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President's Message

TEAMWORK

It's an exciting time for Aircraft Armament Chiefs Association! We are planning for the future with our efforts involved with the strategic plan. At the same time, we are finishing the planning details for the reunion. One thing all AACCA members have in common is a desire to help improve our association and the people around us and our armament community. These efforts will come together through extended teamwork, communication, and dedication.

I would like to take a moment of your time and discuss teamwork. Not a subject I need to remind any of us about, however, a subject which continues to be part of our association and beyond our military life. You can tell the difference between the team players and the team watchers. Players are involved and watchers, well they just watch things get done and look for opportunities of less effort to receive recognition. In my civilian career, when I was with L-3 communications or my present position, one thing that stands out in my performance as indicated by both vice presidents of each organization, is the ability to form and build teams. I always tribute this to our career field, my limited and not often career aspiration stories reflect upon my military time in working as a team. Key aspects I acknowledge early in my military career were when people work together in an atmosphere of trust and accountability toward a common goal, they put aside issues and politics

and focus on the tasks to be done. I realized armament personnel compared to maintainers focus on how builds a momentum, overcome resource barriers, and have a sense of productivity towards ensuring efforts are on track to meet the mission and/or goals required (Better problem solving, Greater productivity, More effective use of resources).

The teamwork among Aircraft Armament professionals is a great lesson for other career fields and military units to follow. The essence of a team is how well they communicate and bond to resolve an issue or achieve an objective. A leading academia expert and management writer, name Ken Blanchard articulated this is a very short message: "None of us is as smart as all of us."

It is truly an honor to serve this association and I am looking forward to a meaningful and memorable year ahead in 2016-17!

Michael D. Lucchesi



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Editor's Comments

Even though many of us are "retired" life still keeps us crazy busy! Thanks to everyone that took the time to send in articles, links, etc.

In this newsletter we have articles from our members on Teamwork and Mentorship. We get caught up on career field matters and are treated to another history lesson. We also get a heads up on the Biography project and are treated to an overview of the latest awards our young troops have earned. We will get an update on our Strategic Plan and learn about hydraulic oil. You will get an update on the AACA store and new options to pay your membership through PayPal. We will close out the newsletter with a look at the new AACA Forum and a brain teaser word search puzzle.

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

FROM THE CAREER FIELD MANAGER

Greetings from the Pentagon! I hope this message finds you all well. The career field is alive and well and we continue to play a vital role in killing bad guys and breaking all of their stuff. In the first quarter of 2016 we expended over 7K weapons from various airframes to include the most recent to join the fight the good ole B-52. These results were accomplished with a career field manning inventory of 88%. That is a 1% growth from last year so things are starting to get a little better. The recent growth can be attributed to several efforts that have been put in place in order to help the aircraft armament career field.

Increased accessions have been one of the biggest factors. In FY16 the schoolhouse thru put will be over 700 accessions and that number will continue to grow for the next 3 years. Selective Reenlistment Bonus (SRB) was added for 2W1 Airmen in Zone A, 17 months to 6 years of service. This

comes out to the \$20K range depending on rank and number of years reenlisting. Special Duty Assignment Pay (SDAP) is being awarded to those in our nuclear units. Certified weapons loaders that are part of a nuclear mission get an additional \$150 per month. And finally, to help make up manpower shortages to support the F-35 we are contracting out 2W1's positions in non-combat coded Aircraft Maintenance Squadrons. This includes squadrons at Davis Monthan, Nellis, Luke and Elieson AFBs. So if you're itching to get back into loading there are opportunities available.

In April we completed the Utilization and Training Workshop (U&TW). It had been 3 years since we accomplished a U&TW so it was a very busy and productive week. Most of the work can be attributed to bringing on the F-35 and C-130J. Several tasks were added to the F-35 as it is maturing rapidly and our loaders are starting to perform more loading and maintenance tasks. A new section was created for the C-130J. In addition to the awesome firepower of the guns it will be capable of carrying Small Diameter Bombs and Hellfire's missiles.

Many other changes were made on legacy airframes and we also started an update to the Armament 9-level course. This course has received rave reviews from all attendees as well as many other maintenance career fields and we will continue to make it better.

