

AC119 Gunship Association Minutes - from Teleconference Meeting, 12/10/2013

LOTS OF ACTION ITEMS IMBEDDED Attending: L. Fletcher, B. LaRosa, D. Wohlgamuth, M. Drzyzga (reporting), C. McCall, J. Dunn, P. Diehl, E. Sprous, W. Laessig, S. MacIlsac, G. Sininger

I. Meeting Duration 2 hrs., it began promptly at 7 p.m. CST, MD may have to fire-up his voice recorder to capture adequately all the details over the long period.

II. LF provided a summary of key points from the Nov. Telecom meeting. MD notes were acceptable.

III. DW provided the current balance bank account. Do we need to report the actual value here?

IV. Reunion XV – SM (Col Mac) / BL:

- a. Arrangements: Everything is on schedule with a high degree of confidence.
- b. Shirts: SM suggest we no longer have a reunion specific shirt at each reunion (no longer having dates & locations), Our existing Association shirt could become a “legacy” shirt with four units/airplanes represented – “Brothers in Harm’s Way”. There was at least 15 min. of discussion – we do lose \$ from reunion shirts ea. year. WL reminded us that there is, for consideration, the current Shadow II at Kadena AFB (therefore, a fifth a/c), BL is suggesting an AZ color trim of Turquoise color on golf style shirt. SM will obtain patches from the 58th & 73rd & provide them to GS. LF will request images of the two AC-119s from Bill Petrie. GS & JD will work on the Association Shirt. We will need either a formal Board vote or a membership vote to change the Association Shirt to a Legacy Shirt. SM will continue with a reunion shirt for 2014 “legacy theme”.
- c. Tours: Fri. will be a full heritage day at Kirkland, with a fully staffed static display “circle-of-honor” of A/C, & a BBG lunch, much opportunity for us to interact with our heritage. Sunday is a tour to Santa Fe based on three options: a) \$60 bus round-trip bus, b) “roadrunner” taxi service for \$8, c) self-directed. There will not be a formal sign up ahead of the reunion for many other sights to see (simplify the registration form & book-keeping for DW), but there will be info for reunion attendees to have upon their arrival (such as the Tram Ride, Sandia Casino, Thur night informal restaurant dinner).
- d. Wine Repot, CM – there are three vintners’ all OK with supply for reunion, the problem is transportation to ABQ. Cash has a special contact in the transportation business – CM & SM will talk off-line.

V. Newsletter: Bill Petrie may not have received all the write-ups & info necessary for him to proceed with a NL for Dec. distribution. We do have sufficient info to assemble a substantial NL. WL has not been able to obtain final reports / numbers from this year’s (2013) reunion coordinators. Additional follow-up (who?) LF will ask Bill Petrie what more he needs precisely (what is missing) to complete NL. ES has pictures (his & those gathered from others) which should be forwarded to Bill. WL will provide Final Flight info containing ONLY updates from the previous NL. New mission-date for NL is for Feb. distribution.

VI. IT Committee: RJ reported on the vision / goals -- unified database that can link to a new design contracted Web site; the database will be secured, backed-up, contain all the fields necessary for MCL, Alpha roster, membership/ renewal info, & in the future: reunion data, quartermaster’s “store” & automated handling of “forms”. MD will invite all committee members to future telecoms (missed Jim Mattison on this one).

VII. Outreach Committee report by WL: The work group has reached out to over 400 individuals that we have info on. WL requests that as we “find” new folks joining our Facebook page, that we let him know for further Outreach communications. Two other quick mentions that MD missed the details: Tia’s son intends to attend the Academy, Lee Wolf contact Courtney’s to join us (??)

VII (2) Facebook Page: ES will ask Fred Rider TWO items; a) to add “AC119 Gunship Association Officially Endorsed” on the Facebook page, & b) write up a short NL article about Facebook & its value to the Association.

VIII One POC report from WL: There is on-going work with the VA Headstone project – it is the family’s responsibility to take the initiative to effect any changes.

VIX. WL also suggests that if/whenever the POC’s send out “Blast messages” to our contacts, that any one POC should not blast by themselves, but make a coordinated effort amongst all POCs. (maybe we can do this now before the next NL?)

X. Quartermaster: GS indicated that painted License Plate frames can cost between \$18-25. “Plastic Imprinted” frames seem to last fairly long & hold up to the weather better than metal frames. Someone suggested visiting the web site “Rockinplates”, <http://www.rockinplates.com/> for a look at what is available & associated costs. Our discussion then switched to “mouse pads” for \$12 each.

XI. Historian PD stills needs as much input as possible to create a structure as Association Historian. MD has sent PD many previous pdf NLs, ES will send PD what ES has saved as older Word Docs NLs. WL is to send PD much of the historical docs he obtained from the Maxwell AFB archives.

NEXT Telecom Tues 2/11/2014. Details w/be announced by the Sec. Happy Holidays to all!! Mike D 12/15/13