

AC-119 Gunship Association Telecon Minutes from Tue. 4/9/2013

1. T-Shirts: E&J have source & are finalizing design – we can have shirts w/ pockets, or w/o, or a combination of both. Some discussion lead to a **Decision: ALL with pockets. E&J will send design for final approval.**
2. Reunion Tours (Bill P needs details by 4/16 for the next Newsletter): **Almost finalized; E&J getting proposals for Thursday Hill Country + LBJ Ranch + Fredericksburg shopping (winery/antiques) all day for about \$35; and Friday ½ day trip to two local Missions + El Mercado Market Square for about \$20. E&J will provide final Tour info for NL.**
3. Water bottle give away w/registration: **Decision: Lexan is best quality; with TWO patches logos (Stinger & Shadow), OR with Brothers (with Bill P's permission) on one side and the Association patch on the other; all probably black on white (or clear). E&J will provide design & cost proposal. Wayne requested Bill's OK.**
4. Updated RV parking data from E & J should go to Bill P for inclusion in the next N/L. **E&J have additional info & will send to Bill for this NL inclusion.**
5. Local AM radio station: **Wayne will look into use of AM airwaves to promote the reunion.**
6. Ellen rec'd our 17, 18, 71, Association Flags. Need US Flag (we usually borrow one). Hang to fluff them – do not IRON out creases. E&J want to add a USAF Flag. Still need poles & stands. Question brought up about POW/MIA Flag. **Decisions: OK for AF Flag. Yes on POW/MIA flag, Ellen knows a local who can provide what we need, she will inquire and provide Gus and Wayne details. E&J will find someone to loan us SEVEN stands & poles.**
7. USAF Band: Fancy working from Wayne secured a quartet and one or two vocalists. Planning on the best way to use the 25 min they will provide. **Decision: Probably start about 1830; color guard + National Anthem vocalist at 1900 – E&J will work final "timing" for band & Ron Terry's 30 min presentation (not back-to-back). OK to run into meal-time.**
8. "K" 850 Updates from Bruce Byrd: It has been moved again, still intact, but fate is still unknown. Bruce will be going on business to 'nam, and can stay extra days there to work on re-establishing contacts (the old base security contact retired & we need to establish contact w/new one). **Decision: Board authorizing reasonable costs (\$250 or whatever hotel costs are) to supplement Bruce's extra days in country on our behalf.** Bruce is also working to re-establish a contact with the VNAF association. **Bruce sent new letter to VNAF Association.**
9. POC activity: Al Heuss and Bob L are working to provide pictures from the 71st association members for the ABQ Heritage room – build our relationship – they are our legacy. Col Mac is working with Cannon – maybe get an AC-130W training mission to Kirkland for our reunion. CAUTION: we do not want to mistakenly begin a competition between units – and we will strive for a balance in activities. **Decision: Bob w/be primary coordinator w/71st.**
10. NEW: **Bob L. will look into a local newspaper notice re: our reunion.**
11. Newsletter is pretty much set to go on 4/23 – **NL pending the tour info updates from E&J.**
12. Name Tags/Lanyards: EV procured 500 NTs+black lanyards with AC-119 ASSOCIATION printed in white. **Wayne, Bill or Ellen will do NTs. Ellen will bring printer to Reunion for walk-ins & corrections as needed. Ev sent dimensions for NT sizing.**
13. Wayne sent out an xls workbook file with a spreadsheet page with our "Honorary" members. **Mike will compare this to what he has on the Membership XLS for Honorary folks. This should include those unit commanders from our current units. Gus sent 18th updates; still need updates from Jim A 71st and John M 17th. Wayne sent them update requests.**
14. Selling items at reunions **Policy Decision: Criteria is that items must correlate directly to AC-119s; then Board will review requests to sell items & decide on a case-by-case basis to assure it's something we want associated with us. We had jewelry & wooden a/c models sold at previous reunions. In the current case, beautifully crafted wooden display cases with polished, plated 20mm rounds are OK for sale. The Board will decide how. Pat McGillis offered one as raffle item.**
15. Gus identified Purple Heart Association "I Witnessed War" series. A chance to get out story out there; donor may be compensated; really no effort on our party; more to come. **Wayne sent to Bill for Mail Call posting.**
16. Ev did procure a DVD duplicator, not in service yet. **Will be available at Reunion.**
17. 17th POC: **Mike D sent an email request to Larry Fletcher to fill the POC for the 17th. If DOC declines, Plan B will be to ask the Poseys. Mike can fill in as 17th POC in the interim.**
18. There is some dated info on the Website that should be updated. **Wayne sent Bill update requests for POC List including on Alpha Roster (Ev all 18th, 17th TBD), Prez Msg, new Association officer names, By-Laws.**
19. IT Committee Report: **project to improve our IT capabilities is near completion of a structure for a unified database that will fulfill requirements of membership, reunion and MCL reports/queries. Soon we will approach Fred Rider and others to begin discussing how to proceed from here.**
20. Wayne would like the Association to obtain several external Hard Drives and **get copies of all the gigabytes of pics, videos, and other data JP has accumulated over the years.** We can get a a TB Western Digital drive for <\$100. JP is difficult to establish comm link – Jim M suggest a Facebook message may be an effect way to reach him. Or as last resort – we call "his Dad" to help in this regard. **Also need to initiate consolidated Hupe DVD. Wayne will contact JP**

Next TeleConf (2nd Tue) May, 14th MDrzyzga 4/10/13