A U&TW would not be complete without meeting with the instructors and students. Our armament instructors are fired up/motivated and are producing some outstanding students for the field. The same can be said for our students, fired up/motivated and ready to get to work. Only issue we had with either group was the CFM coin check. We have some work to do in that area...everyone has a damn cell phone but not a coin, go figure.

In closing I would like to announce the 2015 Kobil Scholarship award winners. This year we awarded \$5000 to 5 applicants: Carson Wilber, Johnathon Corriere, Kaytlyn Kooyers, Keyshawn Gatson, and Sara Rogalski. Congratulations to all of them and wish them the best while in pursuit of their educational goals. A call for new scholarship applications will be out soon and I encourage

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everyone that is eligible to apply. Well that's enough from me. Looking forward to hopefully seeing everyone at Langley in July and until then stay safe and try and stay out of trouble!

Jason Davis



AACA Reunion News

Our AACA Reunion is quickly approaching us. It is not too often we are able to get together and catch up with our friends and their spouses whom we shared our time with during our service. The reunion is a dedicated period of time that we, as an association, agreed upon to meet with our families to promote our association together, to catch up and share in our never ending stories, and to greet new members.

The reunion shall be held in Hampton Roads, Yorktown, VA, from July 21-24. The agenda is as follows:

- July 21 Arrive/Ice Breaker
- July 22 General Membership meeting and then Dinner
- July 23 AACA Event
- July 24 Depart

The plan is to attend the 2016 weapons conference (July 21st), exploit our association and then invite the Weapons Chiefs to our ice

breaker. Our Ice breaker will be held at the Courtyard Marriot, 105 Cybernetics Way, Yorktown, VA.

<http://www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/phfyt-courtyard-newport-news-yorktown/>



Our ACCA General membership meeting will be held at the Courtyard Marriot and members who are unable to attend the reunion, will be able to conference call in.

Our dinner and event are still in the planning stages. We have many options and considerations are given to costs and interest. Pete Romeo is our lead event POC and he has provided multitude of options. It is important for those who are planning to attend to register, so we know who to reach out to and ask their preferences. We would like to make decisions on this by first two weeks in June.

The final agenda will be confirmed and posted on the website by July 8th, 2016.

We will provide the General membership meeting information and agenda 30 days out (approximately, Jun 21st) from the meeting and will follow up with a few reminders.

If your planning to attend the reunion please register. You can register at the following link: <http://armamentchiefs.org/2016/03/16/2016-aaca-reunion/>

Michael D. Lucchesi

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Mentoring and job search

“We all need somebody to lean on”...as the song goes. Transitioning from the military into the civilian world is a time when friends come in handy, that is certain. Many of us are too proud to ask for help and/or sell our skills short of what we are capable. In this article, I want to tell my personal story, asking for help, and networking/marketing yourself. First, let me share my personal story.

My personal story just changed, some as I type this. I start my first day at work on Tuesday, 31 May, after 6 months of vacation, essentially. It wasn't much of a vacation though with trying to figure out where my family was headed. We did not want to stay in Louisiana (not a bad place, just not where we wanted to be) and wanted to move west. I found that looking for GS jobs outside of where you live is a bit more difficult to capture than if you are looking for work where you reside. I did interview for several GS jobs, both telephonically and in-person, but I feel that the jobs went to those “they” knew already. I ended my job search finally with a company called Schreiber Foods in Smithfield, Utah. The company has been awesome throughout the interview process, offered very decent pay, and they have great benefits. Job satisfaction, according to Glassdoor.com, is very high with this company while negative reviews seem to be more common on this website. I actually started looking at Schrieber Foods with a recruiting agency (Bradley-Morris) but the recruiter did not put my name forward. I saw the opening on Linked In later on and applied for the job myself. I really did get this job without the benefit of networking but I don't suggest this as a common job search method. It can be very frustrating and anxiety-laden. Ask for help!



Whether it is reaching out to your fellow Chiefs or even some retired officers you worked for, don't be too proud to ask for help. I made some feeble attempts at networking because I was too stubborn to ask for help. I think Mike Lucchesi sensed my attempt for help and ultimately helped me wicker my resumes over the phone. Chad Ward sent me a copy of his awesome resume and that also helped. Thanks Mike and Chad. Although I did not do this well, I think that using your Linked In contacts by announcing that you are in the market is a very good way to go. People want to help, people like to help. Keep it simple...

