

AC-119 Gunship Association Membership Business Meeting
9:00 a.m. September 30th, 2017 at Holiday Inn, Dayton, OH.

1. Pledge of Allegiance & prayer by Chaplin Larry Hunter
2. Mike Drzyzga - used PowerPoint presentation for key facts/figures/talking points (available on the Web Site).
3. Fourteen reunion First Timers were recognized. Reviewed the membership history chart – membership is increasing slightly. The cost of postal/office supplies still high (\$800/yr), Desirable keeping E-mails updated & to receive Newsletters by e-mail. There is a large MCL list in the Hootch for everyone to review, add/correct info. JP Mac Isaac is our videographer & is in room 316 to do personal videos. Everyone who has not done one, including new guys, were encouraged to do so.
4. Doug Wohlgamuth - Treasury report presented in detail, accepted with no discussion, & approved by members.
5. Wayne Laessig - Problems with the new website are 100% when using older, outdated browsers. Our new web master, Bruce Mueller's daughter Cindy will work w/WL to clean up, add content, & update the website.
6. Gus Sininger - Quartermaster activity increased multifold with website coming on line. Shipping costs also increasing. We need help for the Quartermaster, but no one volunteered. MD will talk with Asst QM Lee Wolf.
7. MD - We can use new ideas for things to sell, but FB is not the way to tell people. New items need to go through the quartermaster & the Board.
8. MD - Newsletters: We distributed six. We also need a computer savvy person to help with the newsletter; MD is currently doing two tasks. Without additional help offered, the number of annual newsletter will be reduced from six to four per year.
9. Don Craig - Reported on active-duty 17th SOS's Kadena AFB high demand flying MC-130J Commando II.
10. Al Heuss - not available to report on the 71st SOS at Kirkland AFB, Albuquerque, NM
11. Col Mac - Reported on 16th SOS at Cannon AFB, NM, flying AC-130W. TS- Reported that 2017 MacKay Trophy was awarded to 16th SOS.
12. Everett Sprou - gave an update on Facebook. Membership continues to increase, with over 460 joined. The admins were recognized, especially for successfully keeping politics & other junk off.
13. Terry Sarul -The second history book project needs more inputs. We only have 15 new personnel bios at this time. Bio Forms are amiable in the Hootch by ES scanner desk. WL will put the bio form on the web site.
14. ES - Media manager: If you need a copy of a personal video, contact ES – our Videographer has provided ES a large HD with all our videos on it.
15. MD - Introduced & recognized our membership POCs.
16. MD - What are we going to do for our 2019 reunion, our 20th anniversary? We had two proposals for future reunion places: 1) Chuck Williams will be the RC for Salt Lake City, Utah, 2019 and 2) John & Laura Wolff intend to take on the RC for Omaha, Nebraska in 2020. This is a major step in assuring the future of the Association. A motion was made, seconded, & approved to go to Salt Lake City, Utah in 2019 & Omaha, Nebraska in 2020. There was a discussion about using event coordinators & their cost affecting reunion registration fees.
17. A short break was taken to set-up a PPT from VA speaker, Dr. J. Thomas Hardy. Dr. Hardy spoke of the changes in the VA administration, & acknowledged that much more needs improving. The Dayton VA is recognized as one of the most efficient. Dr. Hardy told his story as a consultant to the RVN, & while in a TIC near Cambodia, a spooky gunship saved his bacon. We applauded his service. He provided pins & stickers, made available in the hootch.
18. Nominations / Election of New for board officers –MD indicated that all positions are open, & the Association can use new ideas & additional help. After a moment, all you heard in the meeting room was the buzz of the overhead fluorescent lamps. MD indicated that he had previously anticipated this situation, & said that all current members are willing to continue. A motion was made, seconded, & approved to retain the present officers on the Board for next year.
19. MD - Updated status of AC-119K # 850 restoration for a war museum in Tan Son Nhut, Vietnam.
20. Cash McCall requested anyone that belongs to a military organization that publishes, to write to the editor requesting they continue to print reunion information. We used the American Legion this year (free) & did not pay huge price increases for others.
21. Meeting adjourned at 11:00.

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