AC-119 Gunship Association Minutes - from Teleconference Meeting, Tuesday, 8/9/2016

**Reporting: M. Drzyzga 8/22/2016**

Participants: L Fletcher, R LaRosa, M Drzyzga, D Wohlgamuth, W Laessig, P Diehl, G Sininger, E Sprous, R Stevens

1. Meeting Duration 48 min., it began at 8:00 p.m. EST, Pres. Fletcher completed roll-call. In order the reduce background crackling noise/interference, L.F. reminded everyone that we should use the “mute” function on our phones until we need to say something.

2. Secretary’s Report (M.D.):

a. The Minutes from the July 12, 2016, Telecom, were accepted, as distributed.

b. Request for help: A paragraph went into the August *Firing Circle* (FC). The call for volunteers to help will also be posted onto FB with some rewording. After that, M.D. will target folks who are approachable to help. W.L. suggested excellent point: we consider “Associates” to help, esp. as time passes and the number of regular members diminish. L.F. would like to have a slate of potential nominees (Board Members) before our FWB reunion, and that includes determining which current members will continue.

3. Treasurer’s Report: D.W. Bank Total: $31,592. Q.M. acct = $3,324.

Reunion sign-ups: 81, includes FIVE 1st timers.

Tour: 30 signed-up, plus $142 donated for transportation.

Memorial Bench donations up to $1,625.

Holding at $1,670 for the “Pistol Raffle”, but inquiries to D.W. make him expect we will sell more.

4. Quartermaster’s Report – G.S. – Nothing new.

5. Media Manager: M.D. – J.P has had our primary large Hard Disk in order to bring up-to-date all the interview videos. How long do I wait to inquire on his progress? W.L. suggests that a telephone call will get prompter reply than email, and the longer we wait, the longer he takes to respond.

ACTION ITEM: M.D. will telephone communicate with J.P. and obtain a “status” update.

Ev report: New member pictures posted on FB are being downloaded and captured to our archives.

He will ship the duplicator to Gus since he is flyin to FWB for the reunion.

6. Web Site (IT Committee) Report, W.L. –

The “Brothers print” is being re-matted and re-framed. WL will ship these to Gus.

Earl from TWE became unavailable, and WL contacted Mike Acosta. The tasks needed to complete our project are not difficult. Earl was in the hospital. Soon after Aug. 15, Mike A, and Earl will teach WL the CMS, and WL will then teach Ron J in order to update the MySQL database. In a week or two, the “report modules” will be completed, and we can then schedule and total walk down of the new site.

7. Newsletter *Firing Circle* - M.D.: a) The latest FC was distributed in a timely fashion. (Action Item: Gus to send W.L. Lonnie’s new email address).

b) Do we want to do a Sept. FC? Gus wants to emphasis the reunion. This may be the lowest number of attendees. Therefore, we should do a FLASH email for mid-Sept.; for sure we do “who’s coming”, and press the Friday Tour.

8. Reunion XVII, FWB Update: (Gus) No agenda yet – waiting for the 18th to commit to a Saturday program. A static airplane and Airpark Service will take up to 4 hours. Our business meeting takes from at 8 – 10 a.m., this will crunch the time on Saturday. Gus is looking into an “Association Ball Cap” – black with braiding on the bill.

**ACTION Item**: Gus will take a pict and Ev can Post it on FB.

9. Reunion 2017, Dayton, OH: (R. Stevens): R.J. has been dealing with a family situation. Therefore, we will wait until Sept’s report when more info will be available.

10. Historian Report: P. Diehl – Phil is making progress by finding info he needs on the new Web site. In fact, this points to the value already of the info available on the new site:

He needs the coordinator names of each past reunion. M.D. will update the “contact page” which has coordinator named on the bottom. M.D. to send to P.D. P.D. needs all the previous FC/NL – which W.L indicates are on the new Web Site. Gus asked if we ever changed the name of the coordinator for Charleston, adding Jim Ward along with Gus. W.L says it’s current. A problem may be on how to update all the names of the coordinator(s) for the 1st reunion.

11. Last Orbit:

a. Memorial Bench approved by the USAF with date change for the 18th SOS,

b. Only two nominated for A&B award. DW needs 6 wks to order the piece. LF will put out another “email request.”

c. We want to have a slate of Officers ready for the FWB reunion business meeting. Gus suggests we also learn of who will continue in their current position. L.F. will do an email inquiry.

d. Reunion 2018: Hope to get proposals at the reunion. Add this item to the Sept FLASH.

e. Ev will get names tag data from D.W.

f. Ev indicated that 364 people are on FB

g. Is Bill Corte on the Final Flight list? W.L believes that he was added, but will check for assurance.

NEXT BOARD Teleconf Meeting: Tues. Sept. 13, 2016 Respectfully, Mike D 8/22/16 Rev 2 9/6/16