There is a huge amount of information out there, from all the info in taught in TAP classes, to thousands of websites dedicated to job searches and mentoring. Simply put, it can be overwhelming. I suggest to keep it simple. It is dependent on your personal path, but I would suggest using the following for job searches: Linked In, USA Jobs, AACA, Glassdoor (reviewing the company and salaries), and maybe a recruiter, like Bradley-Morris (I don't endorse them, but they were pretty good.) I am also a member of several corporate mentoring groups, like Lockheed's, and while they put out some useful information (most of which you can get on Linked In), they really did not seem that motivated to



help get you a job. Again, keep it simple or you will just spin your wheels.

I am excited to start my next chapter of life and I hope that my new job is what I am looking for the near future. If I were to start my transition again, I would use my contacts better, keep it simple, and sell myself better in my resumes and Linked In profile. Good luck out there and Godspeed.

Steve Laser



AACA Membership Biography Project

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:

msscannon001@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

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Effective Dates of Military Promotions

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

Hello all, as this is my first submission providing an update on the organization’s strategic plan, I wanted to take the opportunity to lay out our short term goals as we prepare to come together in July for the reunion.

The first 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.

Increasing camaraderie among the membership is the second short term goal. Our objective is to improve our overall communication using a variety of means by maintaining a single source website, promoting the AACA Facebook group and AACA Linked-In to encourage and enhance the sharing of information among membership. Our hope is to use these sources as a means to increase membership and showcase the value of our organization and its membership.

The third short term goal is to create a venue where membership can network and assist each other through the transition from active duty to retirement. This program could be a great asset to all as the lessons learned through trial and error can be shared to help ease some of the anxiety of life after active duty.

Finally, the forth short term goal is to foster Aircraft Armament Community involvement. This goal contains to potential programs. One is to develop a career mentoring program and the second is to develop an Armament Advisory Group.

Collectively these goals serve to strengthen our organization and the Aircraft Armament Community. As we move forward over the next few months and years, we will need individuals to become involved and assist in assuring the achievement of each of these short term goals. Part of my role will be to update the membership periodically on the status of these goals as we continue to grow as an organization.

Hope you all were able to take the time to relax and reflect over the Memorial Day weekend and look forward to seeing many of you in July.

Darell Brewer



AACA Recognition Program

The AACA Recognition Program is alive and well. So far this year, we have recognized 29 Armament Professionals who were recipients of Armament Annual Awards across the CAF: AFGSC, AFMC, AETC, AFSOC, USAFE and PACAF. We will also recognize ACC and AF award winners once results are released.

Mike Cannon

2015 AETC Armament Technician of the Year
SrA Dylan D. Lightfoot

2015 AETC Armament Supervisor of the Year
TSgt William N. Calban

2015 AETC Armament Manager of the Year
SMSgt Donald J. Corriere, Jr

2015 AFGSC LCOY
SSgt Eric J. Hathaway
SrA Chaz L. Guerrero
A1C Felipe A. Castro
SrA Brian C. Dorsey

2015 AFGSC Armament Technician of the Year
SrA Alex M. Jimenez

2015 AFGSC Armament Supervisor of the Year
TSgt Harold VanderMolen

2015 AFGSC Armament Manager of the Year
SMSgt Christopher R. Bilbray

2015 AFMC Outstanding Weapons Professional
A1C Nicholas S. Brooks

2015 AFMC Outstanding Weapons Professional
SSgt Tyler R. Marking

2015 AFMC Outstanding Weapons Professional
MSgt Corie M. Hudson

2015 AFMC Outstanding Weapons Professional
Mr. Robert A. Sams

2015 AFSOC Armament Technician of the Year
SrA Drew A. Walden

2015 AFSOC Armament Supervisor of the Year
TSgt Brian E. Roback

2015 AFSOC Armament Manager of the Year
SMSgt Robert F. Jernigan

2015 PACAF LCOY
SrA Jody Fregia
SrA Tyler Kaltenborn
SrA Matthew Ricacho

2015 PACAF Armament Technician of the Year
SrA Dennis N. Simmons

2015 PACAF Armament Supervisor of the Year
TSgt Nicholas D. Morin

2015 PACAF Armament Manager of the Year
SMSgt Dennis W. Fuselier

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2015 USAFE LCOY

SSgt Angelo L. Cepeda
SrA Donavhan H. Warrington
A1C Robert C. Ritchie

2015 USAFE Armament Technician of the Year

SrA Keedrick V. Mitchell

2015 USAFE Armament Supervisor of the Year

TSgt Beverly J. Smith

2015 USAFE Armament Manager of the Year

MSgt Emmanuel D. Harrigan Tomar

Additionally, we have recognized the outstanding Top Graduates at the Armament Schoolhouse.

