

**AC-119 Gunship Association** Board Teleconference Agenda June 10, 2014

Call to Order/Roll Call: 1900 hours Central Time.

Secretary Report: Approval of Bd Minutes for April 8<sup>th</sup> Teleconf. A copy of the minutes should accompany this agenda.

**Michael D.**

Treasurer Report: **Doug**

1. Association Financial Status.
2. Latest number signed-up for Reunion XV at ABQ.
3. Deadline for Doug to order Above & Beyond Award.

Reunion XV Coordinator Report: **Col Mac**

1. Banquet Guest Speaker
2. Banquet Programs / Who makes them & prints them?
3. \*Witness To War Foundation Proposal (Emails also sent to Board members)
4. US Marine Jim Johnson Saved by Shadows (Emails sent to Bd. Members)
5. Reunion 'Thursday Night Special' for Sept. 18<sup>th</sup> (Separate Attachment to Agenda)
6. Bottles, not kegs, of 4 Commemorative Ales in the Party Hootch/ **Fred Rider**

Old Business:

1. \*\*Updated Policy for Reunion Fees / Cost for Guests - See Policy Page 2/3
2. Reimbursement to Newsletter Editor Bill P for iCloud software cost of \$600 to update & enhance Firing Circle capabilities
3. License Plate Brackets / **Quartermaster Gus**
4. Above & Beyond Award for 2014/Two nominees/send your vote to me ASAP
5. Update from IT Team member / **Ron Julian**
6. Association Historian / Clarification of Duty / **Phil Diehl**

New Business:

1. 71<sup>st</sup> SOS Reunion on July 25-26 at Columbus, Indiana (Include in June FLASH)
2. Revise Registration Form for 2015 Reunion to reflect Fees / Guests Policy
3. Future project for AC-119 Gunship Bench for National Museum of the Air Force WP AFB / **Prez Larry**

Last Orbit around the Firing Circle:

Next Teleconference: Tuesday, 8 July 2014 Adjourn

**BACKGROUND INFO** \*WITNESS TO WAR FOUNDATION is a nonprofit 501 (c) 3 Organization based in Atlanta, GA. Foundation Rep Mr. Martin Madert contacted Col Mac Mac Issac about conducting Audio Interviews of AC-119 combat veterans & even active duty personnel with combat experience from our Legacy Squadrons. All interviews would be Free of Charge for all combat veterans & our association for hosting this project.

Those interviewed would receive three (3) DVD copies of their interview free of charge. A DVD of each interview would be sent to the Library of Congress for its Veterans History Project. Our association will also receive a free DVD copy of all interviews. Mr. Madert would attend the reunion & conduct the interviews at no cost to the interviewee or to our association. Col Mac emailed Mr. Madert about his Foundation's interest in our Association's 80+ interviews & Mr. Madert responded with "if your organization would be interested in donating them (our 80+ interviews) for our purposes, I can put you in contact with our Director who handles such matters. Just let me know."

So I (Prez Larry) called Mr. Madert to get clarification of his email for our board teleconference & found out that he had already talked with Wayne Laessig about our 80+ video interviews. Bottom line is that we, the Association, would retain ownership of our video recordings even if we only provided copies to the Witness to War Foundation. Am I right Wayne? If the Board of Directors decides to allow Mr. Madert to conduct interviews at the 2014 Albuquerque Reunion, Col Mac needs to inform Madert of our decision & inform J.P Mac Issac that his interview services are not required this year & that our Association would like him to have all of our video recordings of interviews or copies thereof at the Reunion for Mr. Madert & the Witness To War Foundation.

And if the Board of Directors approves the Witness To War Foundation to conduct interviews at our reunion, I purpose the Board designate Wayne Laessig & possibly, vice prez Bob La Rosa as "point-men" for this project.

**\*\*REUNION FEES**

Re: The Reunion Fee (\$25.00 per person) on the Reunion Registration Form: After email/telephone input from board members, past president, & reunion coordinator, the following updated policy was adopted on 4 May 2014 for charging reunion fees at the 2014 Reunion XV at Albuquerque & future reunions until changed by the AC-119 Gunship Association Board of Directors:

1. Reunion Fees will be required for all members & guests over 12 years of age who attend all reunion activities.
  2. Reunion Fees will not be required for members & guests who attend only one reunion event, e.g. Meet & Greet or Banquet or Bar-B-Q.
  3. Reunion Fees will not be required for guests under 12 years of age.
  4. Reunion Meal Cost for guests under 12 years of age will be one-half (1/2) the cost stated on the reunion registration form
- Note: The AC-119 Gunship Association Board of Directors retains the right to make exceptions as warranted by special circumstances at any time. **\*Reunion Fee Policy needs posting on the Registration Form & disseminated to members via Firing Circle newsletter, FLASH messages, & Facebook.**