post for which they were elected on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of January of the year following the year in which they won election. Turnover should take place in November and part of December.

#### **Board Positions**

Newly elected officials should become familiarized with the AACA official documents that govern the association (AACA Constitution and Charter), get up to speed on current projects, and begin to plan their first ACCA BoD and General Membership meeting, which may be their first official act to schedule the meetings and providing the agendas.

Well, I hope you will all take part in the upcoming election and use this newsletter as a source of reference as we get closer to the nominations and election time frame.

## Michael Lucchesi

### Independence Day Quote

"fiberty cannot be preserved without a general knowledge among the people, who have a right...and a desire to know; but besides this, they have a right, an indisputable, unalienable, indefeasible, divine right to that most dreaded and envied kind of knowledge, I mean of the characters and conduct of their rulers."

John Adams

## A Deployed WWM's Perspective

#### From Mike Stirewalt

The Aircraft Armament Systems career field's men and women are performing loading and preventative maintenance responsibilities in an exceptional manner. These professionals are highly motivated and report for duty each day ready to take on work in the combat environment with enthusiasm and pride. Their efforts are reflected in the unit's release and gun fire rates consistently meeting or exceeding Air Force standards.

Load crew chiefs display strict checklist discipline and effectively lead crew members to ensure compliance with technical data, safety and reliability of loading and maintenance actions. Expediters and section chiefs actively monitor flight line activities to ensure generation



efforts meet mission requirements. Additionally, Armament Flight is providing high quality preventative maintenance and quick reaction teams ready to support flight line requirements without delay.



Innovation is a key to meeting the combat mission and our Airmen step up and deliver as expected. F-15E technicians along with AFETS eliminated the JDAM marginal alignment issue by installing protective boots over connectors to prevent hydraulic fluid intrusion and removed unenergized relays from the 1760 circuit path. F-16 technicians replaced faulty wing wafer connectors in conjunction with aligning pylons, BRU-57s and cables to significantly reduce 1760 munitions malfunctions. B-1 load crews implemented using hand-held bore-scopes to see in very tight, non-accessible areas to ensure racks locked properly, loops are installed and 1760 cables connections are reliable. Additionally B-1 load crews paired up with APG personnel to develop APU diverters effectively dropping bay temperatures by 50-70 degrees. These and many more ideas manifest during deployments and positively impact system reliability and the work-environment.

Although the community is performing very well there are challenges worth mentioning. Expediters are often overwhelmed fulfilling flight line duties combined with Combat Ammunition System (CAS) input requirements. Current manning authorizations provide only one expediter to perform CAS movements that in the past took 2 to 3 munitions personnel to complete. To ensure CAS inputs and management of load crew ATO commitments are met additional expediters are required.

Another challenge is the continuous upgrade and integration of armament and avionics systems. Some load crews lack troubleshooting skills due to limited aircraft experience, lags in technical data updates and outdated FTD classes. Units are using AFETS to mitigate these issues by developing local training to bridge-thegap until FTDs are updated.

To better prepare our Airmen for combat we should train like we fight. Whether it is 1760 simulators, more training munitions authorizations or special deployment spin up time, units should fly and train using complete deployment SCLs. This will provide tangible benefits for



maintainers and operators through early exposure of unique system demands. F-16 units fly BRU-57 and TER configurations at RED Flag in preparation for deployment.

Immediate issues arise when the AOR double BRU-57 configuration is flown for the first time.

QA is tasked by either a maintenance or ECS UTC and might not have assigned aircraft experience. Not all maintenance UTCs are built correctly with imbedded QA slots. UTCs should be reviewed and aligned to task required MXG staff agencies from QA to Lead Crew personnel.

Prior to deployment, Wing Weapons Managers should review SCLs, loading, general systems and fault isolation technical orders for tasked airframes. Additionally, review of munitions specific technical orders, flight manuals and aircrew training guides will prepare him/her for in-depth wing briefings and to tackle AOR issues.