Top Graduate

SrA Skyler Green

Top Graduate

A1C Patrick Labastida

Top Graduate

A1C Jonathan Neuharth

Below are brief summaries of the achievements of the AFGSC and AFSOC award winners. We will include summaries of other MAJCOM award winners in future Loader Letters.

Congratulations to the Air Force Global Strike Command's 2015 Leo Marquez Award Winner!

SMSgt George Baker

SMSgt George Baker won the AFGSC Leo Marquez award in the **Aircraft Maintenance category**. A weapons troop beat out the crew chiefs in that category especially since SMSgt Baker was actually performing a weapons function and not Production!

Congratulations to Air Force Global Strike Command's annual Armament Award winners:

2015 LOAD CREW of the Year:

SSgt Eric J. Hathaway
SrA Chaz L. Guerrero
A1C Felipe A. Castro
SrA Brian C. Dorsey

TECHNICIAN of the Year

SrA Alex M. Jimenez

SUPERVISOR of the Year

TSgt Harold VanderMolen

MANAGER of the Year

SMSgt Christopher R. Bilbray

It was easy to see why these professionals were selected; they have been leading and overcoming obstacles to make daily tasks, exercises, inspections and operations around the world a success (WSEP, COMBAT HAMMER, RED FLAG, CONSTANT VIGILANCE, PRAIRIE VIGILANCE, POLAR GROWL, BALTOPS, Continuous Bomber Presence, and AFCENT Operations).

This group has skills; here are just few unique examples they were involved in: coordinated with the Navy to overcome support equipment shortfalls, efforts in Boeing 1760 Internal Weapons Bay Upgrade program and showcased weapons systems for Coalition/Senate Armed Service Committee. Each one of these individuals was praised for their impact on quality, and had their hands in on developing the future force through training. These winners are truly force multipliers.

Ed Runkle



Congratulations to AFSOC annual Armament Award winners:

TECHNICIAN of the Year

SrA Drew A Walden (Cannon AFB, NM)

SrA Drew Walden forward deployed in support of Operation Inherent Resolve, augmenting Electronic Warfare maintenance that supported 259 missions, 146 munitions/32K rounds released with a superior 99% release rate. He teamed with Special Programs Office on the \$4M Laser Small Diameter Bomb program, loading 12 munitions to support major milestone achievements. SrA Walden was hand picked for POTUS sanctioned mission, and he maintained a stellar 100% pass rate on 180 maintenance/loading operations after selected for Crew Chief position.

SUPERVISOR of the Year

TSgt Brian Roback (Cannon AFB, NM)

TSgt Brian Roback forward deployed in support of Operation Inherent Resolve, his actions resulted in 485 munitions/54K rounds expended during 415 missions. He chaired AFSCO's first WLT conversion while deconflicting 3,000 training hours. TSgt Roback led a Boeing Laser Smart Diameter Bomb casket AOR shipment that saved DoD \$140K, and partnered with ACC on GBU-49 T.O. rewrite that refined 15 wiring and loading procedures that were implemented CAF wide.

MANAGER of the Year

SMSgt Robert Jernigan (Cannon AFB, NM)

SMSgt Jernigan managed 5 MDS weapons flights through 32 Air Expeditionary Task Force-Levan operations with an impressive 99.4% release/fire rate. He forward deployed as a Production Superintendent for Quick Reaction Force alert launches, and also deployed as Maintenance Superintendent for Operation Inherent Resolve

overseeing maintenance operations of 120 personnel, 4 MDS while generating 80 missions that destroyed 21 High Value Targets. SMSgt Jernigan guided Weapons World Wide Community Involvement Day teams that volunteered 2,300 community service hours while raising \$8,000.

