

AC119 Gunship Association Minutes - from Teleconference Meeting, 4/8/2014

Based UPON Agenda ITEMS - Reporting M. Drzyzga 4/13/14 Participants: L. Fletcher, D. Wohlgamuth, M. Drzyzga, P. Diehl, E. Sprou, W. Laessig, S. MacIassac, F. Rider, J. Mattison, J. Dunn.

1. Meeting Duration 1.1 hrs., it began promptly at 7 p.m. CST, Prez. L.F. completed roll call.
2. Sec Report: All routine monthly work is on schedule. Noted that our newest Life Member (#379) is Allen R. Evans, Gunshop NCOIC, received a Bronze Star for 2 yrs. Service at NKP.
3. Treasurer D.W. provided the current balance bank account – about \$22,675. Also, 36 attendees already signed-up for the reunion, three are 1st-timers, & 9 shirt are ordered.
4. Newsletter: Bill P will be able to complete a full Summer Edition NL for us, likely end of June.
5. Meanwhile, **M.D. & L.F. w/assemble “blast emails” for Apr 15 & May 15 to enhance promotional communications.** POCs will distribute. Content outlined in agenda, w/**ONE ADDITION ACTION: D.W. will send “Who’s Coming” updates to Ev for formatting & Facebook, & then Ev will forward to Bill P, M.D. & L.F. for NL & email blasts.**
6. ABQ reunion.
 - a. Ron Julian did a great job delicately handling Ron Terry who is “off-the-hook” – he can be special guest. – & have 10 min or so to speak.
 - b. Col Mac has a Plan B, for a “Young Colonel” to speak.
 - c. WL: Our Legacy Briefing rooms project: there may be 4 rooms. It’s up to the legacy squadrons to make a decision on picking who’s named. They do want our participation. WL will maintain point person as this proceeds over a few political hurdles
 - d. D.W. & Mac on in-line with name tags & registrations for reunion.
 - e. Stinger 41 Memorial Ale report: We need to know how much (Volume) Ale is needed? Can we calculate how many mini-kegs. (past experience: 40 x 18 cans= 720 cans = **68 gallons**. We should also provide specialty store bought brews. F.R. suggests equal to 15 cases. We should inquire re: ½ keg containers to make re-distribution simpler. The Memorial Service will be at the hooch, not at a hotel sponsored event. Publish at what time later. Memorial Banner is in final design. Stinger 41 attending crew/ family can do the dedication -- may have 4 families present. W.L. will contact Browns by email. F.R. will press on.
 - f. Above/Beyond Awards. We do have historical list (former recipients). L.F. wants others name of nominees – we have two names now.
 - g. Notification to publications for our reunion done well. W.L. has an XLS with contact list for this purpose, W.L. will forward to J.D. & L.F.
 - h. S. Mac is having a TCTO on a main gear strut (hip replacement) – he will be down for a while, but still on email.
7. IT Committee updates: R. Julian provided a written detailed report to L.F. – in summary: both tasks (uniform database development & new Web site) are moving forward at a good rate. Well est. milestone schedule. On Apr 9, the IT committee will have a telecomm to continue the momentum. Bill P. is fully supporting our Web transition. W.L. is meeting with one local professional developer, using Bill P. & Pat McGees look & feel format.
8. Outreach Committee report by W.L.: Margaret Scott still doing lot’s for us. W.L. continues press on with search, esp. in search for POCs requests. W.L. proposes that we extend the “legacy outreach” for Ron Terry to Skype with all our legacy squadrons. – either during a legacy day event or during a commanders call, Ron may need to do multiple sessions. We will do a well co-ordinated effort with all legacy squadrons.

P.D., our historian, is a member of the AC119 FB group. S. Mac will contact J.P. to help establish communicate with P.D., Phil will send S. Mac an email to begin this process. Also, S. Mac inquires of J.P. re: the three external Hard Drives on which to build & archive our “history”.
9. Facebook Page: Jim M reports that the FB page is very successful – there are >150 signed on (50% increase since the NL went out) , including 2-3 non-AC119ers. More AC-130 folks joining. Ev put ABQ attendee list & reunion reg form on FB, & J.M. uploaded N/L files & other history files. More effort forthcoming here.
10. Quartermaster . L.F. reports
 - a. Stinger unit patch & coin was sent to Jonathan Rucker to accompany him during his US Army deployment.
 - b. W.L. will contact Gus re: follow-up on new Web site interface for Quartermaster functions
 - c. POST Teleconference Meeting addendum: [License Plate Covers: Gus recommended that the frame being Black with the Red lettering. It really stands out. It was later decided on April 9, 2014 by Gus & Larry to go with the red lettering & black frame.](#)
11. History – P.D. continues to make an effort on this project
12. Last few items (around the Firing Circle):
 - a. L.F. Howie Reid via email note, looking for roommate at ABQ.
 - b. LF: Tom Teal is now in a nursing home after a fall. He will sell his house & car. Bernie Smith will be contacting Tom for getting out on occasion.
 - c. L.F is writing an article for VFW Vietnam Book Project. VFW wants the deadliest battles in the book with quotes from those who were there. The topic of the article is The Battle at Prey Totung, Cambodia on Dec. 12-15, 1970 in which Shadows & some Stingers flew 36 sorties. Cambodians claimed 2,000 NVA Killed; mostly by gunships & airstrikes. L.F. is looking for Shadows & TDY Stingers at TSN who can recall their experience at Prey Totung.
 - d. M.D. to S. Mac: Will a 130J be at ABQ? No – not yet – delivery & schedule commitments

NEXT Telecom will be June 10, 2014. Details will be announced by the Sec. Mike D