

AC119 Gunship Association Minutes - from Teleconference Meeting, 1/13/2015

Based UPON Agenda ITEMS -

Reporting M. Drzyzga 1/19/15

Participants: L. Fletcher, D. Wohlgamuth, M. Drzyzga, R. LaRosa, P. Diel, Wade Dunn, G. Sininger, E. Sprou, J. Mattison, R. Julian, W. Laessig, R. Lefarth

1. Meeting Duration 83 min., it began promptly at 8 p.m. EST, Prez. L.F. completed roll call.
2. Sec. Report:
 - a.) M.D. spoke to J.P. again and verified the existing plan: M.D. did receive the 1st Hard Disk and had a friend partition it into two halves, one PC and one with the MAC format containing Association files. All the files were copied to the PC partition successfully. J.P. will send M.D. the 2nd Hard Disk so it can be formatted as a PC and all the files from the 1st will be duped onto the 2nd. J.P. will keep the 3rd Hard disk to continue and complete the transfer which he started 2013.
 - b.) M.D. will assemble and distribute a Jan. News Flash. Focus on the reunion, with updated info re: Web Site development, updates on new members, and final flight. The plan is to stay on 8 pages (4 pieces of paper, or less). L.F. will send M.D. a Prez. Message for inclusion.
 - c.) M.D. reported also that Marshall Mullins great-grand nephew, Hank, who is 16 yrs. old, set in his membership application. Waiting to hear from Doug if Hank's check was received. Also, the next LIFE member to join will be Number 400!!.
3. Treasurer: D.W. provided the following generally (his internet connection is inop now): Bank Acct at \$23,000; Quartermaster Acct \$3,100, Donation collected \$9,350., new monthly routine charges: \$22.18 for telconf line, about \$30 for DreamHost web site home, \$30 for PayPal Acct. (verified with bank acct.) We will not use PayPal for reunion registration because there is no automatic tracking operating yet.
4. Quartermaster's report – Gus sent M.D. image files of the 119 "hat pins" and the "Gatling gun tie tack". This will be included in the next Flash. Info for purchasing Unit Decals was in the previous (Nov.) Flash. Gus' Inventory now has many images with low quality images. TWE will not pull off images from the current web site. They want us to provide them direct input. Wayne and Gus will look at the project web site to choose the images we want to use later this week.
5. Newsletter: B. Petrie spoke to L.F.. and indicated he cannot do a NL now – so we will do a Flash as planned. B.P. did update our current web site with reunion information.
6. Web Site (IT Committee) report: Wayne sent an email with three updates. The quartermaster module was addressed above. Wayne explained what MySQL software is and what the Content Management System (CMS) is, and how they interface. Actually, the CMS allows users to update (make changes) and pull out data (reports) from the MySQL database w/o actually accessing MySQL. R.J. expanded the CMS report functioning. The E-Commerce and Event modules are separate CMS – this is much cleaner way to manage a lot of data. We still plan on an "approval level" for major changes to the MySQL database. TWE is revamping there hardware systems using a new vendor. TWE and IT Committee will work on possibly simplifying the originally large detailed data fields we considered for MySQL. TWE wants us to id a new Reunion Registration Template, to be built into the Event Module. This will allow us to change it each year quite easily, and the previous reunion data will be archived. Re: the Web Pages – TWE put up a "place holder" on the "real" Web, W.L. asked them to "take it down" until we provide the final details. Most of the web items can be completed by the end of Feb. The Web headings and sub-topics are already defined. Still a few items that need initial clarification, i.e. "mail-call" module.

7.. Reunion XIV, St. Louis Report, Ev/W.D.: Re supplies for the Hooch, 5 requests sent for quotes—waiting on three returns – when all quotes are received, W.D will forward to D.W., River Cruise for Sunday (during the Golf event) – April 1 W.D. will call the cruise line for info. PIO Christy Sparger, Scott AFB will provide details for color guard attendees. A 3x5 Flag was obtained from local VFW post. L.F. asked about Musical Group from Scott? Christy needs 45-60 days before the reunion to arrange details. If we could, we would like to have music – future Teleconf discussions. L.F.: Hold the Witness to War Foundation and Patch Plaque issues for the Feb. telecom. Traveling Wall: Ev can talk to St. Louis contact for attending St. Louis reunion – we can add this topic to our Feb. telecom – one concern is the limited size of the hotel parking lot. Ev: Visitors Bureau will supply bags containing local info. for every person, they will not have a person in attendance. Contacts for all reunion events are signed. **Shirts:** Association Shirts will be used for the reunion, Order Form will be in the Flash. L.F. will add discussion of action for Feb. Teleconf agenda. Call Signs ale: W.L. discussed the names of ground crews who we lost appearing on the Lemon 10 Memorial Banner – and how this does not well translate to Ale Bottle labels. W.L. will talk to Steve Sirois to remake the labels to mimic the memorial banner. Ev will meet with Alloway and Anderson with Ale using current labels, but Tia will be postponed until Labels are corrected. W.L. – MacCay trophy winner (Maricheck?) can be a guest speaker if we want to have a speaker.

8. Ft Walton, Reunion XVII 2016 report: Gus – Survey results; 50 replies – majority indicated “anytime” or “last week in Oct.” at Ramada Inn – next to fishing pier, \$99/std. – \$129 for beach front – PLUS tax. Dates: Oct. 25 – Oct. 31, 2016. Gus questioned ice cost and microphone cost – inconsistent in the contract documents for St. Louis. We must verify the cost in writing before we get into a dispute later. We do get FREE Parking in our contract.

9 Historian Report – P. Deal: Still waiting on info for 1st reunion. P.D. should communicate with B.P., Norm Evans, or Gus. Noted: Gen. Tony Robertson was guest speaker.

10. Magellan Traveling Trophy? We agreed to Discontinue!

11. Last Call around the circle--

a. B.L. question: cut-off date for shirt order – M.D. will use Sept. 15 cut-off in the next Flash. M.D. will use a “modified” Web site Order Form as template.

b. For improved pictures for merchandise, Gus can ask Tony Pakutinsky to help take sharper images.

c. D.W.: Above Beyond Award: early suggestion nomination -- Larry Hunter (Baby Huey).

d. Gus has locked in meal price now for FWB – wonderful planning ahead!

e. Gus – ? To Ev: Is there wine on the table for banquet – EV: yes, one bottle each of red and white: Ev should check on “corkage fees” if any.

f. L.F. compliments J.M. on his recent FB stories –encouraged to continue.

g. EV ? : Name Tags format –the Association has a template that transfers from reunion coordinator to next. Gus wants to simply the name tag data. Also noted, R.J./J.M. Name Tag will come from a standard template from the Event Module data, which will eliminate this annual discussion. D.W. will send final attendee list to Ev and Ev should obtain the current template from Col Mac or Nancy Mac.

NEXT Telecom will be Tue. Feb. 10, 2015. Details will be announced by the Sec.

Mike D