**2017 AC-119 Association Board Minutes of Conference Call on July 11th**

1. The meeting was called to order by MD at 8:05 pm EDT. Members in attendance: DW,RL, LF, CM, TS, WL, ES, and RJ.

2 Secretary Report: The Board approved the minutes of June13, 2017 board teleconference call.

3 Treasurer Report: DW: We paid out our normal monthly $ and we received $ for the reunion. We have $29,246.44 in acct. 8815, $4,025.11 in acct. 1106, and a recent deposit from Paypal of $3,262.34 for a total of $36,533.89 .

4 Quartermaster Report: WL reported for GS: Orders for merchandise are up now that the website is up. Closing orders for the golf shirts take a couple of weeks, since the shirts take time to make. The 18th FTS Change of Command ceremony went fine. GS is working on new patches. ES will query Facebook for more info on history and availability of mini-gun pins.

5 Membership Report: ES and MD discussed renewal membership and life member certificates. MD suggests a follow up email or telephone call to those annual renewals that do not respond.

6 Media Manager: MD - JP replaced our burned out hard drive and is backing up our files on it. We will continue to compensate JP for room, registration, and meals for doing video tapping at the reunions.

7 Website: WL - The website launch has gone very well. Updating and streamlining of our data still needs work. WL will contact Earl from TWE to fix some issues.

8 Newsletter: MD- The Firing Circle is 85% complete and is back into the old format. WL will work on who gets the newsletter by snail-mail– when spouse and regular members share address – and provide MD a FC write-up. RJ is working on updating “who's coming” to the reunion. MD is considering now what goes into the next (Aug.) newsletter.

9 Facebook: ES - We have 429 life members. ES will work up some statistics to determine who on Facebook is actually associated directly with AC-119s. Since the Firing Circle newsletter is posted on Facebook, and can be downloaded from there. This may be a useful an option instead of snail-mail for those people using Facebook.

10 Wright-Pat/Dayton Reunion: RJ - We are on track. RJ will be contacting the Stevens' family about who is, still coming to the reunion and coordinate with DW for returning funds. The Board will decide quickly on the Above and Beyond Award so that DW can get it ordered. RJ proposed using the auditorium for the dedication of the memorial bench. RJ is looking into getting trinkets to go into the reunion welcoming bag. WL suggested putting chits worth a few dollars in the welcoming bag for use at the reunion.

11 Tuscan, AZ 2018 Reunion: ES - There is nothing really new to report. Lee Jordan is helping ES with tour arrangements for the “bone yard” and PIMA Air Museum. If we cannot get a bus from the hotel, then we will have to car-pool to the Museum to go on the tour.

12 Last orbit in the firing circle:

MD-Requested CM to ask BL (not present) to work with him on pursuing the "videographer, Old Guys and their Airplanes", and present it the Board.

The Eight Board members alone will decide who receives the Above and Beyond Award.

MD will be sending info about the Department of Defense sponsored commemorative of the50th anniversary of Vietnam War. How can we use it?

13 Next Board Meeting (Telecom): Tue. Aug. 8,2017.

14 Adjournment 9:16 pm.

Submitted R. Lefarth

Reviewed M. Drzyzga 7/19/2019