

## AC-119 Board Zoom Meeting ~ 1632hrs PST ~ 13 May 2025

Meeting Summary with AI Companion Created

In Attendance: Bill Petrie, Terry Sarul, Bob Safreno, Doug Wohlgamuth, Mike Drzyzga, Gus Sininger, Roy Davis, Dave Voisey, Lloyd & ME Froelich, Wayne Laessig. **Note:** Mike prepared the agenda & Terry officiated this meeting.

**Quick recap** Team discussed various personal & professional updates, including health issues, location changes, & reunion planning. They also addressed ongoing challenges with the Stinger 41 Awards package; the process of reviewing & editing meeting minutes; potential locations for a future reunion; progress of the reunion, & the need for input on the newsletter & website.

### Next steps

- Roy Davis: Continue working with Mark Tarpley & General Waskow on the path forward for Stinger 41 awards package
- Bob: Send out meeting minutes immediately after receiving corrections from Mike & Wayne, rather than waiting until the next meeting
- Wayne: Send out updated reunion tracking spreadsheet whenever 3-4 updates are received
- Gus: Clear with the hotel regarding displaying the Robeck's trike during the 2025 reunion
- Mike: Follow up with Brian Olmsted regarding reunion invitation
- Mike: Follow up with Bill Walters regarding reunion invitation
- M.E. & Lloyd: Review & select from Wayne's list of alternative projects/roles after receiving the options
- Team: Provide feedback on 2026 reunion location preferences within two weeks
- Wayne: Contact Randy Holbrook regarding Kenny Brown's DFC award & headstone update
- John: Include meeting bullet points in the May newsletter
- Gus: Follow up with Kelly to confirm if the banquet room has a pull-down screen for AV equipment
- Mike: Bring smaller speakers & microphone for the reunion
- Terry: Contact Ron Julian & POCs to verify new Facebook members' relatives are on the MCL
- Wayne: Send the Air Memorial Park PDF guide to all members
- Roy: Create & distribute a flash format of Barry Levine's Stinger 41 article for immediate release
- Roy: Research & report on QR code implementation possibilities for the Air Memorial Park
- Mike: Investigate undeliverable emails for Mike Krause & Ron Hinton
- Lloyd: Send the 122 rocket photo to Mike
- Team: Submit Newsletter content to John Forbes by May 23rd
- Terry: Work with Jim & Andrea to prepare Facebook-related content for the Newsletter
- Gus: Send tracking number to Wayne for coin shipment
- Wayne: Follow up with PAO contractor to update the memorial plaque in the Guide
- Michael: Continue work on Google Workplace implementation
- Wayne: Send reunion-related materials to Lloyd & Emmy
- Gus & Wayne: Attend zoom meeting tomorrow at 12:00 PM
- Kelly: Send Zoom invite to Wayne & Gus for tomorrow's meeting at 12 PM
- Team: Attend next month's meeting on June 10th at the same time & place

### Summary

**Bill P's Health Update & Team Concern** In the meeting, Bill shared that he had recently been diagnosed with cancer & was awaiting test results. Team expressed concern for his health & wished him well. They also discussed their own health issues, with Doug mentioning hip & shoulder pains.

**Stinger 41 Awards Package** In the meeting, the team discussed the absence of some members, including Wayne & Gus, & the ongoing issues with the Stinger 41 Awards package. Roy mentioned that the package was sent to the Secretary of the Air Force, who agreed with the original results, leading to a stalemate. Team is working on a path forward & waiting for Tom Waskow's return. They also discussed the need for transparency & the need to release the package for anyone to view. Team also discussed Bill Petrie's ongoing recovery from injuries & post-OP procedures, including potential surgery for cancer.

