

# Association Membership POLICY Discussion

**From:** Wayne Laessig [qadvocate@sbcglobal.net] **Sent:** Tue, Febr 02, 2016 8:26 AM **To:** 'Michael Drzyzga'; 'Larry Fletcher'; 'Doug Wohlgamuth'; 'Gus Sininger'; Bob La Rosa ([desertfox1@q.com](mailto:desertfox1@q.com)) **Cc:** Ron Julian ([takitus@email.com](mailto:takitus@email.com)) **Subj:** RE: Joining AC-119 association

Mike, That's the broad definition criteria for Regular membership. We need to assure the Membership Application has the same words as our By-Laws do (or change the By-Laws).

**Section IV-1. Regular:** Regular membership is limited to persons [who were directly associated with or supported the 71<sup>st</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup> or 18<sup>th</sup> Special Operations Squadrons or AC-119 missions, including their establishment, development, support, or training](#). Regular Members either pay annual dues or can become Life Regular Members, and can hold Association Officer positions. Regular Members shall have full voting rights in all Association matters including election of officers and the amending of these bylaws. ([Amended 9-29-02 Membership Meeting, & clarified 10-2-04 Membership Meeting](#))

For Associates, By-Laws state:

**Section IV-2. Associate:** Associate Membership may be conferred upon persons not qualified for Regular Membership but deserving of membership. [This includes spouses or extended family](#). Applications or recommendations for Associate Membership in the AC-119 Gunship Association shall be submitted in writing to the Secretary by applicants or Regular Members of the Association. Associate Members either pay annual dues or [can become Life Associate Members at fees commensurate with those of Regular Members](#). Associate Members cannot hold Association Officer positions and do not have Association voting privileges, but do enjoy all other rights and privileges as do Regular Members. ([Added 9-29-02 Membership Meeting, expanded 10-2-04 Membership Meeting, and Life Associate Membership clarified 9-30-06 Membership Meeting, BoD Mtg 1-8-2012 deleted 2/3 affirmative vote by BoD for acceptance of Assoc Members – Secy makes the call & elevates to BoD if questionable .\)](#)

The Associate Membership criteria of "...deserving of membership." was put in to allow our discretion. To me, it means "Your Call" to some extent.

For me, anyone with the first name of Edsel who doesn't claim a different nickname is probably OK :) but he also gets one big demerit for calling us the C-119 Association. In the past, Gus sent merchandise purchasers a note asking them what their interest is in AC-119s & the Association – it gave us a little bit of the "reason" they are deserving (or not).

One related thing worth bringing up just as an FYI is the relationship of Associates & our ALPHA Roster – we're only putting AC-119 air & ground crew on the ALPHA Roster. At some point we may create an "Association" ALPHA (or equivalent) but for now, Associates, along with the Family & Honorary categories are not on our ALPHA Roster but are on our Family & Friends plus Honorary POC lists. Thanks! Wayne

**From:** Michael Drzyzga [[drzyzga513@hotmail.com](mailto:drzyzga513@hotmail.com)] **Sent:** Tues, Feb 02, 2016 6:52 AM **To:** Larry Fletcher; Gus Sininger; Doug Wohlgamuth; Wayne Laessig; Gus Sininger **Subj:** FW: Joining C-119 association **Gentlemen:** Below is a request that I never had to handle before. A clearly, non-AC-119er who wants to join the Association as an Associate.

Our criteria is "If you were assigned to, attached to, or supported the 71<sup>st</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>, or 18<sup>th</sup> Special Operations Squadrons or their AC-119 gunship missions in any way, you are eligible to join the AC-119 Gunship Association" He is military (assume Army civilian), works at an Army Base, and has a .mil email address. Do we relax our criteria taking him aboard, or do we say "no"? I'm in favor of evaluating each special request, and in this case I would allow him in.

Your opinions please. Mike

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