Here are the recent Top Graduates that our AACA has recognized:



Top Graduate
SrA Skyler Green
From: Riverside, California
Gaining Base: March Air Reserve Base, California
Course 2W131Q

CMSgt Ray Lapham presents an AACA Recognition Coin and Certificate to SrA Skyler Green



Top Graduate
AIC Patrick Labastida
From: Oklahoma City, OK
Gaining Base: Barksdale AFB, LA
B-52 Course, 97% GPA

CMSgt Ray Lapham presents an AACA Recognition Coin and Certificate to AIC Patrick Labastida



Top Graduate
AIC AIC Jonathan Neuharth
 From: Sioux Falls, SD
 Gaining Base: 114th FW,
 Sioux Falls, SD
 F-16 Course, 98% GPA

CMSgt Ray Lapham presents an AACA Recognition Coin and Certificate to AIC Jonathan Neuharth

Mike Cannon

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Previously we saw aero planes mature into what we recognize as fighters. The metamorphous of the plane from observation to a dedicated weapons platform meant a need for dedicated airplane weapons specialist. By 1917 the English word for these specialist was Armorer or what we now call mighty weapons loaders. Ok, I may have made the "mighty" part up. In my opinion the birth of the fighter is tied to the intentional mounting of the machinegun. But it wasn't only fighters that carried machineguns. Bombers did also for defensive purposes.

The bomber followed a similar evolution to fighters. Aerial observers realized if they could spot enemy troops and supplies they could toss out explosives

at them as well. The first air to ground ordinance was crude, hand grenades and modified mortars were used. Eventually it seemed cost effective to drop darts known



Diese «Handgranaten» können einem ständigen Neuladen bei sich zu Ansparen haben. Im Spanischen Krieg 1911/12 wurden sie «Bambusen» mit Panz-Bleis, Formen und Haupten. Es müssen mit Pulver gefüllte Kugeln gewesen sein. Abwurfbomben: Schnell die Luft zu zerreißen und über Bord werfen!

Auch 1914 sind es nur primitive Abwurfbomben, wie von Hand fallengelassene Bomben und Stiefelchen, die zur Bekämpfung des Gegners aus der Luft zur Verfügung stehen!

as flechettes, these proved ineffective. These could all be

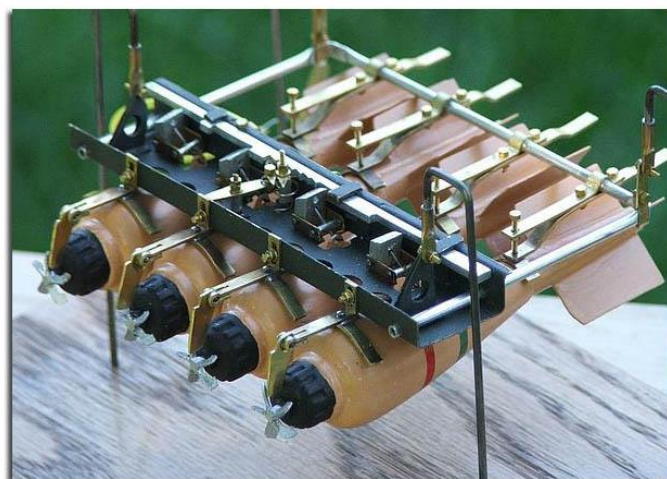


tossed out by hand. As the war progressed and aircraft became more capable, bomb loads increased. And this meant bomb racks would have to be developed providing yet another thing for armorers to maintain. The racks

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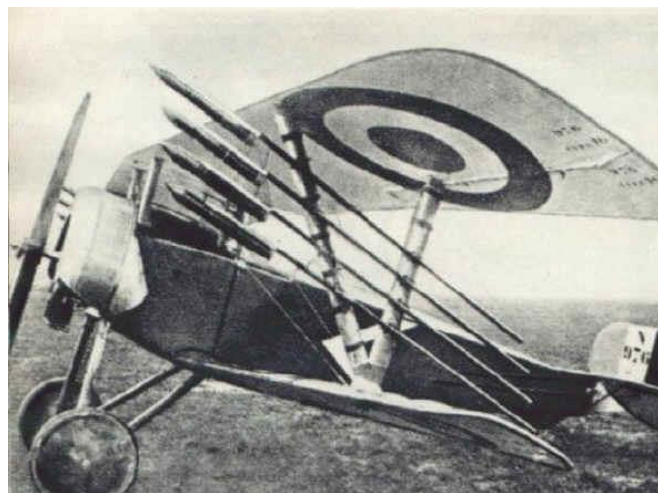


started out simple but increased in complexity as seen in the photos.



