

## AC-119 Gunship Association Meeting October 4, 2003 Ft Walton Beach, Florida

- Now: ask Ron Julian and Rogers Stevens if they'll accept leadership positions for next year
- Pre-Meeting: Figure out who the 2 highest ranking officers are (1 from 17<sup>th</sup>, 1 from 18<sup>th</sup>) to read names at the Memorial. Preference is a prior 17<sup>th</sup> (Albert?) and 18<sup>th</sup> Commander (Matheson?)
- Post-Meeting w/new Board: PLAN some time to share files, computer disks, lessons learned, etc!
- Pool Party/BBQ: Pass The Hat Tradition – just ask for donations at pool party again, then use the Board Vote of Confidence authority to expend \$\$ for individual members (flowers or contribution NTE \$100)

0800-Hours Association Meeting Four Points- Hudson Hall

1. Call to order - Pledge of Allegiance - Prayer: President Gus Sininger & Chaplain
2. Welcome to all: Gus
3. Approve Minutes of 2002 Membership Meeting: Ray Barradale (sent out ahead of time using contact database)

### State of the Association (do this using our computer projected onto a big screen or the wall)

4. Secretary's Report: Ray Barradale
  - a. Membership review:
    - i. Members/Life Members
      1. Totals for each: 71<sup>st</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup>, Support
      2. Gains/Losses
    - ii. Reunion numbers and trend
      1. Totals for each: 71<sup>st</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup>, Support
      2. Spouses and Family
5. Treasurer's Report: Art Perry
  - a. *Overall Revenue generated-expected* compared to *Expenses paid-expected*
    - i. Membership Revenue
    - ii. Reunion Registration Revenue and Expenses (Summary plus broad breakdown areas) w/Net = \_\_\_\_\_
    - iii. T-Shirts & Hats (Gus) / Patches (art)/ Videos & CDs (Norm)– Revenues and Expenses w/general balance = \_\_\_\_\_
    - iv. Memorial Plaque Expense \$1262
  - b. Net financial health of the Association compared to last year
    - i. Carryover "pot" and Net gain this year
    - ii. Total "worth" after expenses
6. Webmaster's Report: Bill Petrie (do a quick web walk-through)
  - a. Ask for Webmaster Apprentice volunteers
  - b. Schedule a Sunday Breakfast Meeting with Bill **Time - Location -**
7. Newsletter Editor's Report: Everett Sprous
  - a. Newsletter via e-mail – copies there for those who want one – Ev
  - b. Contact Database
    - i. Display it and explain how used/how to update it – Jim Terry, Wayne, Ev
    - ii. Ask for Volunteers to contact lost members or new ones as Regional "Points of Contact"
    - iii. Schedule a Sunday Breakfast Meeting Jim, Wayne, Ev **Time - Location -**
8. Old Business: Wayne Laessig
  - a. Approved actions from last year's meeting: Wayne
    - i. Brass Memorial Plaque at Hurlburt Air Park: Gus
    - ii. Squadron Flag (18<sup>th</sup> SOS New Flag)
    - iii. Newsletter Editor, and Chaplain established as non-voting Board members....continue to serve unless request to be relieved, are removed by voting Board or majority of dues-paid Reg/Life Mbrs... at Reunion Membership Meetings. CLARIFICATION: This includes Webmaster Bill Petrie.
    - iv. S.E.A Videos: on view & on sale in Hootch
  - b. Tabled Actions
    - i. Next Reunion location: Ron Julian and Rogers Stevens
      1. Pros and Cons discussion with Board Recommendations and reasons: Wayne (Survey response summary; Col Ron Terry; AF Museum leverage; etc)
      2. Vote: Gus
    - ii. Formation of a USAF Gunship Association: Gus and Tim (Spectre President) **downplay; "not just yet"**
      1. Current AC-119 Association: Shadows-Stingers from 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> SOS, including Support Squadrons & Shops
      2. Shadows: 71<sup>st</sup> SOS (Not a formal Association, Reunion-focused, w/broader aircraft focus including AC-119G)
      3. Spectre (Vietnam, Panama, Gulf, Afghanistan, Iraq, next....)
- b. Air Commandos

