

**Tuesday, July 8, 2014**

**I. Roll Call:** started 2000 hours EDT.

In Attendance: L. Fletcher, M. Drzyzga (recording), S. Macisssac, P. Diehl, R. Julian, R. LaRosa, E. Sprous, J. Mattison, G. Sininger, D. Wohlgamuth, F. Rider, C. McCall, W. Laessig

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**II. Secretary Report:** The Board accepted the minutes for the April 8<sup>th</sup> Teleconference. A copy of the minutes accompanied the June 10 meeting agenda.

**III. Treasurer Report:**

1. Association Financial Status: Currently \$27,778.65, but many outstanding costs are waiting to cover the reunion.
2. Latest number signed-up for Reunion XV at ABQ: We received 56 registrations for 112 individuals – which includes 9 “1<sup>st</sup> timers.” Also, there are 42 Shirts orders.

**IV. Reunion XV Update:**

1. Banquet Guest Speaker(s): We expect to have an O6 from Clovis or Kirkland present for about 30 min. The increased demand for these units in far away places, may interfere with the availability of our heritage folk – but by Sept. hopefully many will rotate back. Col Mac will provide LF with Bio when he has the individual confirmed.

2. Reunion ‘Thursday Night Special’ for Sept. 18<sup>th</sup>: Is a great deal and looks to be well attended.

Col Mac has draft flash announcement containing additional details, such as to “BRING YOUR ID Badge holder/lanyard if you have one.”

3. Banquet Programs: The reunion coordinator usually takes charge of this task, therefore Col. Mac accepted the task for ABQ.

4. Updated Policy for Reunion Fees / Cost for Guests – LF reworted a vague policy – the association prez had the ability to adjust by year.

5. ACTION: we need to modify the registration form for future yrs.

6. Witness To War Foundation Proposal: LF cannot get clear or firm acknowledgement regarding our videos. They want to attend ABQ and record interviews for DVDs for Library of Congress – History Project. Lot of people take advantage of our published reunion announcements for their own gain. Cash motioned to ignore this request, it had multiple 2<sup>nd</sup> and “ayed” by all. FL will email his Foundation contact.

**Hootch Wine:** 2 whites/3 reds?: Col Mac want is know what types? Cash and Col Mac will finalize the details of big bottles wine.

**Set-up for Missing Man table:** hotel is committed to provide the arrangement; Cash will do the “reading”. This year we will have a “crew” standing honor behind the table. Rucker’s will have number of attendees.

Wayne rec’d a donation of \$300 from a family member to use as we need.

Plans are still on to have family members attend the Clovis dedication of legacy rooms. Wayne wants to test Skype before engaging Col Terry.

JP will be asked by Wayne to set-up to do video interviews at ABQ. JP gets a “heads-up” by Col Mac.

7. US Marine Jim Johnson Saved by Shadows: He makes 10” wall plaques from patches, cost about \$62.30. LF told him in writing that we will not be middle man for his sales. He is welcome to come and offer his merchandise for sale.

8. Commemorative Ales / Association Expenses: Steve Sirois will charge us \$200-240 for his ingredients, payable on delivery on Wed 17th. We will comp’ him his regi’ fee (max. \$120). We get 16 cases of ale. Each bottle will be labelled to reflect one of four lost crews. Col Mac will also get 16 cases of other beer from Kirkland. The Ale will not be sold.

Fred mentioned the memorial banner that was made by a sub-committee. We should have a “small ceremony” with family members/survivors at the hooch. Wayne is working with the families to assure all is willing to participate. Once Steve has the labels, we should obtain copy for FB or flash posting. Steve needs Board approval for the four labels. We may need to ration the Ales so that they do not get grabbed up very early.

Steve will have brews from other units available – nice to have.

#### V. Quartermaster

1. Gus distributed License Plate Brackets images, and also has Mouse Pads. Gus plans to offer a pre-order in a Flash, and will also bring one of each to the reunion. Mouse Pad are for 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> only.

VI. IT Team: Ron Julian reports: Three contractors have offered proposals that Wayne and Jim M reviewed, the Data Base will be integrated into the web site design. It may cost more than \$5000 to do what we need. The IT committee is teleconf on Thur. 7/10.

VII. Association Historian: Phil clarified again that his job is to compile the history of the Association. Wayne, Ev and JP are great resources for information.

#### VIII. Miscellaneous Items:

1. 71<sup>st</sup> SOS Reunion on July 25-26 at Columbus, Indiana.

2. Opening of SEA Gunship section at National Museum of US Air Force at W-P

AFB, Dayton is getting closer. No firm date at this time. When the date is known, we can send a notice out to the folks with email addresses who live in OH and IN, and maybe PA, to assure adequate attendance.

3. Future Project for AC-119 Gunship Association? AC-119 Bench at National Museum USAF. Large expense for future consideration.

4. JULY 2014 FLASH is forthcoming. Mike is traveling for two weeks and will assemble the July Flash for the last week of July. Any information for inclusion should be sent to either Larry or Mike.

**Note: Mike’s voice recorder failed at item VII – so if I missed any critical points – please make correction.**

Next Teleconference: Tuesday, 12 August 2014

Adjourn at 2132 hours

Respectfully submitted 7/12/14

M. Drzyzga