As the bombs got bigger bomb racks, naturally, had to keep pace. And the bombs got a lot bigger during the war. As we can see bombs evolved through the war to something recognizable by today's armament technicians. It was also so with bomb fuzes, something else our armorer forefathers would have to contend with

The mechanical fuzes that were invented for WWI are similar to the mechanical fuzes our Cold War generation grew up with. Anyone who's inserted a M-904 fuze would recognize the principle of their fuzes. The photos show the fuzing for the 25 lb Cooper bomb used by the allies.



Bullets and bombs were not the only thing the original armorers had to contend with. They loaded rockets as well. The photo shows rockets loaded for the intention of balloon busting. The balloons to be busted were, of course, dirigibles and observation balloons. The rockets proved inaccurate and were withdrawn in 1918 in favor of incendiary bullets. Yes, that's a 27th Aero Squadron SPAD XIII. Kiss my butt 94th FS!

As we can see, aircraft weapons systems came a long way during WWI. While much of the period covered didn't directly involve the USA, since we didn't enter the war till it's last year 1917, I find it relevant since the things learned and equipment developed eventually applied directly to American armorers. In fact, the aerial equipment we used was of European design. That would change in the coming decade. See you next time in the 1920s.

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Steve Lebron

Acquisition Update

CLEANING FLUID

That be Hydraulic Fluid (red oil)! Over the years we have heard and many witnessed the effects of dirty hydraulic fluid! The F-16 loves to pop the Delta-P switches anytime dirty or contaminated fluid is detected and the older the jets get the more often it seem to happen. F-15's too have experienced ill effects of dirty fluid in the systems.

You ask why am I wasting your time with all this Crew Chief and Specialist crap??? Well we too in Weapons have felt the effect of hydraulic fluid wearing O-rings and seals over the years - most often seen in one of the jammers "settling down or seeing some drift in the tilt, roll, or yaw". Many of us Fighter Guys seldom saw it; as the time we spent around the racks was normally fast enough it didn't make any difference. Maybe in the old days of Sliding Mavericks or some Aim-7 loads where

nothing lined up, we may have noticed a little movement. However, the Bomber Guys were the ones to most often point out they experience some "Drift" in one of the Bomber Bays!



The AGE guys would tear down the cylinders and most often find a bad seal or o-ring allowing the smallest amount of fluid to pass thus causing an "UnCommanded Movement" on the jammer!

Anyhow, we could and we did bitch about it a need for a fix - it wasn't until the Airframes started feeling the effect and Sorties were missed that anything other than changing fluid was done.

Today, all new Hydraulic Test Stands have on-board purification - it is automatic anytime the test stand is running! The process removes the particulates and any entrapped air while lowering the PPM (Parts Per Million) of water. Thus anytime the Mule is hooked to a aircraft "clean" or "cleaner" fluid is replacing the existing fluid. This process has to be repeated several times in order to call the aircraft "clean" - however, it has been reported even after only being hooked up one time it makes a difference.

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So what does this do for us - it allows AGE to drain, flush and service our jammers and any other GSE with clean fluid. None of these improvements will solve world hunger overnight but continued use, we, as the Crew Chief did, will see a difference.

Lastly, there are and will be for many years "Old Mules." The new test stands have a hook up point to clean the old mules reservoirs and there are stand alone "Dual System Purifiers" (run off wall power 115V or an on-board Gen-Set being bought just to support the old stuff!

Have a great day! *Jeff Hamburg*



Hello Chiefs! I'm happy to report we continue to receive orders for merchandise from the store... coins, pens, etc.; however, the income is minimal, only \$67 thus far in 2016—hardly enough to sustain our budgeted objectives, especially funding our CMSgt Gregory A. Kebil Memorial Scholarship each year.

As I mentioned in the last newsletter, in an attempt to increase AACA income in support our objectives, we've introduced quarterly raffles as another potential source of revenue. Each quarter, we'll raffle an item during the General Membership (GM) meeting. The Store Keeper, in coordination with the BOD, will determine what item(s) will be raffled and will advertise it in the newsletter and on the Association website at least one month before GM meeting. As we raise more funds, we'll be able to purchase more expensive raffle items.

