

2022_09_13_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, Jerry McDonald, David Voisey, John Cootz and Don Luke.

1. Secretary's report: Approval of the August 9, 2022 video conference minutes. Michael Drzyzga motioned to accept the Secretary's report, Doug Wohlgamuth seconded the motion. Minutes approved.

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

Operating Account \$34,047.98

Quartermaster Account \$ 1,882.81

Totaling \$35,929.99

Pistol raffle \$1,625.

Stinger 41 KIA fund \$5,075.00 no activity

AFA Plaque \$6,765.00.

Total working funds available \$28,553.84

Doug will send Liz Buss her quarterly payment.

To date 144-142 are registered for the reunion. Registration is down from previous years many factors involved. Accessibility is a big factor; consider this for future reunions, also many personal health issues.

Doug will reach out to those who have not sent in registration but are signed up at the Hotel.

Anticipated reunion expenses: Meals \$10,184.00, Hooch expenses, snacks approx., \$1,000.00, other miscellaneous expenses \$2,500.00.

Need a donation bucket in the Hooch!

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

3. Gus Sininger: Quartermaster (Prior President)

- Gus has 13 totes of merchandize packed and ready to go
- Last year's TV will be coming, (To raffle off?)
- Crew Dogs will not be taking in our merchandise, no time to take over.

4. Jerry McDonald - Reunion 2022, Branson, MO

- Large MCL was received. Jerry will bring to the reunion.
- Michael Drzyzga is to contact Mrs. Barbee regarding toast at the banquet.
- Hootch is all taken care of. Jerry will purchase plastic cups for wine etc. The Hootch is also on the ground floor. Easy access to load/unload.
- Jerry will check into a Color Guard for the Saturday night Banquet

- Chamber of Commerce will be donating give away Carry Bags of Branson activities; we can also add our itinerary in it.
- Everett Sprouss is working on the name tags. Need some type of identification for new comers? Wayne is taking care of some type of sticker or star on the name tags
- The Quilts of Valor. Terry Sarul reached out to Carol Hinton with the # of members who never received a quilt. There should be enough quilts to bring to the reunion. A time slot of Saturday morning at 11:00 AM would fit for the presentation of the quilts. Carol asked for a list of names of those receiving a quilt and asks that their names be called at the presentation. Jerry will look into a secure room within the hotel to store the quilts.
- Quilts of Valor rep' to be invited to the meet and greet!
- Quilts will be presented after the business meeting about 11:
- Michael Drzyzga will present Carol Hinton with a Certificate of Appreciation at the Banquet.
- Note to Everett, Mike will have a box of office supplies and computer supplies.
- Tickets for events will be available once we arrive. (add this as a not to the itinerary)
- Andrea Drzyzga has supplies for the silent Auction.
- Donation can at the Hootch.

5. Roy Davis: Vice President:

- Singer 41 awards, is still in progress.
- Barry Levine, still working on a AC-119 story for Vietnam Magazine. No longer needed on future agendas.
- Terry talked about Barry Levine giving a presentation at the Yankee Air Museum in WI next year.

6. John Cootz: Washington DC Reunion

- John has created Story Boards and info regarding next year's reunion in Washington DC which he will bring to the reunion
- John Cootz would like to bring in his Son-in-law to speak with Liz Buss about helping where he can to post members stories.
- Vote was taken with the board regarding 2023's reunion. Several choices were presented; Colorado Springs and Phoenix will be presented at the Business meeting.

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

- Facebook now has 736 members.
- Everett will provide Mike with current membership numbers for the Business meeting Saturday morning.

8. Website, Wayne Laessig:

- Liz made a suggestion to create folders on the Board Only area of our website. It is currently 95 percent completed and should be up and running before the reunion.
- Wayne and Liz have completed the list of people responsible for sending Liz updates for our Web pages. Still in the fine-tuning process. Liz is also will to sit with Board members and present the new areas of the website.

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

- Be ready for lots of pictures and info to add to the first newsletter after the reunion. Mike should do a outgoing Prez message.

10. New/Old Business:

- Project: Plaque at the Academy Vietnam Pavilion in Colorado Springs. Report from Col. Mac to Michael Drzyzga - Brothers drawing is with the Artist and all 3 patches will be represented for the 71st, 17th, and 18 units. Guidance from the Academy to ColMac suggests the narrative be edited to add as to the different missions of the G & K and the bases they flew out of.
- Terry Sarul, Mark Tarpley would like to speak at the business meeting, roughly 5/10 minutes about the 2023 USAF event commemorating the 50 yr anniversary of the Vietnam War cease fire. No video/movie being made.
- Some adjustments are being made on the by-laws. Need to be ratified at the Sat. business meeting by the membership and signed by the President and Secretary.

11. Last Orbit:

Terry Sarul, Vern Gwinn Received the signed litho' from the 18th SOETS. Vern is so very grateful for the gift!

Jerry McDonald. Please give Jerry an idea of beverages previously purchased for the Hootch. Gus will work with Jerry on this! Beer consumption has fallen off the past 2 years, more water and diet soda. With **Good** wine consumption going up!

Mike to Jerry – will there be mini-agenda provided to reunion attendees? Ev offered to make them. Thank you Ev!

Our next Board Meeting: **Sunday October 2, Branson MO.**

Respectfully submitted: Andrea Drzyzga, Secretary

Reviewed: Michael Drzyzga President