### BREAK

9. Hootch Rules and opportunities: Wayne Laessig
  - a. Beer/soda/water/munchies

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- b. Bring an old crew picture, take a current one, get both printed (Saturday and Sunday afternoon or whenever you can find Wayne, Ev, or Bill)
- c. Videos/T-Shirts/Hats/etc
- d. Guest: Sundog FAC – Host: Craig Corbett
  - i. An Loc get-together in the hootch Saturday afternoon
  - ii. State of FLIR technology in the hootch Sunday afternoon
- e. Mackay Trophy Crew get-together in the hootch later in the day (or Sunday)
- f. Guest: AC-130 Program Manager (State of the art on fixed-wing Gunships; our Grandchild) – Host: Tim Harman
- g. Guest: Col Ron Terry (Father of Gunships and Dayton Reunion speaker) – Host: Ron Julian or Rogers Stevens
10. New Business: Wayne and Gus
  - a. Association Awards: the Terry Courtney Above and Beyond Award (Bill Petrie) and the Fred Graves Magellan Award (Art Perry) to be presented at Banquet:
  - b. Commission an AC-119 painting with Lithos by Darby: Bill Petrie (Start a sign-up list)
  - c. Place AC-119K Model at AC-119G in Hurlburt Air Park on pedestal w/information plaque attached
  - d. Stinger Restoration Project: way **beyond Association means as Association project**. Anyone interested get w/POC??
  - e. Have a Contact person to help members on lost or missing S.E.A. awards and decorations: Steve MacIsaac
  - f. By-Law Addition: add continuity position on Board to keep stability for the next reunion and so forth. Title: *Prior-Year Board Member for Continuity* (voting position). Another option; create President-elect position that automatically moves to President (tough for volunteers): Gus
  - g. Board authority vote of confidence: Wayne
    - i. Board makes Reunion decisions that cost \$5-8K: negotiations with hotel, caterers, banquets, Memorial services, Newsletters, website, etc. Includes decisions on equipment or expenses like:
      1. Newsletter costs for paper/print cartridge/e-mail/postage; number of Newsletters; Newsletter IT costs/upgrades
      2. Paying website fees ahead for one year; authority for Web master to delegate pages to individuals
      3. Reunion advertisements (under \$50 for Reunion Notice-type advertisements in magazines, AF Times, Retired AF Assoc, etc - not separate advertisements)
      4. Equipment for the Newsletter Editor.
      5. Special Memorial Fund Account for Fallen Members; (Will BE President's Discretion such as used for the Pomerelle family which came out of T-shirt account)
      6. Payment discretion for Guest Speaker expenses (room, meals, transportation)
      7. Association Award Nominations & Processes - making the Association Awards and Official Association Awards Program for each reunion ( **Art Perry for the Magellan award and Bill Petrie for the Courtney award**)
    - ii. **BOTTOM LINES:**
      1. Volunteer board should not have to pay out-of-pocket expenses for known expenses before getting reimbursed.
      2. Board authority includes reasonable flexibility to accommodate volunteers; not having to wait for Reunions to let them do what's needed; Board is elected by you.  
Board should provide Info Updates in the Newsletter, and if anyone sees an action they have a concern about, they can e-mail or phone a Board member and it will be re-discussed and re-voted on by the Board if needed (followed by an update) and included at the next Association Meeting if needed.
      3. We CAN pay professionals to run Reunion V (Wayne analyzed as not worth the money as long as board has authority to do what's needed)
      4. Vote of confidence.
11. Nominations and Vote for next Association Board: Gus
  - a. President (**Ron Julian or Rogers Stevens**)
  - b. Vice-President
  - c. Secretary
  - d. Treasurer
  - e. Chaplain (Larry Hunter will do it if no one else)
  - f. Prior-Year Board Member (Wayne Laessig)
  - g. No vote required for Newsletter Editor: Everett Sprous
  - h. No vote required for Webmaster: Bill Petrie
12. Set Dates for Reunion V and Location for Reunion VI: President-Elect
  - a. Vote: October 1-3, 2004
  - b. Vote: Ft Walton Beach, Fla for Reunion VI in 2005
  - c. Need a POC or two for Reunion VI
13. Business from the Floor: President-Elect
14. Adjournment: President-Elect and Past President (Gus)
15. 1100 – Hours - ADJOURNMENT