



Minutes of the AC-119 Gunship Association Third Reunion Membership Meeting September 29, 2002

Following are the minutes of the General Meeting of the AC-119 Gunship Association at the Sheraton Four Points Hotel in Ft. Walton Beach, Florida on the 28th Day of September, 2002 at 0900 hours, attended by 87 members attending the third AC-119 Gunship Association Reunion. The 87 constituting a quorum of the membership & the voting body as defined in the By-Laws.

The Vice-President, Larry Fletcher called the meeting to order, at 0905 hours, followed by the membership rendering the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

Larry greeted all who were present & congratulated them for being here & talking part in this very important meeting. He stated that some of the members did not come because of the weather (Forecasted Hurricane, downgraded to tropical storm).

The Recording Secretary Jimmy Grant read the minutes from the last meeting. Jimmy passed out copies of the minutes to the membership & asked them to read it over & if there were any changes, he would make them. There were no changes & the membership accepted the minutes as written.

Treasurer Art Perry provided the Treasurer Report. Art reported that our financial status is in good shape. He reported that we had put out \$338.00 for the patches & we have taken in \$3698. Art gave the IRS report on the 503-C3, we will be tax-free if we don't gross over \$25,000. Art informed the membership that IO Ray Barradale had donated \$2,500 to the association. Norm Evans made the motion to accept the Financial Report. The membership passed the motion.

Larry Fletcher made a motion for the association to purchase a flag for 18th S.O.S so we will not have a problem like we had at the last reunion where the 18th Flag that we borrow from the Air Commando Association was lost. Jimmy Grant seconded the motion & the membership passed it to purchase the flag.

Larry reported on the web page for the association. He stated our Webmaster Bill Petrie had been putting photos from the last reunion on the page but his illness had slowed him down some & that his prayer is that Bill beats the cancer. Larry asked the membership to donate \$450 for the web page. The membership passed the motion.

Larry reported that we should put an ad in the Retired Enlisted Magazine about the reunion

Then Editor Everett Sprous reported he had spent \$300.00 on a program for his computer to do the newsletter & so far the newsletter has cost the association about \$1,100.00. Everett asked the Vice-President about the non-profit mailing. Art Perry stated that the non-profit rate was higher than the first class. The membership voted for having two (2) newsletters a year. Everett stated he needed another printer. The motion was made by Norm Evans to purchase the printer, the membership voted to give Everett \$400.00 to be used for the purchase a printer. The membership stated that they should be the Missouri Boys.

Old Business:

The Association By-Laws committee recommended a change in the by-laws of Article IV, Membership, Section 2. Associate Member. The membership passed the changes to the by-laws. You can see those changes (& all other approved changes to the By-Laws to date) on the website.

New Business:

Vice-President Larry Fletcher made a motion for a Brass Memorial Plaque to be purchased for the Air Commando Air Park to honor those AC-119 brothers who died in Vietnam. The estimated cost of the plaque is \$800 to \$1000. The motion was tabled until the next reunion in 2003.

Larry also talked about the Banquet & the Fred Graves Golden Can Award. He made a motion to add two (2) more positions (1.Chaplain & 2.Newsletter Editor) on the Board of Directors. Norm Evans 2nd the motion & the motion passed.

Gary Gourley explained to the membership about the video of our action in SEA. He stated that it cost \$75 for the set-up fee & that was a one-time cost. The Association could sale the videos. Wayne Laessig made the motion for the association to pay the set-up fee for the video. Motion seconded. The membership passed the motion.

Vice-President Larry Fletcher made a motion for the association to send flowers or a donation to a member's family with a max of \$100 at a member's death. The motion was passed by the membership.

Larry next explained to the membership about the request from the 4th SOS to join our association. The membership tabled this request until the next reunion so the board of directors could look in to it more.

Larry asked if there was any more new business, being none he opened the floor for nominations for the Board of Directors.

Gus Sininger was nominated & elected President.

Wayne Laessig was nominated & elected Vice-President

Ray Barradale was nominated & elected Secretary

Art Perry was nominated & elected Treasure

Everett Dale Sprous was nominated & elected Newsletter Editor

Vice-President Larry Fletcher congratulated the newly elected officers who were given a huge round of applause by the membership. Larry also congratulated all who were present for taking part in this reunion. He then entertained a motion to adjourn. The motion was accepted and was seconded & the meeting was closed at 10:30 a.m. 28 September 2002.

Secretary

Ray Barradale