AC-119 Board Zoom Meeting ~ 1632hrs PST ~ 8 April 2025

Meeting Summary with AI Companion Created

In Attendance: Terry Sarul, Bob Safreno, Doug Wohlgamuth, Mike Drzyzga, Gus Sininger, Roy Davis, Dave Voisey, Wayne Laessig. Note: Mike prepared the agenda and Terry will officiate this meeting

Quick recap

The meeting covered various organizational matters, including health updates, financial reports, and plans for upcoming reunions. Discussions were held on potential locations for future events, operational issues such as website security and merchandise orders, and the transition to new technology platforms. The board also addressed membership concerns, compensation policies, and concluded with reminders about upcoming events and personal updates from members.

Next steps

• Wayne: Communicate with Ev and O regarding the board's decision about reunion attendance and compensation policy

• Mike: Work with JP to implement Google Workplace for nonprofits

• Mike: Send formal invitation to Brian Olmsted to attend the reunion as guest for meet and greet and banquet

• Mike: Send informal invitation to Dr. Dowdy to attend the 2025 Fort Walton Beach reunion and hooch visit

• Charlie Day: Provide more detailed comparative information on four potential 2026 reunion locations

• Wayne: Follow up with Anna and Tracy regarding DFC and Air Medal presentations for Kenny Brown and Rod Slagle families

• Newsletter Team: Include reunion reminders about registration, previous lanyards, Quilts of Valor, auction, and Armament museum in the newsletter

• Kelly: Modify and provide tracking spreadsheet to Wayne for 2025 reunion planning

• Gus: Follow up with Bones regarding the picnic in Navarre

• Gus: Check with hotel about displaying trike and trailer at 2025 reunion

• Carol Hinton: Cross-reference the list of past quilt recipients with her system for QOV planning

• Wayne: Write article about Robeck's trike for the newsletter

• Wayne: Write article about Kirsten Hammond's Vietnam trip for firing circle/flash

• Wayne: Contact Vietnam instructors to help locate maps of Da Nang base from 1972-73 for Kirsten Hammond

• Terry: Check Da Nang Facebook website for potential maps and pictures from 1972-73

• Terry: Contact Jim Mattison regarding Facebook admin assistance

• Terry & Andrea: Write up Facebook administration content for the newsletter

• Wayne: Re-forward coin order details to Gus

• Wayne: Check with Liz about any missing orders that Gus hasn't received

• Wayne: Get more specific information from Kelly about the tour details for the newsletter

• Team: Create a Facebook post about the Navarre meet and greet sign-up with link

• Wayne: Coordinate with the team to organize a firing circle distribution in May

• Bob: Bring the AC-119 model to the reunion for potential auction

• Sandy Paxton: Make a blanket for the raffle

Summary

Health and Well-Being Discussion

The group discusses their health and well-being, with Terry asking if everyone is in good health. Roy jokingly remarks that claiming good health might lead to becoming the next president. The participants also mention the possibility of a reunion in the Phoenix area, noting that Ev lives in Gilbert, about an hour east of Roy and north of Dave.

Veterans' Health and Golfing Injuries Discussed

The team also discussed the meeting agenda, with Terry approving the format and Mike mentioning the inclusion of Dave. Doug had a brief conversation about a phone call before muting himself. Bob experienced a feedback issue, which Mike speculated might be due to self-interference.

Reunion Planning and Treasurer's Report

The meeting begins with a roll call and approval of last month's minutes. David reports no membership activity. The group discusses the effectiveness of summary reports as minutes, with general agreement to continue using them. Doug presents the treasurer's report, detailing account balances of $9,313 Operating Account, $1,466 QM, $1,500 Hootch for Total $12,278 and confirming that Liz's check has been cashed. The report is accepted unanimously. The meeting then moves on to discuss the 2025 reunion in Fort Walton Beach, with Wayne expected to provide an update on the tracking spreadsheet.

AFR Discusses 2026 Reunion Locations

Wayne and Mike had a productive Zoom call with AFR to discuss potential locations for the 2026 reunion. They narrowed it down to four options: Tucson, Phoenix, Reno, and San Antonio. AFR will provide more detailed comparative information on these locations. The board will make the final decision on the location, rather than putting it to a membership vote. Wayne plans to summarize the discussion and share it with the group. AFR indicated they don't necessarily need local volunteers to help coordinate, but are open to working with members if available in the chosen location.

Organizational Updates and Project Progress

The meeting covers several topics related to the organization's operations and ongoing projects. Gus reports no orders received in over a month, prompting Wayne to investigate the issue with Doug. Terry discusses contacting Jim Mattison about Facebook administration, with suggestions from Wayne and Michael on how to approach this. Roy provides an update on the Stinger 41 awards package, mentioning ongoing efforts and potential plans for presenting awards to families. Wayne and Roy discuss possibility September 20, 2025 ceremony, the Air Force Academy Southeast Asia Memorial Pavilion in Colorado Springs CO and logistics. The group also touches on website security, with Wayne reporting that their system has successfully prevented hacking attempts. Lastly, Wayne mentions plans to write articles for the newsletter on Robeck's Trike and Kirstin Hamman.

Google Workplace Transition and Reunion Plans

Mike discusses the potential transition to Google Workplace for Nonprofits, which would replace their current email and Google site. He recommends keeping Zoom for meetings due to its reliability and recording capabilities. The group agrees to move forward with the no-cost version of Google Workplace, with Mike working on the implementation details. Mike also reports on his conversation with Cash McCall, who has been difficult to reach due to health issues and technology problems. Mike will follow up on submitting reunion information to Military Times.

Evan's Reunion Attendance and Reimbursement

The team discussed the possibility of Ev attending a reunion, but expressed concerns about his past behavior and the need for improvement. They considered reimbursing him for his banquet and event if he brings the media, but also discussed the potential for overreaction. The team agreed to communicate with Ev, but also considered the need to monitor potential Facebook posts to manage any backlash. The decision was to support Ev's attendance but not financially.

Compensation and Financial Cautiousness Discussed

The board discussed the issue of compensating individuals, particularly Ev, for their services. They decided not to compensate anyone in the future, with exceptions for those who are performing and have a business arrangement. The board also discussed the financial situation of the organization and the need to be more cautious with expenses. They agreed to communicate this decision to Ev and other relevant parties. The board also discussed the need for a bylaw to formalize this decision.

Model Aircraft and Reunion Updates

The group discusses last-minute items before adjourning the meeting. Bob shows a model aircraft he purchased but hasn't had time to build, and suggests it could be auctioned at the reunion. Doug reminds everyone to sign up for the Navarre event, and Wayne proposes doing a Facebook post to remind people about it. The group agrees to plan a firing circle in May to prepare for the reunion. Terry shares that Jeanette Martin has admitted her husband Dale to a care home and encourages members to send her supportive messages. The meeting is adjourned, and some members stay to chat briefly about model building and personal updates.

Next Board Meeting: Tuesday, May 13, 2025, 4:30pm PST

Adjourned at 1755hrs PST.

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