

SPECTRE BOARD MEETING
Tuesday, July 11, 2017, 1800 CDT



Bernie Frakes, President
Bill Allen, Vice President
Bill Patterson, Treasurer
Bill Walter, Historian; - Absent
Ed Rodriguez, Quartermaster
P.J. Cook, Web Developer
Jerry Michaud, Board Member
Ski Gonsowski, Board Member
Celia-Danny Pagan, Board Member: - Absent
Duane Spencer, Board Member
Mike Skerrett, Board Member; - Absent
Darren Vitalo, Board Member
Barry Gossman, Board Member
Norm Evans, Board Member
Dick Vancil, Secretary

CALL TO ORDER

Bernie F conducted and chaired the meeting. Bernie called the meeting to order at 6PM CDT. All board members were present unless annotated otherwise, above. Bernie requested a moment of silence in reverent tribute to the memories of our recent loss of exceptional Spectre Crew Members and former Spectre Association Presidents, Don Boudreaux (7/10/2017) and Pat Carpenter (7/11/2017). Bernie noted the Outstanding service and dedication of both Spectre brothers. RIP Don and Pat. PJ had already posted a notice on the Spectre Association Website and the Spectre Facebook Timeline. Bernie thanked PJ for his efficiency in this solemn matter.

Bernie requested reading of the treasurer's report.

REPORTS:

TREASURER'S REPORT

Bill P reported the following:

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| Checking Account | **1517 | \$02,929.91 |
| Gunner Jack Fund | **50419 | \$10,339.28 |
| Scholarship Fund | **4187 | \$12,615.45 |

Bernie noted that Ed was running the store by himself and had been for some time. The board appreciates the well-organized state of the store which make oversight and management of the store's activities better and more effective. Ed discussed his ideas for further improvement, to include: selling Polo shirts and T-shirts by category on the web site. PJ agreed to assist and together they will re-arrange/update the on-line inventory, as well (i.e. some items are not on the web site, Whiskey T-shirts need more publicity, need to get rid of the VHS tapes (Ed will convert one to CD/DVD and let us know how it goes - \$5 sale item?) PJ said to give the VHS tapes away at the reunion for those who still had the players.

Bernie thanked Ed for all the solid work on behalf of the Board/Association.

DISCUSSION:

- Finalize Reunion Events

Bernie asked Bill A to "get the reunion stuff together" and in typical Bill A style, Bill A reviewed the Preliminary Reunion Registration Form and completed Activities Schedule (sent to the BOD earlier via email) that was in the final stages of release to go live on the Internet the next day. A copy of the latest version is attached to the minutes. It should be noted that we have decided to return to using only mail-in registration forms with a personal check. The PayPal and credit card options have gotten too costly and if kept will drive increases to the costs of the reunion events. PJ and Bill A will finalize and publish the registration form and event schedule before the week is out.

Bill A informed the board that he will assign each board member responsibilities for preparing "Spectre Spot Light" articles, due immediately after the respective events reported on, at the next meeting.

Duane S advised Bill A to remove fishing pre-payment from the reunion registration signup sheets and instead to advise anyone wanting a charter fishing trip to contact Duane S via telephone/email, individually (contact info will be on the registration form). Leave Fishing and Bar-B-Que times as they are, but advise Charter Boat Fishers that they may miss the start of the Bar-B-Q timeline due to inexact fishing close-out activities. Duane briefed that he may have a new venue for the Thursday Icebreaker (Mama Nu's Kitchen) in future years (as yet, undecided).

Barry agreed to manage the memorial service and opening/closing of Acft 0129 (First Lady) with Mr. George Jones of the AF Museum.

Bill A reminded Bernie of the AF Academy Wall Plaque Program used to commemorate the activities of the AF Cadets and AF Aircraft (solicited by hrobson1@comcast.net). AC-130 Gunships need a plaque and we as an

association need to research our archives and determine how many and who are our AF Academy Grads. We discussed it for some time and Bernie asked for a motion. Bill P made the motion that we design and donate a plaque to the AF Academy representing AC-130 and its contributions to the USA. The motion was seconded by Jerry M and it carried with one nay. The current cost of the plaque is unknown and donations will be sought to offset/defray the expense.

