



President's Message (06-09-2017)

This message is happily the lead to a very meaningful *Firing Circle*. The AC-119 Gunship Association's IT Committee has been working with extreme energy to enable the new Web Site and associated database for a smooth and successful launch. **And that time has arrived.** Also, all the elements to make for a successful Reunion XVIII in Dayton, OH, have been forged into a solid, and yet diverse, event. Therefore, we are using this June 2017 *Firing Circle* as the tool to provide you:

- 1) all you need to know to access and use the new Web Site, and (at the same time),
- 2) learn all about the upcoming Reunion and **register on-line** to attend.

I said this previously, but it is of value to repeat: The new Web site is a well-crafted, and comprehensive. It is way more than a great place to get current news and information; it is becoming The Place to find an ever-increasing amount of history about our Association. Further, it will simplify and automate: Reunion registrations (event module); buying Association paraphernalia from the Quartermaster's site (eCommerce); and communicating within the Association's membership. The result reduces a lot of background labor, paperwork, and Board member's keyboard time.

Thank you again to the very hard working teams:

Information Technology (IT) Committee: Wayne Laessig, Ron Julian, Jim Mattison Dayton Reunion XVIII: Ron Julian, Rogers Stevens, Al Heuss, Jim Alvis, Vern Hansen

Have a safe and enjoyable start to summer-time.

Mike Drzyzga

Web-Site Launch:

Wayne Laessig did a super job of creating two "tutorial" documents that will aid everyone in making the most of the new Site. Those are either attached to the email message carrying this *Firing Circle*, or accompanying this via postal mail. Look at these carefully, and you be clicking away in no time. These documents are also on the Association's FaceBook page.

Note: Due to the importance of getting the Web Site "up and live" to you, and the size of the attachments, all of the "normal" *Firing Circle* content will be deferred to the next one.