**2017 AC-119 Board, Minutes of August 8th Conference Call**

1 The meeting was called to order by MD at 8:03 EDT. Members in attendance: MD, BL, DW, RL, LF, GS, CM, JD, TS, ES and RJ.

2 Secretary Report: The Board approved the minutes of the July 11, 2017 teleconference call.

3 Treasurer Report: DW - In acct 8815 we paid out $237.64 and we received $4802.84 for a total of $33,976.68. In acct 1106 we paid out $767.49 and we received $255.00 for a total of $3931.41. The total of both accts is $37,908.09 for the month of July. As of today, our total of accts is $43,834.91. The Board accepted and approved the report.

4 Quartermaster Report: GS is requesting we find a new Quartermaster! Quartermaster's activity has increased five-fold recently. The Back-up is currently Lee Wolff. MD will reach-out to Lee and request that he take the lead as Quartermaster.

5 Membership Report: ES - Reminder correspondence has helped renewals replies. MD requested an updated membership report to present at the membership meeting at the reunion. RL and ES volunteered to run the slide projector at the reunion meeting. MD and ES are working on a procedure to use PayPal to allow membership renewals. WL is working on getting to use PayPal through our Web site. BL reported that his use of PayPal resulted in a “failure notices” even though the payment went through successfully.

6 Media Manager: MD – he is still waiting for JP to send new large replacement hard disc. ES requests photos, copies of orders, and mission tapes be brought to the reunion or sent to him. MD will add this to the Aug. *Firing Circle*.

7 Website: WL absent – no report

8 Newsletter: MD is requesting info for the newsletter by Aug 18. RJ will provide a current list of who’s coming to the reunion. MD asked for discussion on including the next history book addendum. TS says it needs more publicity, using Facebook, newsletters, and our website. Newsletter feedback tracking Stinger 850 is continuing. BL found a picture of a C-119 No 850 in a museum in Indiana. He tried unsuccessfully to reach the curator, and will continue to reach out. Also, the Firing Circle should contain details of the Sept PBS special TV series on the Vietnam War.

9 Facebook: ES -There are 436 members. 167 are directly associated with the 119 gunships, 95 are family members. The remainder is interested parties. There is still work being done to tract the origin and issuing of the mini-gun barrel tie clip.

10 Wright-Patt AFB / Reunion XVIII Update: RJ - All first night rooms are taken at the Holiday Inn and he is scrambling to find alternate hotel rooms. Attendance: 123 registered online, DW registered 13 more manually. RJ is estimating we'll have 240 - 250 people coming, with another 15 to 18 just to the banquet. RJ suggests that the next newsletter clearly state that people make rooms reservations BEFORE making flight reservations – the last weekend in September is extremely busy in Dayton. Tours are filling up. The Board approved two issues: a.) the Fri. memorial bench service being held in the auditorium, and b.) the single color ink pens as a welcoming gift for the attendees. MD will make a “program flyer” for the bench memorial service. JP MacIsaac and RJ have talked about his travel and reunion attendance arrangements.

11 Tuscan, AZ 2018: Reunion XIX Update ES - A Facebook post announced that the bone-yard tour must be preregistered by 10 days. This can complicate how the tour is handled for reunion registration. ES and Tour Coordinator Lee Jordan will check on security procedures for DMAFB. We may have to refer back to how RJ is handing a similar situation at WPAFB this year. There are also other attractions (museums) that may be of interest. ES says that member Craig Corbett moved to Phoenix, and may be a help here.

12 Last Orbit in the firing Circle: CM on We are "The old guys and their old airplanes!" This opportunity may not quite fit our Association’s historical goals. The videographer is interested in seeing our current video archives. MD has “put on hold” and further investigation into our interface with the “50 year VN Commemoration Organization” – maybe for Tuscan.

13 Next Board Meeting (telecom): Sept 12, 2017

14 Adjournment: 9:13 pm EDT

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Reviewed: M. Drzyzga 8/10

Edit: RonJ and reviewed MD 8/11