



# JUST THE FACTS

## The TACP Association Newsletter

**"Remember. Honor. Support."**

November 2018

### Association Elects Timothy "Chachi" Pachasa as New VP

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On November 17, 2018 TACP Association Officers and MAJCOM representatives voted overwhelmingly to elect Timothy Pachasa as new Vice President of the TACP Association.

Timothy "Chachi" Pachasa brings to the association a wealth of experience including command chief experience, MAJCOM functional manager experience and over 24 years of Air Force service.



Timothy Pachasa

Chachi's impressive network and stockpile of fresh ideas will most certainly help the Association continue to grow into a world-class

non-profit organization.

"I personally, would love to have us added to the Combined Federal Campaign to make it easier for people to contribute to our cause," said Pachasa.

"My hopes are that within the next 10 years, we will have doubled our membership, created a TACP campus, and have gained considerable political and humanitarian clout!"

"When Charlie Keebaugh, Lunk, Kajun, Jarred Taylor and many others were first talking about revamping the TACP Association, I don't think they could ever have imagined where it is today," said Chachi. "I hope to take our massive gains over the past decade, and set us up for bigger successes in the future."

Pachasa will take over for Jason "Kajun" Wallace this December. Wallace has served as VP

since February 2017.

"I want to thank the VPs before me for the amazing job they've done," Pachasa said after accepting the position.

"Huge thanks to Troy Lundquist and Jason Wallace for the phenomenal job they did as VPs, and I'm honored to be chosen to replace them. They cast a big shadow, and I hope to live up the standard that they have created for this position."



Early "New TACP-A" meeting on Jason Wallace's Porch—January 2010

(Pictured left to right: Mike Bowman, Buddy "BMAC" McArthur, Jason Wallace, Charlie Keebaugh, Jason Zoglmann, Jerry "JC" Campbell, Troy "Lunk" Lundquist)

### Farewell Letter from Jason Wallace

Dear TACP Association Members,

As my time as an officer with the TACP Association comes to a close, I wanted to say that I've been honored and humbled to be a part of the organization.

Almost ten years ago, after the career field received some tragic news, we met on my back porch and began the discussions of what the TACP Association should look like in the future. A huge thanks to the rest of the folks that were there on that evening and have been

instrumental to the beginning of this association, JZ, BMac, Lunk, Mike Bowman, JC, and countless others.

I would like to thank Charlie Keebaugh and Marcus for stepping up and leading this organization and having the courage to continue to move it forward. I'd also like to thank the current leadership and staff, you have continued to shape and mold the vision and I can't thank you enough for your leadership and dedication.

Welcome to Tim Pachasa, you've got a great crew to work with and I'm looking forward to continue to watch the TACP-A grow into a world class organization to help our folks out.

Again thank you to all for allowing me to be part of this ride. I look forward to continuing to help out in the future.

**Remember. Honor. Support.**

Sincerely,

Jason



Jason Wallace

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Email us at: [Support@tacpassociation.org](mailto:Support@tacpassociation.org)

## History of the 24-Hour Challenge Interview with CMSgt Eric Rankin

As many of you know, the 24-Hour Challenge is the TACP Association's biggest annual fund raiser. The amount of support provided to the TACP community by the association would be severely diminished without the funds this great event generates. As we plan the 8th Annual 24-hour Challenge scheduled for 28-29 March 2019, we sat down with 24-Hour Challenge founder, CMSgt Eric Rankin to learn about the history of this fantastic fund raiser.

### Q: How did you come up the idea for the 24-Hour Challenge?

A: My son's High School Cross Country Running Team in Alaska did a similar event to help them raise funds for travel expenses and new uniforms. The school had a limited budget so they couldn't cover everything. Instead of getting the parents to cover the costs, they decided to hold this as an annual fundraiser. The event was very successful. They got donations through per mile pledges and just lump sum donations. Local businesses also provided food and drinks for the athletes. I thought this was a very unique fundraising idea. As an avid runner myself, it got me to thinking while I was out on a run one morning. I thought this might be a fun way for our Squadron (3 ASOS) to raise

funds for our booster club or maybe for the TACP Association. Of course I chose to go with raising funds for the TACP Association and the rest is history!

### Q: Can you provide some history of the event?

A: I started thinking about this idea in the fall of 2011, but it wasn't until late January of 2012 that I made the decision to press forward with the idea. I'm always getting asked, "Why March?" It's simple. I chose March because three of our fallen happened during the month of March. We have SSgt Jason Faley, who was killed in a training accident at Udari Range in Kuwait on 12 March 2001. Major Gregory Stone was killed in action at Camp Pennsylvania in Kuwait on 25 March 2003. SSgt Jacob Frazier was killed in action in Geresk, Afghanistan on 29 March 2003.

That first year I decided to push my idea out to some of the other units and buddies of mine. We ended up having seven teams compete, and we raised just over \$8,000. At that point, that was one of the largest TACP Association fundraising efforts that wasn't tied to raising funds to assist a specific family or cause. The second year we actually advertised the

event and attracted some sponsors.

