

Oct. 27, 2013 submitted: M. Drzyzga **AC119 Gunship Assoc – Bd Meeting Minutes, San Antonio, TX Sept. 29, 2013**
Attending: Larry Fletcher, Wayne Laessig, Bob LaRosa, Mike Drzyzga, Doug Wohlgamuth, Gus Sininger, Cash McCall, Jim Dunn, Phil Diehl, Jim Mattison.

1. Gus told us (for new ears) the story of how the Assoc started, & his promise to Fred Graves.
2. Reiterated the usefulness of the **VA's Service Officer role**, & how the process must be forced to work for veterans.
3. Wayne rotates "special association coins" to the incoming prez Larry. Cost of replacement is on an old archived invoice that Wayne has, & he will provide that to Gus.
4. Wayne explained the purpose of this annual Bd meeting: to transfer the business processes ongoing & review tasks. The new Bd can decide on the best way to conduct business. We still have the AC130 Telecom access line, & Gus offers to pay for it. Keep the POCs invited to Telecoms. Reviewed who the POCs are – including our legacy POCs. Wayne stays as honorary/final flight POC.
5. IT committee database is a success to date – need our "own" server in a cloud-based system with common functions for all the various tasks, easy to use, & well backed-up. Such a database saves a lot of (our input & emailing) time, we will pull reports. Fletch indicated this is a priority & we need to push this important task forward.
6. Hotel problems were discussed – we may ask for some refunds.
7. Wayne reported Outreach success with Margaret Scott.
8. Jim M suggests our Membership Form should be on the "file section" of FaceBook (FB). Nice to have it filled-in "on line" & email to Sec. FB is now vetting group members to avoid social-system problems (like politics!). FB is a great tool to get info out quickly, but the Web Site is the key for archiving information for a short term. Larry suggests we all look at the 71st Assoc web-site – contact Jim Alvis for advice/guidance.
9. Larry attended the 71st reunion, 21 **Shadows** attended, noted that the sale of soft covers vs. hard covered books is linked to our median age of the members. We would like to have our web data archives like theirs. We DO have links from our web site to many others, & the current Bd should view them.
10. Wayne stressed that our current 71st guys must get to ABQ for a last hurrah. (Steve) Mac is **ad hoc** POC, 'cause Al **Sproul** is having time/energy related diversions of necessity.
11. Our Web site is well behind – very old data, Bill P knows we are behind, but he owns the web-site – we need to gently push for updates. Our web site needs many functional improvements.
12. NL: what do we want/need? POC doing blasts & NL distribution. Wayne requests we not send NLs as PDF attachments, but send a LINK to our web-site NL location. We should do 4/yr & no more than 6 pages to keep cost minimized. Tony Pakutinski (TP) did great NL, but took too "strong" ownership. Ev did basic word doc NLs in the past – but we cannot ask to overload him now with all of the other responsibilities. Our Spouses as Associates want info in the NL like "great stories". LF will ask TP if he will do the NL again for us. Bd must pre-decide the standard content to GUIDE TP.
13. POCs will **do** Pres Messages blasts/flashes one at a time. Jim Dunn questioned the possibility of using "bulk mail" – lots of pros/cons. But with FIVE NL distributors, "bulk" is less of a possibility.
14. New DB manger/team: We can spend \$\$ for professional developer, not a hobbyist, & we need to contact other military web-sites to see the great stuff out there. This also is a priority for this year.
15. Wayne: ABQ next yr = lots of work with Mac. Task / processes must be Followed through – i.e. verified. Mac needs help, Bob LaRosa is a great helper as co-POC w/Mac. Mac should do Legacy part/interaction/planning: He needs help with T-Shirts & Tours. Bob L will help Mac w/ T-Shirts. Theme is "Operation Legacy." Wayne suggested a "brothers T-Shirt" jointly with our active legacy units. OUR DECISION to what format, number of A/C, what AF units represented. Shirt material quality is a must, gals want "golf style" – Gus does our Assoc for \$27 ea, plus mailing is another \$5 for individual. Shipping from FL to NM can add \$2 to ea. shirt. Suggestion: **Drive** the shirts from FWB to ABQ (early) – save money. Maybe the **Legacy Sqdns** can help fund/participate in design/funding JOINT T-Shirt effort.
16. Gus & Larry noted that too many reunion tours/activities detract from hooch time & merchandize sales. Keep in mind when planning
17. Reunion guide is 7 pages of "How To" learned over many years – Gus/Wayne will contact Jerry & Ellen for updates. The Guide became the basis of our "Scope-of-Work." We should consider Wash, DC for future – lots of great things to do. Cost does balance with discounts from professional meeting managers. Consider streamlining the "legal Liability" language in the guidelines from professional contractors.
18. Wayne suggest a PR person to "sell" St. Louis, gals do not favor there, the Bd can change the location if needed. Wash D.C. may be an alt with Ken Stern as coordinator. Further discussion revealed St Louis does have many attractions.
19. Wayne suggests we keep new Bd members occupied – give them something to do.
20. Important: We must all keep the Bd Contact LIST HANDY & in an email "GROUP" to make emailing easier.
21. Mike discussed License Plate Brackets for future merchandising, UPS stores do them, Gus suggest we assure better quality, Lee Keyser (who did the original batch 11 yrs ago) & Mike to discuss further.
22. Ascot: We have digital images, need to decide how many & the quality. Past efforts with the gals resulted in some minor conflicts – six were made, they did not fit well. We can forward this project – Wayne will provide details to Gus & Larry. Gus is quartermaster & must be involved in all merchandising discussions/ideas.
23. Wayne: Archive our history – most locations will "own it" - so many restriction on public access. Can we specially arrange Joint Ownership. Maybe a telecom is needed with key Bd Members & a host location to move this project forward.
24. Jim M wants to place our lithos on FB. Can BOLDLY mark them as COPYRIGHTED & point to the Assoc web site for sales
25. Gus should contact Specter Assoc Prez to continue using their telecom line – offer them some \$ again.