**Secretary Report & Treasurer Updates** The meeting focused on the secretary report, with Bob sharing his experience & improvements in the process. There was a discussion on the timing of sending out the minutes & the use of hot links in the invitation. Team also discussed the treasurer's report, with Doug

presented the treasurer's report, detailing account balances of \$9,298.75 Operating Account, \$1,242.64 QM, \$1,500 Hootch for Total \$12,041.39.. The minutes from the previous meeting were approved

**Membership** There was no new membership activity to report.

**Reunion Planning & Cost Management** In the meeting, Terry initiated a discussion about the reunion at Fort Walton Beach, led by Wayne & Gus. They discussed the tracking sheet provided by Kelly, which includes all necessary information. They also mentioned the cost-saving aspect of the reunion, as they are not being charged for the meet & greet. Wayne highlighted the financial stability of the reunion, which will cover the costs of the meet & greet & other expenses. They also discussed the Robeck's trike, which will be displayed at the reunion & is expected to attract visitors. Team also discussed the Military Times & the American Legion articles about the reunion. The planning for the reunion is going well, with 51 people already signed up. Team also discussed the AV equipment & the possibility of using the hotel's screen

**New Project for Froelichs** Wayne proposed to Lloyd & Emmy to find a new project for them to work on, as our contractor is now doing well. He suggested using PeopleFinder to find lost contacts & offered to provide a list of tasks.

**Reunion Location Discussion & Feedback** Team discussed potential locations for a reunion, considering factors such as cost, accessibility, & unique experiences. Wayne suggested Las Vegas, Reno, Phoenix, Tucson, & San Antonio as options, with Reno & San Antonio being the top choices. Team agreed to provide feedback on their top two choices within two weeks. They also discussed the importance of negotiating better rates & hotel rooms. William suggested Oklahoma City for a future reunion, but it was decided to consider it for the year after.

**Reunion Progress & Publicity Plans** Wayne discussed the progress of the reunion, including the investigation of options & the positive response from AFR. He also mentioned the upcoming reunion in 2026 & the need for feedback on the options. Terry shared his experience at an NKP reunion, & Wayne suggested considering the approach of other reunions like Phan Rang. Wayne also mentioned the possibility of a local newspaper article about the trike at the Air Memorial Park. Mike updated on the invitation sent to Brian Olmsted for the reunion. Team discussed the potential of coordinating with the Armament Museum & the Air Memorial Park for publicity.

Also discussed potential attendance of Ev at the 2025 reunion, noting that Ev's health has improved but he still needs to make significant progress. Wayne mentioned Ev's stepson has the power of attorney & is helping with his care. Team agreed to continue supporting Ev's attendance at the reunion.

**Awarding Medals to Families** Wayne discussed the challenges faced in awarding medals to the families of Kenny Brown & Rod Slagle. Despite the Secretary of the Air Force's decision, Wayne is still working on a path forward. He mentioned that Tracy, Rod Slagle's daughter, is supportive of the cause. However, the Brown family is not as cooperative, with Kenny Brown's widow, Sandy, having remarried & no longer being the next of kin. Wayne is trying to get the family to agree to wait for the award, which he believes will be upgraded to a silver star.

**May Newsletter Content & Deadline** Terry discussed the upcoming May Newsletter, which will include information on the next reunion, membership updates, & a section on the Facebook page. Team agreed to have each member write their section & send it to John Forbes for compilation. They also discussed including new members' names in the Newsletter. The deadline for the Newsletter was set for May 31st. Wayne suggested including information about the Armament Museum & the Robeck's trike. Team also discussed the possibility of including a piece about Kirsten Hammond's trip to Vietnam.

**Website Improvements & Newsletter Input** Terry discussed the need for input on the newsletter & the importance of the website. Wayne reported on the website's improvements & the ongoing work of Liz. Terry mentioned forwarding three individuals to the website for history. Wayne also discussed the Air Memorial Park Guide & the need for an updated version.

**Team Discusses Plans** Team discussed various topics. Mike mentioned that he has a plan for Google Workplace for non-profits, but hadn't had time to implement it due to other commitments. Team also discussed a PDF copy of an article by Barry Levine for the AF Museum's Friends Journal Magazine, which Roy agreed to convert into a single-purpose flash. Team also discussed the possibility of adding QR codes to cemetery headstones. Mike requested a picture of a 122mm dud rocket from Ron Hinton or

Mike Krauss, which was confirmed to be in the archives. Team also discussed the recent changes in Dale Martin's living situation. The conversation ended with a motion to adjourn.

Next Board Meeting: Tuesday, June 10, 2025, 4:30pm PST

Adjourned at 1751hrs PST Prepared by Bob Safreno

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