Last quarter we tried a 50/50 cash raffle but only had one entrant so we elected to cancel the drawing prior to the General Membership meeting. As you can imagine, we're not going to make any money without member participation in the raffles, or increased store sales, so I'm asking you to please let me know what things you would like to see raffled off...what are you interested in purchasing tickets for...what other merchandise would you like to see for sale in the store? Please let me know and I'll do my best to accommodate if feasible. I always welcome any moneymaking ideas you may have and greatly appreciate the support.

You may have already read on our website, this quarter's raffle is SWEET...a "King Suite" that is! For a mere \$20 per chance, you have an opportunity to win a **King Suite Room** (21-23 July) at the Courtyard by Marriott during our Association reunion...a \$300.00 plus value. If you've already made reservations and win the raffle, we'll make the adjustments so any money you've paid is refunded. The Raffle ends 1 July 2016, so don't hesitate purchasing a ticket...or two...or more. ☺ Please use the PayPal link on our AACA website <http://armamentchiefs.org> to put your name in the hat! Good Luck!



As always, thanks for your continued support of the Association! Pictures and prices of store merchandise are on our website. Please note we have a new general store email account where you can easily place your merchandise orders: AACAGeneralstore@gmail.com . I look forward to seeing you at the reunion.

Thank you much and take care!

Evan Godwin

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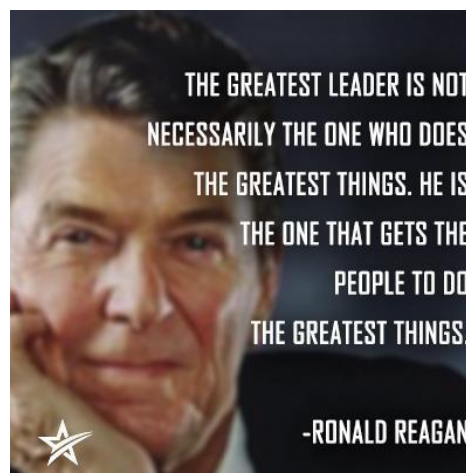
“Associate yourself with men of good quality, if you esteem your own reputation; for ‘tis better to be alone than in bad company.”

George Washington

**Online Membership Payments
Now Available!**

It’s never been easier or more secure to keep your AACA membership current. Recently the AACA opened a PayPal Business account to enable our members (or future members) the ability to pay their membership dues through the AACA website. Members can use an existing PayPal account or credit/debit cards make purchases. Using a trusted online payment service such as PayPal ensures your personal information is protected; the AACA does not have access to your credit card or banking information used to make the transaction. In addition to membership payments we’ll utilize PayPal for specific event fundraiser, like our current King Suite Raffle at the Courtyard by Marriott during the 2016 Reunion. The PayPal option can be found on the AACA home page (<http://armamentchiefs.org>) as well as under the AACA Store tab.

If you have any questions about our PayPal account you can email: aacabusiness@gmail.com

