

**SPECTRE Board Meeting
Tuesday, March 3, 2020; 6PM Central**



Programmed Participants:

Fred Taylor, President
Bill Allen, Vice President
Bill Patterson, Treasurer
Bill Walter, Historian
Ed Rodriguez, Quartermaster
P.J. Cook, Web Developer
Jerry Michaud, Board Member
Ski Gonsowski, Board Member; absent
Duane Spencer, Board Member
Ed Metz, Board Member
Darren Vitalo, Board Member
Barry Gossman, Board Member
Norm Evans, Board Member
Kevin Moyer, Board Member; absent
Dick Vancil, Secretary

CALL TO ORDER

Fred called the meeting to order at 6:04 PM Central Time. Fred took the roll and thanked the Spectre Association Members for their attendance. All board members noted above were present.

Fred called for the reading of the previous meeting's minutes.

REPORTS:

BOARD MINUTES APPROVAL:

Dick recapped the previous meeting's minutes which were sent to all attendees. Duane made a motion that the previous meeting minutes be accepted and approved, motion was seconded by Vito. A vote was taken and the meeting minutes were approved. PJ will post these minutes to the Association's website.

Fred asked for the Treasurer's Report.

Bill P reported the following:

TREASURER'S REPORT as of Mar 2, 2020

| | | |
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| Checking Account | **1517 | \$6,720.26 |
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| Gunner Jack Fund | **0419 | \$10,396.75 |
| Scholarship Fund | **5921 | \$16,752.08 |
| Operating Fund | **5913 | \$29,571.43 |
| <u>MS BOND</u> | | <u>\$25,000.00</u> |
| Total | | <u>\$88,413.52</u> |

- Norm made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report which was seconded by Jerry. A vote was taken and the Treasurer's report was accepted unanimously.

SPECTRE STORE

- Fred asked for the Quartermaster's Report.
- Ed R reported:
- Due to USPS increasing shipping charges, the shipping charges for purchases of \$50 to \$150 have been increased to \$25. All orders above \$150 will have a \$30 shipping fee attached. Free shipping for purchases above \$250 has been deleted. The USPS shipping charges have increased significantly.
- Ed R has placed an order to restock the Spectre Coin, \$322.05.

| February | Sales | | | | | | |
|---------------------|-------------------|-----------------|---------------------|---------------|-----------------|---------------|-----------------|
| | Gross Amount | PayPal Fees | Shipping & Handling | FL Sales Tax | Membership | Donations | Net Amount |
| Totals--> | \$1,114.00 | -\$37.94 | \$190.00 | \$0.00 | \$517.45 | \$0.00 | \$833.61 |

2020 (YTD) Spectre Association Transactions

| | Sales Gross | PayPal Fees | S&H | Membership | Donations | FL Sales Tax | Net |
|---------------|--------------------|--------------------|----------------|-------------------|------------------|---------------------|------------|
| Qtr-1 | \$1,905.00 | (\$65.12) | \$350.00 | \$517.45 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$1,597.43 |
| Qtr-2 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| Qtr-3 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| Qtr-4 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| Total: | \$1,905.00 | (\$65.12) | \$350.00 | \$517.45 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$1,597.43 |

- Ed advised that he issued three Life Memberships between 1 Jan and 2 Feb which was about the same as last year.
- Ed noted that there was a \$5 patch ordered that would cost \$12 to ship internationally which was cancelled and refunded – no further international mailings.
- There was a shipment that upon arrival contained broken items which were replaced by Ed – customer was happy/satisfied.
- Fred and Bill W discussed Life Membership procedures and Fred will be directly involved in contacting all future new life members.
- Norm made a motion to accept the Quartermaster’s report, Jerry seconded it, and the QM Report passed with one nay (Vito).

DISCUSSION

Reunion location

- Fred told the board members that “The Island” was “locked in” for the next reunion. There was no old baseline to compare the overages from the last reunion to which hampered the “lessons learned” and made any analysis more difficult. We will do better going forward and Bill P will keep this year’s costs as the new baseline.
- The hotel will provide a larger room for the store and a different ball room will be used for the banquet.
- To finalize the banquet location, a motion was made by Norm and seconded by Bill P. A vote was conducted with all were in favor except Duane with one nay. Motion carried - The Island will host our reunion.

- **Need guest speaker for reunion**
- Fred will talk about the speaker possibilities with LTC McMasters.
- Duane has a potential speaker.
- Bill P has a retired Col from Anloc with firsthand experience of Spectre assistance who could be asked to participate.
- Norm suggested a combat controller (JTAC/TACP) who may be a good speaker for the banquet.
- Bill W explained that the current ops may not be of interest to everyone but that the ACA President (Wayne Norrad, retired CCM) may be a good speaker candidate.
- Fred explained some of the rationale for selecting LTC McMasters.
- PJ needs help compiling a comprehensive list of our deceased.
- **New Business-Open**
- Bill P notified us that an original scholarship awardee had decided NOT to attend college this year and was replaced by our first alternate, Alexia Catherine Desoto. Bill P will make arrangements to send the \$1000 scholarship to her school of choice in our name.
- Bill W announced that his Gunship book project (1968-1995) is approved for publication. The manuscript goes to “last scrub” then to the publisher sometime next week. He expects it to be available to the public within a year or so
- Bill W noted that the 40th anniversary of Operation Eagle Claw (OEC) is approaching. Bill W was invited to go to SOCOM HQ (MacDill AFB, FL) to participate in a week of events centered on OEC and geared to its participants. He will report back on the activities that are interesting to our association.
- There were numerous questions and comments about Bill W’s book – many positive reviews, much historical value.

- Bill W explained “limited Distribution” drawbacks on his book release.
- Bill A asked about movie rights and Bill W discussed screen play possibilities.
- Bill W explained why AC-130s are so unique (weird). It was a lively discussion. Project took seven years to compile and write. No fiction ...
- Duane asked Ed R about support of DeFuniak Air Show and Ed opted out for Association involvement.
- ED R to PJ – Asked who receives contact and store emails -Fred needs to know about distribution.
- Ed R to Fred – Please respond to all emails to keep the lists current. Fred agreed to do so.
- ED R to all – Please send “gun silent” folks to Fred and all Exec Board.
- Bill P knows of an IO’s daughter who is writing a book about “The most dangerous job in Vietnam”.
- There being no further business, the meeting was proposed closed by Norm and seconded by Duane. Motion carried over Vito’s opposition. The meeting was adjourned at 6:44PM.
- Dick Vancil Secretary