In the second year we raised \$50,000 with 20 Teams participating. That's when we realized we were on to something, and the association ramped up our efforts.

By the 3rd year we had almost every unit in the community participating. Every year starting with that 3rd year, we have raised over \$100,000. So far the event has raised nearly \$700,000 over those past seven years. I'm hoping this year we will get that number close to \$1 Million dollars!

### Q: Speaking of Goals, what are your Goals for the 8th Annual 24-Challenge?

A: My overarching goal every year is for it to be our biggest and best year ever! The mission of the TACP Association is to: *Remember, Honor, and Support*. I feel this event accomplishes all three. The main reason the event was created was to honor our brothers that gave their lives in support of our great country, both in combat and in training. Second, we honor the living. We honor TACPs past and present and their families by coming together for this event and celebrating our TACP heritage and the TACP community. The last part of the TACP-A mission is support. We

support those in need by raising funds and awareness of the TACP Association. This way, when we are called upon to support one of our own, we are ready with the right people to assist and have the funds available to provide that support, whatever it may be.

The Specific Goals for 2019 are: Raise at least \$225,000, track at least 6,000 participants, and log over 50,000 miles. I know we can meet these goals. We just need everyone's support.

### Q: Is there anything else you would like to mention or talk about in regards to this event?

A: What I love to see every year is the different ideas and ways the different teams and units put their own signature on the event. We keep the rules fairly generic for a reason because we know what works at one location might not work at another. Teams are free to run it as they see fit. I also want to mention. In case anyone is unaware, we added a few new categories last year in hopes to generate more interest and support. We added the Individual and Ultra Ruck. We brought back the Team Ultra Run, and we added the average miles per participant category.

When I came up with this crazy idea eight years ago I would never have envisioned what it has become. The success is a reflection of the hard work and amazing support from across the TACP Community!

## TACP Association Store Featured Item

This month's featured item is the TACP Ranger Panties.

These aren't some cheap knock-offs. These are the real deal Softe running shorts made from loose fitting 100% soft tricot (and freedom). Just like a badass JTAC, these shorts won't snag or run. Guaranteed to make your beard grow, improve

your PT scores and increase your overall level of awesome. Available in size small, medium, large, XL or XXL. Unsure of which size to get? Order a size down because 'MERICA!

All of this for the insanely low price of \$25.

To order, visit:

[TACPAssociation.org](http://TACPAssociation.org) and click the "Shop" tab at the top of the page.

As always, proceeds from your purchases at the TACP store go right back into the coffers to support the TACP Community!



**TACP Ranger Panties**

## What the TACP Associations Means to Me

As an ASOS Squadron Commander, the TACP Association has been a dependable lifeline for my leadership team to help my Airmen when other means of assistance may take too long or are not appropriate. The TACP Association has been extremely supportive of the men and women of my squadron.

On two separate occasions the TACP Association was able to assist my squadron members this year. One member needed help traveling to be with family after a tragic accident. The assistance allowed our airman to focus completely on his family and not costly debt due to travel costs.

The TACP Association helped a squadron member and his fami-

ly make repairs to their home after a break-in. The quick support allowed the family to secure their home the same evening and avoid having to stay in a hotel.

The TACP Association is always an option that I discuss with my senior leaders and the individual in need. No matter the issue, the association has been readily available to assist in any way possible.

The quick decision making by the members of the association for those TACP members in need of assistance represent one of the best ways in which this organization can have a lasting impact.

In addition to resource support, the TACP Association has provided a number of guest speak-

ers and former TACP members to help our current Airmen connect and learn about the tremendous impact those who have sacrificed to create and improve the TACP community. I encourage those reading to reach out to the TACP Association representation in your area and increase the interaction and mentorship opportunities. Association members have experiences and knowledge that can help our Airmen.

I am grateful for the hard work the association has done to honor our fallen members, while also supporting our active duty, guard, retired, and civilian members around the world.

Signed,

Lt Col Frank Biancardi, 9 ASOS Commander



Lt Col Frank Biancardi speaking at the 11 ASOS deactivation ceremony

## TACP Store Launches 12 Days of Christmas Giveaways!



Here's your chance to support your TACP Association and win free swag in the process!

Beginning on December 1, the TACP Association store will post an item onto the TACP-A Store Facebook page every day for the first 12 days of December.

Earn a chance to win the item

posted each day by "liking" the post, adding a **comment** to the post, and **sharing** the post. You must do **all three** things to win.

Each participant has until midnight each day for a chance to win that item.

A new item will be posted the following day.

The TACP Association will announce the winner in the comments section of the original post on the TACP-A Store Facebook page.

Visit the TACP-A Store Facebook page by logging onto: [www.facebook.com/TACPStore](http://www.facebook.com/TACPStore)

Be sure to "like" the page while you are there.

TACP-A swag makes fantastic Christmas gifts! Visit the TACP-A store by logging onto:

[www.tacpassociation.org/blog/shop/](http://www.tacpassociation.org/blog/shop/)

Take advantage of the many items currently on sale. Some items have been reduced to prices as low as \$5!

As always, proceeds are used to support the TACP community.

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