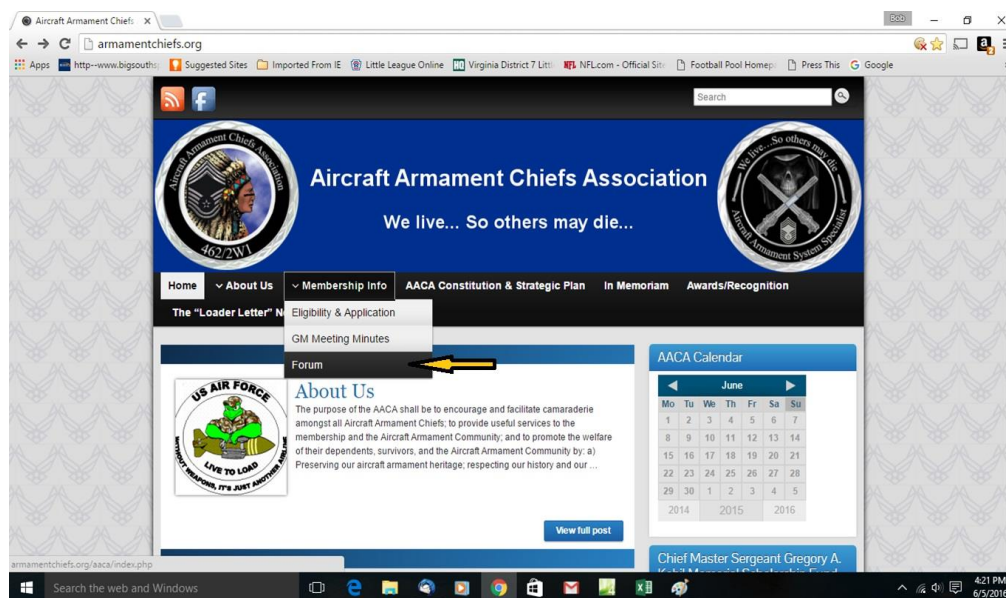


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New AACA Forum

From Your Webmaster – *Bob Sherrill*



The AACA Forum is for fellow 462/2W1 Chiefs and potential Chiefs to openly discuss issues/comments/suggestions pertaining to the AACA, the 462/2W1 community, and the Air Force in general.

To Register

1. Go to the AACA Webpage: <http://armamentchiefs.org>
2. Mouse over “Membership Info” and select “Forum”
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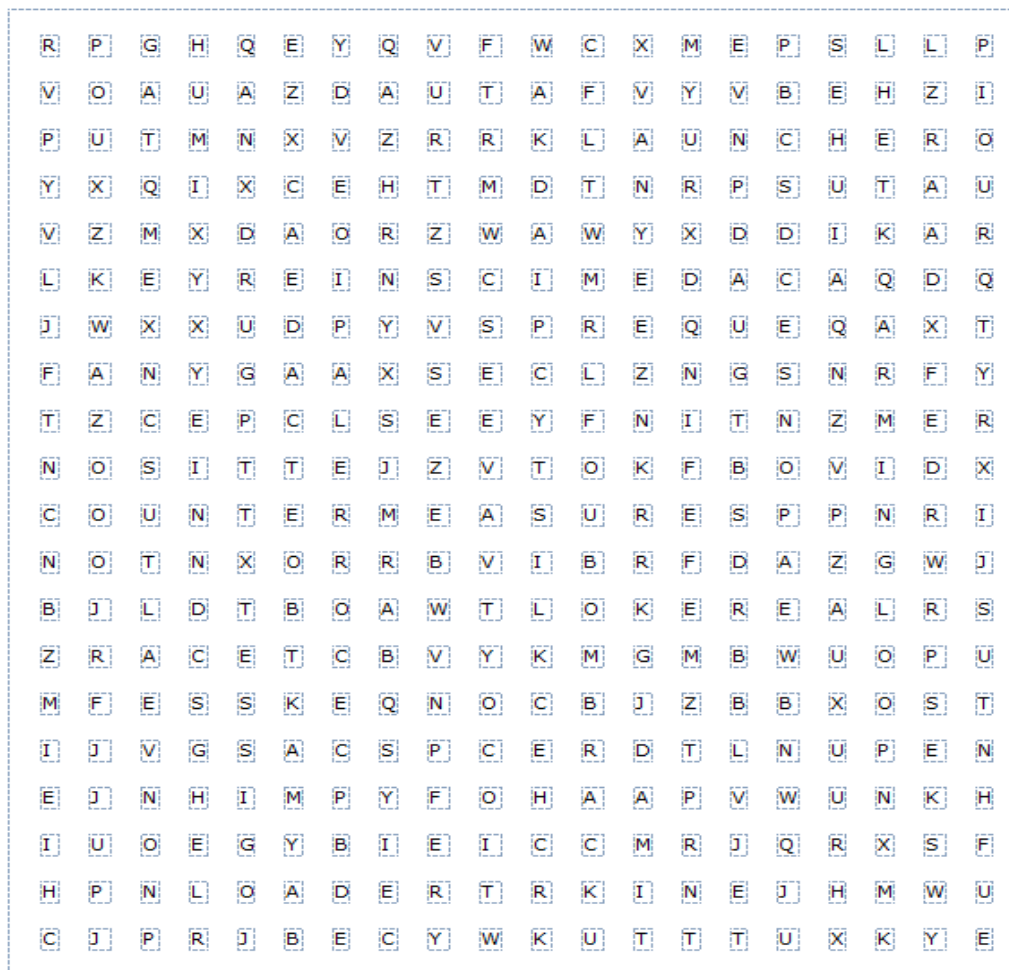
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