

2020_11_10_TC_Minutes
AC-119 Gunship Association
Board Teleconference Minutes

Conference was called to order by President Michael Drzyzga at 2000 hours:

Roll call was taken for those in attendance:

Roy Davis, Andrea Drzyzga, Doug Wohlgamuth, Gus Sininger, John Wolff, Jim Dunn, Wayne Laessig, Everett Sprous, Jenna Laird, D. Luke, J. McDonald

1. Secretary's report: Approval for the September 8, 2020 minutes. Doug Wohlgamuth motioned to accept the Secretary's report, Roy Davis Second Motion.

2. Treasurer's report: Operating account \$9,100.12, PayPal \$792.87 Quartermaster \$1,970.42. We do owe Liz \$4,050.00; payment should be made by the end of the year. Andrea Drzyzga motioned to accept the report, Jim Dunn second.

3. Quartermaster, Gus:

- A. Quartermaster store: added some new things on the page, coasters were added, they have the 17th, 18th and the Brother's logo, and the cost is \$9.50 each. This was a limited order of 12-8-8 of the coasters, to see how they are going to sell. Also, adding Silver 17th ties, and have the 18th ties back in stock.
- B. There are no changes to the reunion costs compared to the original registration form for 2020. Contract has been signed with the 4 Points, all at the same rate.

4. Branson, MO reunion, Jerry McDonald.

- Jerry will be visiting Branson during December and will look into the Branson Bell as one of the tours for the reunion. Not sure if they will give pricing this far in advance, will check into it.
- Thoughts about making vests so everyone can put their patches on: either a denim or leather vest. Perhaps the vest will be in place of the T-shirts. Roy is going to check current T-shirt maker Custom Ink if they might have something we are looking for. There are many factors to consider. Mike will add to the Newsletter requesting feedback to see if members are interested in something as a reunion Vest.

5. Update on Publishing Bio's: Roy

- Update on Publishing. The Quartermaster store currently has 7 publications listed; one is our History book, Larry Barbee's book, History of the 119 and a few others. They are on Kindle publishing.
- Zoom capture of Video's with JP is currently on the back burner!
- Roy has been posting and reaching out to the Phan Rang Facebook Page, they are very interested in our Bio's and stories of the AC-119s. We need to find other ways to get our story out.

6. Media Project/Outreach/ Membership Ev:

- No new Media projects. Will be working on the Video for our reunion with Andrea, Roy and Wayne.
- Continue to reach out to contact 119er's and their families.
- Mike spoke about Col. Lang, past Commander of the 17th SOS at Kadena AFB. Don Craig was in contact with Col. Lang and reached out to him, not knowing he had passed. Peggy sent the information to Mike. Col. Lang mentioned that the 17thSOS stood down in Kadena AFB, Col. Lang will be moving to Hulburt

AFB and hopefully be able to attend our reunion. Rumor has it that there is a new 4th AC-130J Gunship, it will be at Cannon AFB and there designation will be the 17th. Col. Lang should be an honorary life member according to our by-laws; he should receive a certificate, etc. Doug did receive a donation from Col. Lang for \$119.00.

7. Website, Wayne/Liz: All is working well with the Web site; Liz will input the reunion information as received.

8. Newsletter (Firing Circle), Don/Mike: Talked about the November Newsletter. Any information that you need in the Newsletter please continues to send to Don.

9. New/Old Business: Mike

- Tracking Stinger 850 in TSN: Wayne suggested we try to contact them to give them the history of the Stinger. It is fully assembled and back outside in the lineup. Mike did a web search for any museums in the area and so far couldn't find anything.
- Video project. Going well and slow but it is moving forward. Received 1st and 2nd reunion pictures from Doug!
- Video conferencing: worked well with both call-in and video, we will continue with both options.
- Continue with the Association History Document that Larry Fletcher is working on. Mike will help work with on it (prior to Larry's passing).
- Alan Armitage from the NMUSAF promised hard copies of the Friends Journal to both Larry Fletcher and Larry Juday and both received the hard copies.
- Mike completed an official Thank You letter to Ron Soderquist for the Pistol donation.
- Jerry Hester still has Bob La Rosa's award, as soon as travel resumes. Jerry has been speaking to Toni La Rosa; he does not want this award mailed to him. He would prefer someone to deliver it and take a picture with the award and Bob's Bullet Mustang.
- Don Craig's passing left an opening for a POC for Kadena AFB, however the 17th is no longer there, and should the 17th SOS return again, we will need someone for POC.
- Updated Board and Committee Contact list will be sent out by Andrea.

10. Last Orbit:

- We had success with publishing in the Friends Journal and perhaps we can try again to get the story out of the final flight of Shadow 78. Perhaps reach out to Alan Chandler and Bob Baker and a non 119 member to merge stories and get another publication out there.
- Gus, having a hard time getting the ball caps. Gus wanted the custom hats to display the different award ribbons. Custom Ink may be able to do this.

Our next Board Telecom Meeting: January 12, 2021 at 2000 hrs EST, which is: 8 PM Eastern Standard Time?

Respectfully submitted:

Andrea Drzyzga, Secretary 1/6/2021

Reviewed by M. Drzyzga 1/7/2021