

SPECTRE BOARD MEETING  
Tuesday, January 08, 2008, 1830 CST



Pat Carpenter, President  
Dick Vancil, Vice President  
Andy DeMeyer, Treasurer  
Roger Betterelli  
Norm Evans  
Larry Hickey  
P. J. Cook, teleconference  
Kim Coryat, teleconference  
Chuck Kaczmarczyk, teleconference  
MarthaAnn Kaczmarczyk, Recording Secretary, teleconference

President Pat Carpenter called the meeting to order with the above-listed Board Members present, either in person or via teleconference. Vice President Dick Vancil announced that Pat had returned home this afternoon from the funeral of his brother. Sympathies were expressed.

Andy DeMeyer said the Treasurer's Report was e-mailed to all Board members today. It shows total funds of \$4,963.10 broken down as follows:

\$3,523.88 -- Checking Account  
211.93 – Scholarship Fund  
1,227.29 – CD

Also included is a break-down of Web Store sales for the months of November and December 2007 as well as month-to-date sales for January 2008 as follows:

\$ 670.50 – November  
1,210.50 – December  
458.50 – as of January 7<sup>th</sup>

Andy reported that he has all assets and receipts posted and all expenditures categorized. Our checkbook is balanced with the current bank statement. He has registered with the State of FL the Spectre emblem trademark during the past month. This cost was \$87.50. The last time this was done was in 1996, and the trademark had expired. In 1971 Denny Bevins re-drew what we currently have as the Spectre emblem. Andy has the Annual Report and Sales Tax paperwork about ready to send off. The non-profit status paperwork is still being worked on.

Dick Vancil announced that he still needs the following Spectre Spotlight articles from this past year's reunion: Cocktail Party (Mark Johnson) and Bar-b-q (Pat Carpenter).

Tommy Montgomery, our Quarter Master, is TDY for 60 days. In his absence, volunteers are helping out in the store/warehouse. One (1) order was double

shipped plus a second order was sent again after Tommy left. With the recipients willing cooperation these matters were immediately rectified. Otherwise, everything is getting shipped correctly and in a timely fashion. Everything is labeled and in order in the warehouse to where it can be found easily. Web Sales thus far this month are \$514.85. We need to re-order key chains, money clips, and XXX stock in shirts.

The proposed sites for the 2010 Reunion were discussed and Pat asked the following people to act as point persons:

1. Columbus, OH – Pat will contact Al Cinko about being the point person since he suggested this site. Pat will also let Al know that Freddie Freeland lives there.
2. Nashville -- Chuck and MarthaAnn Kaczmarczyk
3. Las Vegas -- Dick Vancil
4. St. Louis -- Kim Coryat with the help of Dennis Bevins and Bill Morales who live there.
5. Atlantic City -- Pat Carpenter
6. Branson -- Norm Evans
7. Biloxi -- Roger Betterelli with the help of Gary Thompson who got information on this location the last time.
8. Reno -- Andy DeMeyer with the help of Gunner Jack, who suggested this location.

Information should include availability of facilities to include a cost breakdown of 50 and 75 rooms; meals to include Cocktail Party and Banquet; a room for the Business Meeting; and local attractions. Pat asked for reports at the May 6<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting.

Andy DeMeyer stated that on the Annual Report he must submit names and addresses of our Board Members.

Pat Carpenter is going to have business cards made up for the officers of our group. These will include the web site and e-mail address of our organization and can be used when soliciting info for the 2010 reunion.

President Pat announced that efforts are being made to secure as the speaker for our banquet at this year's reunion Thomas R. Norris, the former Navy Seal and CIA Operative who rescued Lt. Col. Hamblen. The movie Bat 21 is based on this operation. Tom Norris is also a Medal of Honor recipient.

A Mini Reunion for this year was discussed. Everyone who attended the Mini Reunion Fish Fry in May of 2007 agreed that it was excellent. However, 48 out of 50 attendees were "old guys" -- no new ones. Pat Carpenter voiced concerns over the fact that our accounts have gotten extremely low, mainly because we took a significant loss on the 2007 reunion in dealing with the San Destin Resort. Before P. J. Cook took over as Web Master and serious efforts were made to get the Web Store up and running, we had practically no sales of Spectre merchandise except at the yearly reunions. We had to borrow money from the scholarship account in order to order items for the Store and get it up and running. This is paying off exceeding

well as evidenced by the sales in November and December 2007 as well as our sales during the first seven (7) days of this month. Our current scholarship obligation is \$750 for the young lady whose name was drawn at our 2007 annual business meeting during the reunion. We have a CD in the amount of \$29,000 that will mature in July. This represents Life Membership Funds that have been collected over the years as well as interest that has been earned. This money can only be used for scholarships. The Spectre Association is currently granting only one (1) scholarship per year in the amount of \$750 and this has been the practice for several years. Many years ago we gave two (2) and three (3) scholarships per year. Roger Betterelli suggested that we go to both Squadrons stationed at Hurlburt Field and ask them to pay for the Mini Reunion this year from their party funds. We will sponsor the event. Andy DeMeyer stated that we need to build up our operating account. He pointed out that many of our guys are remiss in sending in their annual dues. He suggested a letter to these fellows reminding them of their dues obligation. Roger said that he believes the super Web Site that P.J. Cook has created has brought a lot of attention to our organization and that we hopefully can gain members because of this. Roger volunteered to go to both Squadron Commanders and ask them to fund this year's mini reunion. It was speculated that \$2400 was spent on the Fish Fry last year.

Andy DeMeyer suggested that a form letter concerning membership dues be included with orders shipped to people who have not paid their annual dues. Dick Vancil asked P. J. Cook if he can add data to the Membership Info on the web site. P. J. is going to create a form-fill page for Membership.

Pat Carpenter said that the Fort Walton VFW sends out calendars each year and asks for donations. Perhaps we should consider making a calendar and listing it on the web site. He will e-mail Tommy Montgomery and Mark Johnson who are both TDY and ask them to make pictures of the current action. There is a wealth of pictures from the past available for a project like this. It was suggested that we indicate special dates on the calendar. P. J. Cook suggested that we do a 15-month calendar and sell it at this year's reunion.

There being no further business to discuss, it was moved and seconded that the meeting be adjourned. Meeting adjourned at 1952 CST.