In conclusion, we have some AOR challenges and issues our Armament leaders can address to make technicians more efficient. However, as most challenges

go, the community stepped up and is meeting the demands of the combat environment through bythe-book maintenance



and innovation. Our senior leaders should be proud of the career field's successes and take every opportunity to talk with young professionals to hear their concerns and ensure our career field priorities adequately address the needs of the technician.

Remember, this is just one old 462's perspective.



Second Annual Aircraft Armament Chiefs Association (AACA) Reunion and Annual Business Meeting - Las Vegas, NV 26-29 September 2013



We are very excited about the upcoming 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual AACA Reunion. Our timeline is Thursday to Sunday, September 26-29, 2013.

#### **Schedule of Events**

Thursday will be check-in on or after 3PM

#### Our web page address is:

http://embassysuites.hilton.com/en/es/groups/persona lized/L/LASESES-AAA-20130926/index.ihtml?WT.mc\_id=POG Air Force Aircraft Armament Chiefs Group Name: Association Reunion Group Code: AAA Check-in: 26-SEP-2013 Check-out: 29-SEP-2013 Hotel Name: **Embassy Suites Las Vegas** Hotel Address: 4315 Swenson Street Las Vegas, Nevada 89119 Phone Number: 702-765-6754



On Thursday, September 26, 2013, there will be a pay-as-you go mixer/icebreaker/registration at the hotel lounge from 5:30 PM to 7:30 PM timed to coincide with the complimentary cocktails provided



by the hotel to its guests at the Evening Reception in the six-story atrium.

The next morning, Friday, September 27, 2013, we will wake up to a complimentary, cooked-toorder hot breakfast and enjoy a Weapons F-35/Load Barn Tour with an AACA Meeting in the afternoon. Rounding out the day will be the AACA reunion dinner. For our significant others we are planning a tour of the strip and of course a joint Reunion Dinner.

Saturday, September 28, 2013 will be the AACA Golf outing in the morning with the 57<sup>th</sup> hosting a Four Base Weapons Fest in the afternoon. For our AACA group this means a volleyball challenge, Kebil fund raiser... and visit with the up and coming Chiefs! This evening has been left open to allow families and friends time to socialize, take in shows, visit and otherwise conduct their own activities. On Sunday, we will meet for a goodbye breakfast gathering in the hotel atrium ...

We will finalize the specific times and locations of all events during the next weeks and make the information available to all attendees. It should be a great occasion to bring our AACA family together ... renew our camaraderie and further our group objectives. We look forward to seeing each and every one of you in Las Vegas!

## **Quotable Quotes**

"It is one of the blessings of old friends that you can afford to be stupid with them."

Ralph Waldo Emerson

#### **NEW AACA website**

#### http://ArmamentChiefs.org

#### **Bob Sherrill**

We now have a public accessible website that is available for everyone to view. Much of the information posted on the Air Force knowledge Now community page will migrate to this website in the future. We will continue to maintain the AFKN community for official and confidential correspondence and storage. This public site will potentially reach a much larger population and searchable by search engines such as Google, Bin, and Yahoo. Nest month it will also be mobile phone accessible as well.

Information for the upcoming AACA Reunion can be found on the <u>www.ArmamentChiefs.org</u> website.

#### From Nate Dixon:

Training Message, 13-24, Cancellation of Aircraft Armament Systems Craftsman Course (J3ACR2W171 048B)

#### Applicable To: Military

This message provides guidance to all Base/Unit Training Managers and supervisors for 2W171 personnel in 7-level upgrade training in Air Force Specialty Code (AFSC) 2W1X1.

Base/Unit Training Managers: please distribute this message to all appropriate units and assist in ensuring compliance.

The following instructions are provided by the Air Force Career Field Manager for AFSC 2W1X1.