Secretary reminded attendees of some issues that were in the “after-action” minutes on the last reunion (2016) that bore repeating to prevent recurrence. These areas will receive special emphasis in the ensuing months/weeks leading to the reunion in an effort to keep commitments and enhance the products and services offered to the membership.

Bernie asked who was our guest speaker for the reunion. Bill P discussed a candidate he had fostered at the last meeting noting that Bill W has also presented an option as a potential guest speaker. Both candidates have agreed to speak, if asked. The Executive committee will review and make a recommendation at the next meeting to finalize/vote on the Key Note Speaker.

MEMBER’S INPUTS

- Bernie went around to each of the attendees and let them have the floor.
- Vito discussed the need to do something about the poor Telecom connections and archaic means of conducting a formal conference call. He will put together some rationale and recommend a program to bring us into the 21st century and improve the visual (currently none) and audio (currently sketchy) capabilities via Skype, Facetime, Go-To-Meeting, or some other video teleconferencing capability. Bernie requested a memo from Vito. Vito agreed to provide some documented input.
- PJ agreed with Ed about the need to improve the product updates and suggested rearranging of the on-line store content/display. Ed concurred and both will work to make it better/more functional.
- Bernie promised to share the arrangements on Pat C’s and Don B’s services as soon as they are available (updates attached). Bill A noted that there will be a charter boat (American Spirit) memorial spreading of Jimmy Graczyk ’s ashes at his favorite fishing spot, on the 19th of July. All are invited to sign up and participate.
- Bill A opened a discussion regarding the repeated absence of board members at scheduled BOD events and the potential actions available as a deterrent to missing repeated meetings. There was ample discussion and agreement that action was needed to ensure all BOD members were aware of their

responsibilities and repercussions for extended absences. Vito encouraged us to check the By-laws as the first step before discussing removal from the board. Bill A and Bernie will check the By-laws and report back.

- Bill P reminded the BOD that we need a “Card Swipe” for credit card purchases ... nominal fee plus two percent. He was told to proceed and obtain one and to back-brief the BOD.
- Bill P advised the attendees that both the Pay Pal and Post Office charges have increased dramatically. We need to recalculate our shipping prices and refuse all International Shipments (except APO/FPO addressees) unless full shipping charges with a reasonable handling/processing fee for customs efforts are included.
- Bill P informed us that we should encourage use of checks and money orders over PayPal due to excessive charges for every transaction.
- Bill P let us know that a scholarship was recently returned from an institution due to non-use. Much discussion followed regarding how to use the remittance. Vito proposed that we deposit and hold the unused scholarship until we find out for sure what was going on with the original recipient/awardee. This may be an occasion where we validate the original non-use and simply revert to the “First Alternate” ... more info at the next meeting.
- Bill P recommended that we officially rename our annual Reunion Golf Tourney to the “Pat Carpenter Memorial Golf Tourney” in loving appreciation for Pat C’s invaluable contributions to the Spectre Association. Bill P made the motion, Norm E seconded. Entire board unanimously approved. Pat C would be pleased.
- Round table discussions were complete

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Bill A and seconded by Jerry M that the meeting be adjourned. Meeting adjourned at 7 PM Local.

After hours addition on Pat Carpenter arrangements:

A celebration of his life will be held at the VFW in Fort Walton Beach (213 Carol Ave NW) on Saturday, July 15th from 5pm-8pm. Please come as you are and enjoy some time socializing and telling stories about Pat. Interment will be at Barrancas National Cemetery in Pensacola, FL on Monday, July 17th at 11:30.

Dick Vancil – Secretary



Spectre Store Monthly Sales - Jun



Total Items Sold:

Total Amount Sold:

| Total Retail | Total Sold | Item # / Item(s) | Size | Colo |
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| T-Shirts | | | | |
| \$20.00 | 1 | SA-SDEALDSHIRT1 Dealing Death T-Shirt | 3XL | Black |
| \$40.00 | 2 | SA-SGRSHIRT1 Ghostrider T-Shirt | XL | Burgundy |
| \$20.00 | 1 | SA-SDEALDSHIRT1 Dealing Death T-Shirt | 2XL | Navy |
| \$80.00 | Total Sold | | | |

