

## **AC119 Gunship Association Minutes - from Teleconference Meeting, 2/10/2015**

### **Reporting M. Drzyzga 2/16/15**

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

1. Meeting Duration 58 min., it began promptly at 8 p.m. EST, Prez. L.F. completed roll call.
2. Sec. Report:
  - a. M.D. has not received the 2<sup>nd</sup> external Hard Disk from J.P. M.D. will use the telephone & push a little more to have J.P. act on his intent to ship. I will not at this point ask Col. S. Mac to intervene.
  - b. We have 403 Life Members.
3. Quartermaster's report – Gus receive too small sized tie clip, he will have them redone. The Hat pins & mouse pads are in stock. An increase in merch' orders may be due to the last Flash. A small number of shirt orders are in. Gus also needs more coins. The new shirts can have a pocket & the "brothers" logo on the back. Resized Tie clips will be in, during the next 2 wks.
4. Newsletter: L.F. -- Plan to distribute after the March telecom. If B.P. cannot do this Firing Circle, M.D. can do a late Flash. Lee Keyser has info to write-up regarding the VN Memorial Wall of Faces. W.L. & L.K. will talk in order to meet deadlines for submissions. We may have to make a smaller flash/NL to get info distributed timely. FIVE KIA we do not have photos. W.L. will contact families to obtain photos.
5. Web Site (IT Committee) report -- W.L.: TWE is back on-line & functional (after some computer problems). 80% of the e-commerce is completed. TWE needs to comm' with D.W. to finish PayPal module, then comm' with Gus to finish merchandise inventory. Gus will receive training on updating the new e-comm inventory module. The "placeholder" Web page will be structurally completed, but not have all the content, until we provide all that. The MySQL will be loaded from our current MCL with basic info, relatively easy. TWE will build basics first, then build-in more pull downs as we dictate. Downstream discussion is needed for handling the "alpha roster". Board will need to make final approval for the Web site structure. M.D. asked R.J. about populating the relational MySQL from a flat Excel MCL. TWE can use F. Rider's field basic structure, leaving the detailed sub-sets data to be populated later. L.F. asked when we can look at the new Site, W.L. indicated: once we are mostly completed. Week of 2/16 will see lot of meetings to finalize open items. We will not pay TWE additional, until the Web is more complete. A lot of existing Web site content will be transferred to the new Site.
6. Reunion XIV, St. Louis Report, E.S./W.D.: Currently 8 registered w/ D.W., & 13 at the hotel. Historical Document show a pre-reunion time distribution showing how many registrants occur over predefined time periods, starting at 90 days out. Most people sign up later than sooner.
  - a. The Mobile War Memorial: Ev called – no response. L.F. still concerned regarding park lot size.
  - b. Witness To War foundation: We will not comp them for anything. They own the final video product. They may also focus on aircrew, risk slighting our maintainers. Motion by Gus to do not have WTW participate. Although it is a worthwhile project, for us it is a gray area. M.D. 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion – L.F. will decline further inquiries.
  - c. L.F. question: Any discussions regarding "Call Sign Ale" for next reunion? Steve Sorois has not approached us, yet, although there may be some FB activity This situation will be "on hold", back-burner. NOTED: We never rec'd video from Steve that was made in ABQ. Ev did arrange for shipping the last group of Ale to those who were not in ABQ – D.W. will reimburse Ev the shipping/packaging costs.
7. Ft Walton, Reunion XVII 2016 report: Gus – Contact is edited as previously discussed & ready! "Rooms" & "room-nights" may not be the same, in fact may be interpreted differently. Gus md W.L. can participate in a conf call to assure that the hotel has sufficient rooms. Also, relatively high cost of ice is due to large size of ice-trough. Corkage was not discussed -- Gus has the planning under control.
8. Historian Report – P. Diehl: Continues to wait on info for 1<sup>st</sup> reunion information. W.L. will gather old info & provide this data AFTER to P.D. after his priority with Web site development & implementation.
9. Last Call around the circle--
  - a. Gus will pay hotel \$500 depo check in order to lock in prices
  - b. J.M. question - FB post stretching the boundary of what we want. Most agree that the FB page is clutter, we want to keep focused on 119 things. Therefore, the gray area opens a unwanted door. We (the Board) suggests JM will tell M. Hanson that other stuff on can be posted on new web links.

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

Mike D