AC-119 Gunship Association Minutes - from Teleconference Meeting, Tuesday, 9/13/2016

**Reporting: M. Drzyzga 9/27/2016**

Participants: L Fletcher, R LaRosa, M Drzyzga, D Wohlgamuth, W Laessig, G Sininger, E Sprous, C McCall, J Dunn

1. Meeting Duration 60 min, began 8:00 pm EST, Pres completed roll-call. To reduce background crackling noise/interference, LF reminded us to use the “mute” function on our phones until we need to say something. (worked very well in Aug). Also, note to procedure: press 5\* to turn ON & OFF the session on-line recorder.
2. Secretary’s Report (MD):
   1. The Minutes from the Aug 9, 2016, Telecom, were accepted, as distributed.
   2. Request for help: MD asked Ken Stearn to accept Secretary nomination. Ken pondered his current workload & declined. ACTION ITEM: MD recommends asking Jim Mattison – with a lot of Board supporting this choice
   3. MD has almost completed the update to the Association “Board Plus Contact List.” As soon as it is fully revised, everyone listed in it will receive a copy.
3. Treasurer’s Report: DW Bank Total: $35,926. QM acct = $2,559.
4. Reunion sign-ups: 128, includes EIGHT 1st timers.
5. $14,066 was received so far for the reunion activities, with $3,050 of that for registrations.
6. Tour: 43 signed-up, plus $??? donated for transportation.
7. $1,770 is in for the “Pistol Raffle”.
8. **ACTION ITEM**: DW will provide final list of tour attendees for Andrea or Carol to use as a check-off list
9. Gus asked how Pay-pay is working – DW manually transfers any funds from PayPal to the Bank Account
10. **ACTION ITEM:** Gus needs a final list of ALL attendee from DW, to include those who we KNOW are attending, but have not yet registered. Therefore, “the list” contains BOTH those registered & those who have hotel reservations. We can register up to the last minute, w/o guarantee of our reduced room rate.
11. **B**L?: How many seats on tour bus – DW affirmed 55. We have 2nd bus reserved, with opt to cancel
12. Quartermaster’s Report GS – Gus is doing an updated Reunion Agenda – questions exist still on lunch details for Sat at Hurlburt. Also Gus is doing a Banquet agenda/ “Bad to the bones” flyer for all seats there.
13. Media Manager: MD – still waiting for the HD with interviews updated from JP. **ACTION ITEM:** When it arrives, MD will copy it to the other HD & bring it to FWB for Ev.
14. Web Site (IT Committee) Report, WL - contacted TWE’s Mike Acosta to help motivate Earl address our “task list”. After this, WL will be enabled to teach RJ how to use content manager to update database. WL & LF reviewed TWE work, & re-calculated how much is “design” work, & how much is “maintenance” fees. Good news is TWE agrees that some of the design payments should go to maintenance, & we therefore have about $3,000 for more design work. WL will add cc: LF & RJ to all TWE correspondence to show that the Board is very interested in the work, & we need some pressure added. All should be operating at the reunion. **ACTION:** MD will have video projector for WL to use in hooch to show the Web Site.
15. Newsletter *Firing Circle* - MD: Sept Flash went to POC as Word Doc; contains focused details we needed.
16. Facebook Management: Ev. – 367 members on AC-119 page. 683 members on USAF “gunners page”.
17. Reunion XVII FWB Update: Gus – most data covered above. LF & Gus will work on agenda “tune-ups”
18. Reunion 2017, Dayton, OH: LF read RJ’s report – Holiday Inn & Museum are ready to share a link to our new web page. R Stevens is looking at options for a Sun activity. In Nov, RJ expects to have a link to Dayton Reunion on new web page. The team will need a few minutes to update attendees during FWB Sat business meeting. LF indicates the Memorial Bench will be ready for installation in springtime 2017.
19. Last Orbit:
    1. Cash: Fool-proof seating for the Banquet? GS will assure we have an enforceable plan, discuss in Oct.
    2. Cash will do the MIA/POW table at FWB,
    3. J Dunn did a wonderful add for us in one of his newsletters – & will do same for Dayton.
    4. WL reports that Joe Sugg passed away in July suddenly. WL will follow-up with family.
    5. Lee Wolf & WL are working on ecommerce support.
    6. WL has the “Brother’s Print” re-matted & will go with him to a lunch affair for additional signatures. This Print & the Zito Shadow Clock will be sent by WL to Gus via UPS.
    7. Gus: Another Print of Stinger, from Paula Rounders, provided to a number of early Association Board members, will be added to the Raffle. Gus also asked if the two Litho’s taken from Teresa Village could be auctioned off --- there was no reason not to offer these for raffle.
    8. RJ will soon complete a Flashy word doc flyer about Dayton for WL to post on the new Web Site.
    9. The Board went into Executive Session to discuss the Above & Beyond Award recipient. Nothing says that a previous awardee cannot receive one again. Therefore, the tally received by LF indicates that this year’s recipient will be announced at the reunion.

NEXT BOARD Teleconf Meeting: Tues Oct 11, 2016 Respectfully, Mike D 9/27/16 (rev.2 10/4/16)