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| Misc Clothing | | | | |
| \$30.00 | 1 | SA-SDLSSHIRT1 Spectre Oxford Shirt Denim | XL | Canvas Tan |
| \$30.00 | Total Sold | | | |

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| Hats | | | | |
| \$30.00 | 2 | SA-70STHROWBACK 70s Cap Black | | |
| \$12.00 | 1 | SA-RBLKHAT1 Black Spectre Cap | | |
| \$15.00 | 1 | SA-LBLKHAT1 Spectre Mag Hat LRG | | |
| \$12.00 | 1 | SA-BDGRNHAT1 Spectre Brushed Denim Green Baseball | | |
| \$15.00 | 1 | SA-70STHROWBACK 70s Cap Black | | |
| \$15.00 | 1 | SA-LBLKHAT1 Spectre Mag Hat LRG | | |
| \$99.00 | Total Sold | | | |

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| Cups | | | | |
| \$4.00 | 2 | SA-PCUP1 16oz Spectre Pladtic Drinking Cup | | |
| \$17.00 | 1 | SA-TCUP1 Spectre Thermo Drinking Cup | | |
| \$21.00 | Total Sold | | | |

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| License Plates | | | | |
| \$9.50 | 1 | SA-SAPLATE1 Spectre License Plate - Association | | |
| \$9.50 | 1 | SA-MAINTPLATE1 Spectre License Plate - Maintainer | | |
| \$5.00 | 1 | SA-LICENSEPLATEC License Plate Frame - Car | | |
| \$24.00 | Total Sold | | | |

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| Accessories | | | | |
| \$10.00 | 1 | SA-SPECCOIN1 Spectre Coin | | |
| \$4.50 | 1 | SA-HATPINGunship1 Gunship Hat Pin | | |
| \$10.00 | 1 | SA-SPECCOIN1 Spectre Coin | | |

| Total Retail | Total Sold | Item # / Item(s) | Size | Colo |
|-------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------|
| Accessories | | | | |
| \$4.50 | 3 | SA-EFMAGNET1 | Spectre Extended Flame Magnet | |
| \$1.00 | 1 | SA-STICKEREF1 | Spectre Sticker | |
| \$5.00 | 5 | SA-STICKEREF1 | Spectre Sticker | |
| \$5.00 | 5 | SA-STICKEREF1 | Spectre Sticker | |
| \$10.00 | 1 | SA-GOLFMARKER1 | Spectre Golf Green Marker | |
| \$12.00 | 1 | SA-MCLIP1 | Money Clip | |
| \$12.50 | 5 | SA-LUGTAGP1 | Spectre Luggage Tag | |
| \$7.50 | 5 | SA-EFMAGNET1 | Spectre Extended Flame Magnet | |
| \$20.00 | 2 | SA-SPECCOIN1 | SPECTRE Coin | |
| \$1.00 | 1 | SA-STICKEREF1 | Spectre Sticker | |
| \$103.00 | Total Sold | | | |

THE 44st Spectre Reunion Information & Application

Oct 6-8, 2017

At the

Four Points by Sheraton, Destin Ft Walton Beach

Hotel reservations:

Telephone 850-243-8116, or

<https://www.starwoodmeeting.com/events/start.action?id=1707109767&key=39490066> or

www.spectre-association.org

Schedule of events

- THURSDAY, OCT. 5TH:** **Thai Spice 1800; Thai Buffet, beginning 1900- Check in and registration**
(201 Miracle Strip Pkwy SW, Fort Walton Beach, FL, in front of the old Shoney's Inn)
- FRIDAY, OCT. 6TH:** **REGISTRATION 1700**
- DINNER BUFFET– Hotel Queen Palm Room 1800**
- SATURDAY, OCT. 7TH:** **BUSINESS MEETING – Queen Palm Room 0900**
- MEMORIAL SERVICE – Eglin Armament Museum and First Lady 1230**
- COCKTAILS – Queen Palm Room 1800**
- DINNER (W/GUEST SPKR) 1900**
- SUNDAY, OCT. 8TH:** **PAT CARPENTER MEMORIAL GOLF TOURNAMENT (TEE TIME AT Ft Walton Municipal Golf Course) 0900**
- FISHING TRIP boat leaves the dock 0700**
- BAR-B-QUE (Hotel pool deck and restaurant) 1500**