Effective immediately, the Aircraft Armament Systems Craftsman Course (J3ACR2W171 048B) is cancelled and no longer a 7-skill level requirement. Upgrade to the 7-skill level will consist of successful completion of the 7-skill level Career Development Course, completion of all 7-skill level core tasks applicable to current duty position, and all other requirements listed in the Air Force Enlisted



Classification Directory and AFI 36-2201, Air Force Training Program.

This is a SAF/A6OD and HQ AFPC/DPSIT coordinated message. The POC for this message: SAF/A6OD. Subordinate units and supervisors: please coordinate your questions through your unit or base training manager.

#### **Loading Competitions**

#### From Mike Cannon

All of us have been part of a loading competition during our careers. Whether the loading competition was a base level load crew of the quarter/load crew of the year competition.....or something like a William Tell, Sure Fire, Sabre Spirit, or Giant Sword...... these competitions were (and continue to be) invaluable to creating esprit de corps amongst all competitors, improving technical skills and systems knowledge, identifying issues/problems with existing procedures, developing procedures that are safer and more reliable, sharing skills and knowledge between all competition teams....and most importantly, cementing lifetime friendships while strengthening our weapons community world-wide.

We all have great memories of our competitions and of the fellow 462/2W1 load crew members that we competed with and against. I was fortunate to have competed in the SAC Giant Sword Loading Competition on 2 occasions.

The picture shows 4 of my load crew members (AIC Bernie Boswell positioning while AIC Dave Hanes, AIC Greg Jackson and myself/Sgt Mike Cannon in the middle put some horsepower behind that trailer). The 5th member of our crew (SrA Chuck Pierce) is busy aligning the trailer to the B-52s weapons bay.

#### weapons Loading Competition



Members of the 97th Munitions Maintenance Squadron SAC Combat Weapons Liading Competition team move simulated weapons into position to load aboard a B 52 at the Base Community Council meeting Monday

evening. The 97th MMS team, along with the team from the 97th Security Police Squadron, will represent the 97th Bomb Wing at the SAC Combat Weapons Loading Competition at Ellsworth AFB, S.D. in September. (U.S.A.F. Photo)

This particular SAC Giant Sword Loading Competition was held 13-22 September 1982 at Ellsworth AFB. We didn't win the Barrentine Trophy that year, but it wasn't for a lack of preparation or effort.

We've come a long ways since the days of manually positioning those heavy trailers, or using the "old" 5person load crews, and the weapons community is as strong as ever. I invite everyone to share their photos and memories of their loading competitions."

## ARMAMENT CHIEF SCHOOLHOUSE HALLWAY

#### From: Larry Brown

Fellow Chiefs, we are finalizing the plans for the Armament Chief Hallway/Foyer at the Sheppard Schoolhouse. We want the project to be an on-going ever-evolving, interesting collection of historical artifacts focused on and around our proud Weapons' heritage.



As Armament Chiefs, we each have a large variety of one-of-a-kind mementoes and special, meaningful keepsakes that could inform, inspire, and are of general interest to young men and women following in our footsteps. In the coming months you will be provided with all the information necessary to facilitate donation of your special memorabilia to an extremely worthwhile and adventurous Armament Chief's Heritage Project.

We will be looking for all manner of historically significant (inert ... smile) Weapons-type items, including but not limited to: flags, books, papers, coins, plaques, patches, banners, photos, tapes, songs, CD/DVD's, etc. etc.

The items provided will be displayed in the areas shown in the photos below:



Stay tuned, we have a few minor legal items to address and we will be off and running. Start compiling your collection and encourage others to do likewise -- more information to follow on how and where to ship the stuff. Thank you!

## Foreign Jammer From Steve Lebron

I saw this at a museum in Holland. I like how the table pivots. It'd reach up into bomb bays in a way MJ-1s can't. Remember that sells pitch on the robotic jammer a few years back? If they applied that concept to this principle it'd be good concept for a lift truck that would work on the F-22 with tanks installed as well as all other jets.







