

AC119 Gunship Association Minutes - from Teleconference Meeting, Tuesday, 7/14/2015

Reporting M. Drzyzga, 7/16/15

Participants: L. Fletcher, M. Drzyzga, D. Wolgamuth, W. Dunn, G. Sininger, E. Sprou, W. Laessig, C. McCall, P. Diel, R. Julian.

1. Meeting Duration 58 min., it began promptly at 8 p.m. EDT, Prez. L.F. completed roll call.
2. Secretary's Report (M.D.):

The Minutes from the May 12, 2015 telecom were accepted as distributed (Cash motioned acceptance and Gus 2nd it).
3. Treasurer's Report, D.W.: Association Acct. \$34,219; Quartermaster acct: \$4,140
We have 99 registered for reunion. St. Louis (Fri.) Tour: 45, Riverboat Sunday Brunch Cruise: 41.
Donation for the Sunday's transportation: \$270.
Action Item (2 ea): Doug will send Larry before 8/11, the TOTAL NUMBER of AC-119 veterans that are registered. And, Doug will order "A&B Award" for recipient Larry Hunter.
4. Quartermaster's report – Gus
 - a. Gus is investigating a "USPS one-click-away" means for a "scale" to weigh items for sale.
 - b. Gus has 31 "Shirt" orders for the reunion.
 - c. L.F. Thanked Gus for his efforts interacting with the 18th FLTS as they had a COC ceremony, and MAY HAVE an AC-130J for us to tour at the 2016 reunion. **ACTION Item:** M.D. will send Gus the Life Cert #415 for Lt.Col. Daniel Kobs.
5. Media Manager, Ev: Ev is using the Google Drive (i-Cloud) to upload files from his archive. Ev purchased new DVD cases to help organize those. Ev received a NEW mission tape from Stinger NAV John Franta (deceased). Mike will keep track of the FREE space on the drive and increase the GBytes within a reasonable cost. Ev and other users of the i-Cloud will have to develop a catalog system to keep the files well organized, and easily located.
Larry rec'd notice from PayPal regarding changes in Policy, esp. the marketing aspect. Not an issue.
6. Web Site (IT Committee) report, W.L. –
 - a. TWE provided us a detailed "task-list" – what TWE believes needs to be completed. Wayne and Ron will use the list and compile all previous emails from the IT Committee addressing each item on their list. TWE's Earl is ready to train Gus and Wayne on the editing function for the Quartermaster page, using one item such as a Shirt. Date DBD.
 - b. Reunion registration is mostly functioning but the report format is not yet completed. TWE was already told exactly what needs to be done, so we are re-using previous emails to push this forward. As each item is corrected, we will verify correct functionality.
 - c. To move forward on populating the Web page's content, TWE's Earl will be given "temporary" access to the Google Drive with the ability to download all the files that are all ready for the Web Site. We will not tell him of his access until WE are ready. L.F. asked is there a max number of cloud users. M.D is not sure, believes adding one more should not be problematic.

Wayne's goal is to have all this back to Earl by the 7/17 weekend.

d. **Action Item:** MD will create "folders" on the Google Drive that exactly match (correspond to) the Pull down titles of the new Web page, thereby hopefully ease the process for TWE to pull down the data files into the correct page location. Currently, the Home Page is way-out-of-line, so we need to fix that first.

e. WL is streamlining all the previous emails with our previous decision points for TWE to act upon.

f. R.L. created an extended XLS with all the structure needed to import into MySQL. **Action Item:** R.L. and M.D. to call tele, on Thur. 7/16 at 7:30 pm. W.L. forwards 5 doc's with Web Page structure.

g. WL will follow-up with an overdue Phone call to Gus

h. WL reports that our reunion registration is kind-of "on-target". In order to max communications during the next two months, we will send out FLASH reunion hyped blasts.

7. Newsletter: M.D. will do an 8-page FLASH before end-of-July. The content is well formed with auction items (WL will forward Peggy Craig's email to Gus and all Board members regarding running the auction) the planned activities, with deadlines highlighted, and "who's coming" list with guest/spouses. **ACTION ITEM:** WL to provide MD Final Flight addendum since last NL. Note: L.F. never rec'd Spouses Meeting Mins. from previous ABQ reunion.

8. Reunion XIV, St. Louis Report, E.S.:

a. Ev has the Program Agenda, and Ev will make the programs. Seating Charts are needed in a large size, with front tables reserved for the IT committee, band, honor guard, and Association Officers.

b. Name Tags, etc, etc: The new Web site function for Name Tag creation will not be ready, therefore, Ev will make the Name Tags. LF is concerned with all the little details, such as name tag lanyards, and a small copy of the agenda for each attendee. Ev ALREADY has the mini-agenda, ready for printing (Good job!). **ACTION:** L.F. to contact J.P., getting a room for interviews. Comp Rooms are not yet decided – yet J.P. will receive a comp room and meals as always previously..

c. Wade Dunn: Will assure that the large tables for the action will be in the banquet room.

8. Last Orbit:

a. M.D: **ACTION Item:** Andrea will send Doug the info. Re. contact for the bus company for Aug. 15 payment,

b. D.W: PayPal takes 2.9% and \$0.30 for each transaction. In the future, we can ADD the cost for PayPal usage into the reunion fee or elsewhere. We can pass on cost of doing business. Gus has it covered for FWB next yr.

c. Gus: Comment re FB Scott Bracket – 18th SOS moving the Stinger's from OH to Phan Rang **ACTION Item:** for P.D. Ev will contact Scott re details si he can be added to our Roster.

d. R.J. Name Tags: suggest we look forward to a "standardized" name tag format – will help with future Web output design.

e. LF reminds all Board that they could add topics of interest to the Agenda ahead of the teleconf.. **NEXT Telecom will be Tue. Aug. 11, 2015, TIME as Usual.** Details will be announced by the Sec. as usual.

Mike D