SEND THIS PORTION WITH REMITTANCE

NAME: _____ Guest: _____

ADDRESS _____

PHONE: _____ EMAIL: _____

MEMBERSHIP NUMBER: _____ ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP DUES TOTAL: _____

THURSDAY THAI BUFFET @\$25 # _____ TOTAL: _____

FRIDAY DINNER BUFFET @\$40 # _____ TOTAL: _____

SATURDAY DINNER: CHOOSE ONE OF THE FOLLOWING:

Chicken Breast Oscar _____, Marinated Grilled Top Sirloin _____ @\$40 # _____

Vegetarian Plate if desired, \$30 # _____ TOTAL: _____

SUNDAY PICNIC: ALL AMERICAN BUFFET@POOL DECK@\$30 # _____ TOTAL: _____

SUNDAY GOLF: Green fees payable at course – Entry fee@\$10 # _____ TOTAL: _____

FISHING TRIP: For those desiring to go fishing Sunday, contact Duane Spencer at: [850 259-2079](tel:8502592079) by phone or text NLT Sept 21st. His email is duaneduane27@outlook.com The shortest fishing trip seems to be 5 hours, this may get you back after start of the picnic.

REUNION SHIRTS@ \$20 EA. SIZES: MED: _____ LG: _____ XL: _____ XXL: _____ XXXL: _____ # _____ TOTAL: _____

TOTAL REMITTED: _____

SEND THIS APPLICATION FORM AND REMIT WITH YOUR CHECK ONLY TO:

Spectre Association

P.O. Box 707, Mary Esther, Fl 32569

NO LATER THAN SEPTEMBER 23rd. NO REFUNDS AFTER SEPT. 23rd, 2017

IF YOU DO NOT GET YOUR REGISTRATION IN ON TIME YOU MAY NOT BE ABLE TO ATTEND.

Patrick Carpenter passed away July 11th at the age of 71 after a short battle with lung cancer. He was born in Union City, IN to Noel T & Inez M Carpenter. Patrick is survived by his wife of 49 years, Karen, daughter Paula (Grayson) of Lynn, IN, Jennifer (Robert) Effler of Brunswick, MD, grandchildren Rachel, Garrett (Lexi) and Zachary Pike and Robert (Lexie) and Crystal Effler as well as 4 great-grandchildren and one on the way. He also leaves behind siblings Sue Bressler, Roberta Buell, Max (Carolyn) Carpenter, Jane (Max) Smith, sister-in-law Melinda Carpenter as well as too many nieces, nephews and cousins to count. He was preceded in death by his parents and brothers David (and wives Lois & Sharon), Noel B Carpenter and brother in law Merrill Buell.

After graduation from High School in Union City, IN, Patrick joined the Air Force. Patrick served in the Air Force from 1964 until his retirement in 1988. He took a brief stint as a civilian barber in 1967 and decided he was better off in the Air Force! He served as an aerial gunner on the AC-130 Gunships from 1970-1977 and was nicknamed Killer. He achieved the rank of Senior Master Sargent before his commissioning in 1978 and rose to the rank of Captain before his retirement in 1988. His Air Force career took him to Udorn and Ubon Thailand, MacDill AFB, FL, Wurtsmith AFB, MI, Biloxi, MS, Ramstein, Germany, Hurlburt, and finally Eglin AFB, FL. He was awarded a Distinguished Flying Cross (1 OLC), Meritorious Service Medal (2 OLC), Air Medal (5 OLC), AF Commendation Medal (1 OLC), Vietnam Service Medal as well as numerous other unit and longevity medals and ribbons. After retiring from the Air Force Pat kept himself busy working as a Defense Contractor and short careers as a Bread Delivery Person, Car Salesman and Insurance Agent. Golfing was his favorite thing to do every Saturday morning as well as breakfast with his Spectre buddies every Sunday, watching FOX News and traveling with Karen. Their last big trip was to Alaska as it was one of Karen's Bucket List items that he wanted to help fulfill! He was a Life Member of the VFW, the American Legion and the Spectre Association. He was very active in the Spectre Association (Home of the AC-130 Spectre Gunships) and served as their President for many years as well as Treasurer and most recently Quartermaster.

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