**Quotable Quotes** 

"It was psychobabbler Abraham Maslow who wrote of the phenomena of self-actualization. What Maslow failed to grasp is that reaching true selfactualization can only be ultimately achieved when you have your own brand of ammunition."

Ted Nugent

#### AACA Knowledge Now WEBSITE

Our webmaster, Neil Reinsmoen, maintains our Knowledgenow.net Community of Practice at the below link. Neil posts AACA documents and the current contact list on this site. You may access from your home computers and it's restricted to AACA members only. If you haven't already done so, please register at the following site.

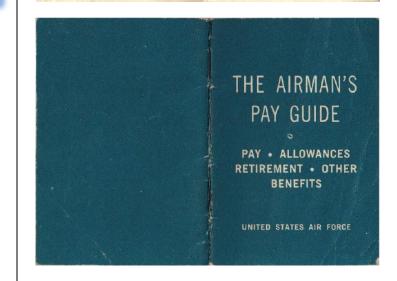
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#### **Historical Documents**

#### From Dick Vancil

Norm Evans donated the following to the AACA. Norm is one of our oldest and most active AACA members and was just yesterday elected as the new Commander of Fort Walton Beach, FL VFW Post 7674, again. Norm was one of Dick's bosses in Germany and before we did some Special Ops (16<sup>th</sup> SOS Spectre) time together.

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#### **OTHER BENEFITS**

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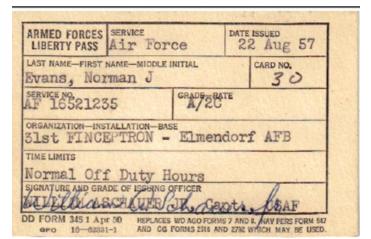
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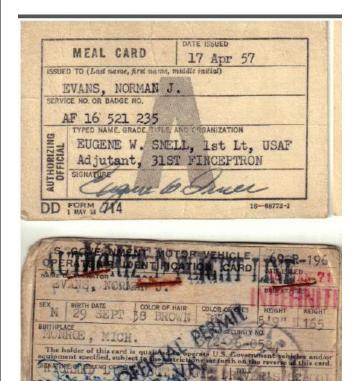
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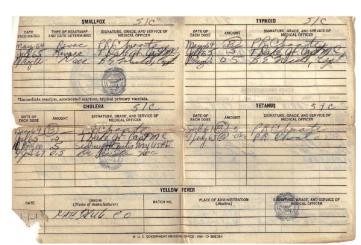
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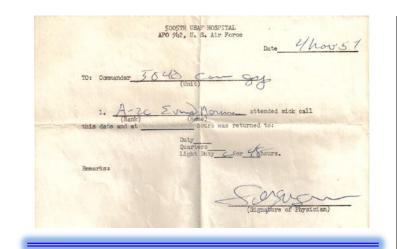


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# **Photos**

Please submit photos you would like to share with the group. I'm running out of pictures of myself!! I'm sure the photos will bring back found memories of the past. The photos may also be current. Some of us old guys enjoy seeing the great things that the young troops are doing out there.

Please provide a caption with as much information you can recall.

## Where Are They Now?

Since I have not received any additional bios or updates, we have decided to discontinue this portion of the newsletter. I will work with our webmasters to put the bios on our secure websites. If you would like to add a bio, please send it to me and I will prepare them all for the website.



Show Your AACA Pride

Have you misplaced your AACA coin, outgrown your shirt, or haven't had an opportunity to purchase either yet? If so, please contact me to let me know you're interested in some goods! We still have plenty of high-quality coins for sale for \$10 each plus shipping, thanks again Wayman, but the store is temporarily sold out of the polo shirts at the moment. I'm in the process of pricing shirts and hats to get the best "bang for your buck" and will push out a price guide and selection to everyone via email once complete. Take care!!

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