

AC-119 Gunship Association Minutes - from Teleconf Mtg, Tues, 6/14/2016 Reporting: M. Drzyzga 6/18/2016

Participants: Fletcher, LaRosa, Drzyzga, Wohlgamuth, McCall, Dunn, Diel, Laessig, Siningger, Sprous, LaFarth, Mattison, & Stevens.

1. Meeting Duration 70 min., it began at 8:00 p.m. EST, V.P. Pres. Fletcher completed roll-call.
2. Secretary's Report (MD): Minutes from May 10, 2016 Telecom, were motioned into acceptance, as distributed
3. Treasurer's Report: DW Paid Website Maintenance fee of \$600, Total Balance of: \$30,435
The "Pistol Raffle" has collected \$1,670; Reunion registrations: 50 folks signed-up; \$1,315 awaiting bank deposit;
Tour: 8 signed-up, plus \$85 donated for transportation.; Bus deposit paid \$200. (Good Times tours)
LF briefed us on the DFC Society financial situation: Treasurer stole all the money. They are collecting donations to get up & running. But, all non-profit organization should have procedures to provide accountability for banking. In our Assoc's procedure, no checks or credit card charges are issued unless the Treas obtains the Pres's approval. We are evaluating better safeguards. Of course, we need significant flexibility for the Quartermaster to run the store effectively. WL expressed a concern of what a thorough financial audit will reveal. Gus & WL reminded us that the Assoc members approved a high-level of freedom for the Assoc's Bd which is stated in our bylaws.
4. Quartermaster's Report – GS – Has TWO new items for us to see. One is a "Bad-to-the-bone" patch, & the other is a Koozie as a hand-out for the reunion attendees. The Koozie has images on two sides, Gus sent an email during this telecom with the images attached for our review. Gus suggests one Koozie in each Welcome Bag. Approved by the Bd. More window decals have been ordered. And, we will give attendees an existing Assoc water bottle. Again this year, no reunion shirts at the reunion. Gus will have past reunion shirts at a good price.
5. Media Manager: Ev – LF would like to see an up-to-date document with a complete list of the video interviews we have. We started in 2004 in Dayton, which Ev has – except not the individuals. Ev rec's other crew interviews from JP & Gus. LF asked if we have the ability to burn the interviews to CD & sell them. Currently, Gus gets the order & money, sends the request to EV, EV burns the CD/DVD & sends it to the requestor. ACTION ITEM: Ev requests from Gus a list of all available videos from our Store. Wayne has a complete list also (120 names) – which needs to be available to Mike & Gus also. ACTION ITEM: MD will send our "especially dual operation system" HD (MAC & PC) to JP requesting JP provide the 2013, 2014 & 2015 video interviews. BL requests P Diel, our historian, also receive the document listing all video interviews. WL emailed the selected Bd members the spreadsheet list of names.
6. Website (IT Committee) Report, WL – 95% completed converting ALL our documents to PDF files, (protects them from edits) & 75% completed uploading them to the Web pages. Earl from TWE has created an alpha roster which has 90% of our required functions. The reports are being worked on: the reunion report is being tweaked for what Gus & Doug look at, week or two for completion. POC reports function IS COMPLETE!
ACTION ITEM(s):
 - a. WL will partner with JM for a Web Site overall review of site functionally,
 - b. WL will partner with Ron J to do the same for the MySQL database,
 - c. Schedule a "special" Bd Telecom (longer than 1 hr.) to have the Bd step through the Web Site function.OPEN ISSUE(S):
 - a. WL needs to have TWE provide a means to PRINT the entire Store Inventory
 - b. The Association needs a Web Master, who is the person to take requests for output from the database/web site, & create the query. The position MAY not require a lot of time, BUT the person must have the time to act promptly. WL has learned the Web Editing software & is good at it, but he will not be Web Master. ACTION ITEMS: This should be a NL request & an agenda at the reunion. The Web Site is based on "WordPress" application (create web pages). The file upload to the Web pages is via "Filezilla".
7. Newsletter *Firing Circle* - MD: A July Firing Circle is in the making: FIVE new items to post, which leads to a large document. It will be kept to 7 pgs using WL's new streamlined format. A draft will be circulated to the Bd before sending it to POCs for distribution. One item is the new auction items being created (such as Bill Zito's son's Shadow Clock from a wine barrel bottom). Another is a VFW magazine article about the Texas Tech Vietnam Archives.
8. FaceBook Update: Getting more members, including new Life Member 434, Buck McCants.
9. Reunion XVII, FWB update (Gus):
 - a. JP will be there for video interviews.
 - b. Gulf View rooms are still available, if higher price is quoted that means it is "all inclusive".
10. Reunion 2017, Dayton, OH: (Rogers Stevens): provided a short update on reunion planning.
11. Historian Report: P Diel – ACTION ITEM: Phil needs to look at the new Web Site to see all the info accumulating there
12. Last Orbit:
 - a. Jim Dunn reports that the USAF Museum Magazine is advertising BOTH the 2016 & 2017 reunions.
 - b. LF still looking for Above & Beyond awards nominees.
 - c. WL – ACTION ITEM: decide on Web Site "TITLES"
 - d. LF – Sent proofs of memorial bench image to all Board Members – please let him know if they are perfect!
Board approval required before submission to the USAF Museum. BOARD APPROVED NOW!

NEXT BD Teleconf Meeting: Tues. July 12, 2016 Respectfully, Mike D **Rev. 2 include Board feedback, 6/26/16**