

From: Wayne Laessig [qadvocate@sbcglobal.net] **Sent:** Fri, Aug 24, 2007 11:29 AM **To:** Vern Hansen (vchansen@woh.rr.com); jralvis@indy.rr.com; Doug Wohlgamuth (busch791@msn.com); Gus Sininger (stinger7172@cox.net); Gus Sininger (g.Sininger@seil.net) **Subject:** 2007: AC-119 Conf Call Notes from Fri, Aug 24

Greetings! Here's the notes I took – add, correct, clarify, or delete. It includes the latest on TTU with Dr Maxner replacing Dr Reckner. Thanks! Wayne

1. Auctions and / or Raffle Items

- We will use a “joint” area for the Friday, Saturday, & Sunday night meals (not separate areas). Gus will ask Spectres how they envision doing auctions or raffles; Vern will address same when he talks with Pat.
- Lithos & Brothers Picture (Bill's)
 - Bill will do 1 *Brothers* for Aussie guy, with a bit more room around it for signatures. We will have these at Registration check-in with a note asking our AC-119 guys to sign it. We will also ask Bill to do a 2nd one (with the larger edges) for everyone to sign as a raffle prize (Reunion memento).
 - Ron J, ask Col Terry if he'll sign a few sets of the Lithos that we can do as a special sale or auction.
- Commemorative Rifle and Pistol
 - Board agrees we don't have it all “together” enough to auction these this year (lack of our own AC-119 area to do the auction; inability to do adequate publicity; desire to assure we build this up to optimize auction bids)
 - Wayne will talk to Ron & if he will still build it this year, we will display it (or pictures of it) but do auction NEXT year (with lots more publicity including Newsletter article)
- Karen Graves is bringing a couple of boxes of hand-stamped notes
- Lynette TBD
- IF the logistics/mechanics of a standard auction are not practical, we might put stuff out and do a silent auction (with defined raise minimums) where highest signed bidder at a pre-defined time deadline gets item(s) at that bid.

2. Reunion attendance numbers, ACA overlap, and AC-47 contact message

- We have about 138 total folks but some are signed up with hotel and not reunion. We will contact them:
 - Bartlett – Gus
 - Jones, Meleen, Dydo – Doug
 - Allison, Petrie – Wayne
 - Schumann, Mahany, Savelle, Evans – Jim
 - McCreight – Vern
- Gus ask Spectres how many they have signed up

3. Spectre Coordination: Banquet agenda, emcee, etc

- Vern will call Pat (Spectre Prez) to discuss and coordinate
 - Col Terry's separate session "invitee list", location, & time (after Assoc Mtgs Sat & before Memorial Svc)
 - Emcee role at banquet and memorial agendas
 - Auction/raffle expectations
 - Loan/use of Spectre laptop projection
- Dr Maxner will do TTU presentation at our Assoc Mtg then over to Spectres

4. Newsletter - Bill agreed to take it on

- Board would like 3 per year
- POCs for quick notes & short messages
 - Ev? Wayne will ask CA Breakfast Group if they've received 18th POC messages
 - Chuck, Jim A, & Jim T
- MCL Posting = next board

5. Association Meeting Agenda (not in order yet) – Wayne will send Vern prior year agendas

- Jim: Minutes & Membership Report
- Doug: Financial Report
- Vern: Revenue Needs
 - Keep Registration Fee
 - Pass the Hat at meeting this year
 - Contributions & auctions/raffles – promote & advertise.
 - Jim A will design a simple “AC-119 Gunship Association” Contribution Receipt.

- Wayne will ask John Martin if he'll take the lead role on this overall.
- Explain & publicize firearms
- Scholarships: OK as individual making a specific scholarship contribution where Assoc does the selection (Ron & Venetia Soderquist would like to do one). We'll need selection criteria.
- Fletcher: History Book Report
- Next Reunion Proposal Guidelines (we put in the POC Messages):
 - **If you want to host the 2009 Reunion**, bring a named volunteer Reunion Coordinator and at a minimum, a hotel that can accommodate:
 - 1) a Hootch where we will provide our own beverages (including beer) and munchies, and
 - 2) a banquet area for 350 folks.
 If those details are not provided, proposals for future Reunion sites will not be accepted.
 - Wayne will draft a By-Law change
- Board Nominations: develop rotating schedule of multiple year positions. Wayne draft a By-Law Change
 - All current Board agreed to continue for 2008
 - Board agreed to ask Bill to accept a VP nomination (as well as Editor role)
- 6. JP MacIsaac and Reunion Videography.
 - Doug will bring Tripod
 - JP will use History Room to video stories
 - Wayne will work with JP on Handout for Registration packets plus poster for Hootch
 - \$1000 for videographing, editing into 2 hour DVD with stills embedded; all products useable by Ralph & Fletcher for History Book
- 7. DVDs & Automation Tools:
 - Ev sending DVDs
 - Rogers: bring remaining supplies for Ralph to take to Ev
 - Dydo: asked him to bring what he has to Reunion
- 8. Update on Stinger Monument: coming today to fix it.

Background on the firearms: Ron Soderquist is one of our Life members and an 18th FE who now repairs and builds firearms in Washington state. Ron and Venetia (his wife) offered to build two commemorative firearms for our Association to auction or raffle as we desire. Bud Buchanon, Gus, and Wayne talked with him and we're gonna do it. We've tried to work this for several years and we finally closed the loop (Thank you, Gus). Ron will build a Ruger 10/22 rifle with 10 and 25 shot magazines – the stock (Boyds) will be black signifying our night flying, the receiver will be silver signifying the silver of our wings, and the barrel will be red signifying the blood we lost in SEA. Wayne snail mailed Ron the list of our KIA and if he can get it done, he'll inscribe their names on the barrel. The pistol (Tactical Solutions) will be a 10 shot Ruger with both a stainless steel and second barrel. The handgrips will be red, and other parts silver/black symbolizing the same things as the rifle's colors. The value of these two is \$1200-1500 for the rifle and \$1000 for the pistol. These are both beautiful as well as functional firearms.

Gus and Ron talked about "how" to send the two and we'll work to make sure it's simplest for them plus whoever gets them. Ron's a licensed Gunsmith and knows how to do everything needed.

Ron and Wayne talked and will work with him and Venetia to craft a POC message plus some info for the web to publicize this. We also talked about doing an in-progress picture or two so we could show the two being built (on our website) to both publicize them and generate some interest. Ron requested an Association Coin to embed in the rifle's stock (Gus sent Coin).