

2022_07_12_TC_Minutes
AC-119 Gunship Association
Board Video Conference Minutes

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

Roll call was taken, those in attendance:

Roy Davis, Andrea Drzyzga, Doug Wohlgamuth, Gus Sininger, Terry Sarul, Wayne Laessig, Everett Sprou, Don Luke, Jerry McDonald, and John Cootz.

1. Secretary's report: Approval of the June 14, 2022 video conference minutes. Doug Wohlgamuth motioned to accept the Secretary's report, Gus Sininger seconded the motion. Minutes approved.

2. Treasurer's report, Doug Wohlgamuth: Line items were presented:

We paid \$1,350.00 to Liz; checked has been cashed

A check was made to the Dolly stampede upon request for a deposit of \$1,622.10

Operating Account \$24,516.16

Quartermaster Account \$ 2,199.90

Total \$26,716.06

The Pistol Raffle and KIA Fund remain the same

Pistol raffle \$1,515.00 no activity

Stinger 41 kia fund \$5,075.00 no activity

Andrea Drzyzga moved to accept the Treasurer's report, Don Luke seconded the motion.

3. Gus Sininger: Quartermaster (Prior President)

- Board members are contacting Crew Dogs, ACA, AF museums, about selling our AC119 merchandise. Discussion about Crew Dog selling items marked up so he can make a little profit. Also for us to at least break even or make a few dollars. Either Gus will reach out to Crew Dogs to continue discussions. As far as the reunion attendance, perhaps Crew Dog could bring AC119 inventory along with other merchandise he has on hand. He possibly would come if rooms are comp, etc. Wayne has also been in touch with the Viet Nam Helicopters Association, to see what contractor they use. Wayne did reach out with some questions. Mike also sent an email to the Air Commando Association and is waiting to hear back from them.
- Orders are coming into the Quartermaster page, bits and pieces.
- Models of 119s are off the inventory and the store. Reach out to Bob Krueger that we can no longer get the model he ordered.
- Gus and his grandson Tylor will be working on inventory to bring up to Branson.

4. Jerry McDonald - Reunion 2022, Branson, MO (Mike Drzyzga reported)

- Dolly Stampeded, we currently have 56 signed up to attend. 2 weeks prior to the reunion we need to give them a final head count. We are contracted to have at least 60 people attending.
- Jerry has been receiving registration. Currently there are 85 people who registered for the reunion.

- Jerry is working on a bigger Hootch room depending on the amount of people that are attending the reunion. There is flexibility with the Hootch.
- (Roy Davis and Don Luke, please register!)
- Put another announcement out on Facebook about the reunion. Facebook Admins should be responding in that event and direct them to where they need to go. Try and get them to register. Definitely get the list of names of those coming!
- Everett would like a current list so he can start on making the name tags.
- Need to push the reunion T-Shirts in the newsletter for Custom Ink. We need to sell at least 50, only 13 have been sold. Sales end Aug. 23.
- There is no mask mandate in Branson.

5. Roy Davis: Vice President:

- Lt General (ret.) Tom Mascow and Roy are working together and still waiting finale approval for the Stinger 41 package to be approved.

6. John Cootz: Washington DC Reunion

- John visited Washington DC and spoke with the Vice President of Marketing, event's Food Manager and the Armed Forces Reunion,
- He has gathered enough material to create information story boards and will display them at Branson.

7. Everett Spouse: Outreach/ Membership/Facebook/Media Roy Davis:

- Facebook now has 731 members.
- Everett classified the 2 of the Army Helio gunners, John Shaerer and Bruce Deslauriers as family and friends on our MCL. Everett spoke with John and Bruce about coming to the reunion and unfortunately both declined due to family illness and own illnesses.
- Not much with Outreach.

8. Website, Wayne Laessig:

- Wayne Laessig and Ron Julian are working together on the MCL data base cells on the website.
- Liz is working on the Quartermaster pages to clean them up a bit, should it go out to an outside vendor information would be easily transferred.
- Barry Lavine is a column writer in the Vietnam Magazine and is writing an article about the AC 119. He has reference out website many times, he expressed to Roy the information available is incredible.
- Carol Hinton doesn't have as many quilts as she expects to need at the reunion. She is still working on trying to obtain more. Wayne did incorporate into the reunion registration with a question: who has received a Quilt of Valor? The ones that don't, Wayne will give Carol the state and hometown to hopefully reach out to the organization for help. This may be last minute event at the reunion; she will continue to work on it obtaining quilts.

9. Newsletter (Firing Circle), Don Luke/Michael Drzyzga:

- Adjustment will be made about schedule of the Newsletters and adjustment of dates. Continue to do updates on Facebook and Flashes of "who is coming".
- Next Firing Circle should be September 1!

New newsletter should include:

- President's message
- Who's coming list (from Jerry or Wayne)
- Quartermaster add for the Models
- Branson and transportation issues from Springfield Airport
- Gun raffle.
- Quilts of Valor.

Liz Bus reads the minutes prior to posting on the website her suggestion for members is to write an article about the Spouses, Grandchildren and families of the AC 119er's . Also, for human interest is perhaps to have our 5 ladies who served can write about their experiences. Possible person would be Sue Fletcher. Many ideas of member's grandchildren!

10. New/Old Business: Drzyzga

- Succession Plan committee has met. Suggestion was made by Roy Davis to come up with a Slate of Officers and bring this to the Saturday morning business meeting for voting, without asking for nominations from the floor. The by-laws should be updated to reflect a vetting process from the Board to present a Slate of officers. Motioned was passed during Larry Fletcher's presidency that if the bylaws need to be change let the board change them with a vote to approve the bylaw changes and brought to the meeting for ratification.
- Michael Drzyzga received an email from Peggy Craig regarding Don Craig's internment at Arlington National Cemetery. She is looking for a date that would be close to the reunion and asked about a memorial service from the association. Not to set precedence for the many other men and women that we have lost. Should it happen to fall on the reunion days we can certainly go, whoever wants to, to support Peggy.
- Mike Drzyzga reached out to Col. Mac regarding the Plaque at the Academy's Vietnam Pavilion. Col. Mac received little activity from the previous newsletter and was hoping that a news FLASH could go out in July.
- Zoom vs Vast are: the current situation with Zoom is it does not generate a call in number unless you pay for the subscription new account is currently \$99.00 and after the first year it goes to \$149.00 yearly. Doug Wohlgamuth motioned to switch to Zoom, Roy Davis second the motion all were in favor. Mike and Andrea Drzyzga will pay for the first year of Zoom. Andrea Drzyzga will be scheduling a Zoom test meeting 2 weeks from current meeting Tuesday July 26th at 8 PM. Watch for the emails.

11. Last Orbit: All is well!

Our next Board Telecom Meeting: **August 9th 2022, 8PM EDT.**

Respectfully submitted: Andrea Drzyzga, Secretary 08/04/2022

Reviewed: Michael Drzyzga President 8/5/2022