

**SPECTRE BOARD MEETING**  
**Tuesday, November 14, 2017; 1800 CDT**



**Bernie Frakes**, 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  
**Celia-Danny Pagan**, Board Member  
**Duane Spencer**, Board Member  
**Mike Skerrett**, Board Member  
**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 6:00 PM Central Time. All board members were present.

**REPORTS:**

Bernie requested reading of the previous meeting minutes. Bill W read the minutes of the meeting on October 3, 2017. Norm made a motion to accept the minutes as read. Jerry seconded the motion. A vote was called and the motion passed with one "Nay". Bernie requested reading of the treasurer's report.

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

Bill P reported the following:

**TREASURER'S REPORT NOV 14, 2017**

|                  |         |                    |
|------------------|---------|--------------------|
| Checking Account | **1517  | \$5,832.52         |
| Gunner Jack Fund | **50419 | \$10,340.32        |
| Scholarship Fund | **4187  | \$18,492.97        |
| Operating Fund   | **4462  | \$27,523.84        |
| <u>MS BOND</u>   |         | <u>\$25,000.00</u> |

Total **\$87,189.65**

- Bill P gave the report
- Bill A added \$3K and explained the finances.
- Norm asked if we made any money or not and received assurance that we did.

Bernie requested a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report. It was so moved by Norm and seconded by Jerry to accept the Treasurer's Report, subject to audit. Motion carried, the Treasurer's Report was accepted with one lone dissenter.

Bernie requested the Quartermaster's report:

### **SPECTRE STORE / QUARTERMASTER'S REPORT**

The Online store has had another slow month, online purchases totaled \$428.05. Spectre Reunion had sales around \$2850.00. Sales for the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary T-Shirt went very well. We sold out of Mediums and have plenty of L, XL, XXL, and XXXL shirts available.

Inventory items:

70's style hat sold out at the reunion. However, Ed R picked up 6 new hats for the inventory. Additional 70's, Denim and Black strap hats are on order. These should be available later this week.

The old Gunship VHS video is discontinued. However, Ed will make a DVD available on request only.

New Items:

Gunner License Plates in stock now.

Gunner mini wing pins

Spectre Flags, 25 each are on order

Looking into purchasing mini FE wings and order more mini Gunner wings from the same company.

Reordering:

Spectre Coins, 100 each. Ed R found a US Company that is having them made. The previous contact was some guy in a remote town in Korea, but have no further info or POC available. Ed found a company in Ocala.

Ed R put out a big "thanks" to everyone that helped out at the Reunion sales room and recounting the inventory after closing. Also, to everyone that help load and unload the items at the storage facility and Reunion site.

PJ is redesigning the Online store and rewriting the web page codes. Ed sent him the new format, inventory names and SKU numbers. We have had a few complaints

from customers about not being able to use PayPal. There really isn't anything we can do about it. What it comes down to is the different types of browsers, their setup within the browser, security blocks, antivirus settings, java settings, firewall configurations on their part.

We have new Gunner Plates. The new Spectre coins arrived and the price will be in the minutes.

We have new flags for \$35 (Matt Smith) – Thanks, Ed.

We have 50 of Arlie's pins to sell.

Bill P and Ed R discussed needing more small items to sell; please get your suggestions to them. Contact Ed Rodriguez at: [spectre-qm@cm-de.com](mailto:spectre-qm@cm-de.com)

We will no longer order any 3X or 4X shirts.

Norm questioned how much was made by the store at the reunion and it was approximately \$2,850.

PJ is working on a new design for the on-line store; trying to make the webpage work properly. He and Ed are trying to correct the on-line purchases with PayPal.

Ed had the 70's style Spectre hats.

Vito suggested that Ed hold one new flag for the raffle at next year's reunion

The QM report was accepted with one "nay".

#### **DISCUSSION:**

Bernie asked the board how to best do the "BY-Laws update". Vito said that they must be identified as "rewritten" versus "revised".

Vito, Ski, and Gary Thompson will be the board member choices on the next ballot. 2 out of 3.

Norm suggested to update the master membership listing as part of the reunion sign in process. Bernie agreed to provide Norm a master listing and identified Norm as the POC for this membership update effort.

Bernie will provide his AF Academy contact to Bill A and Bill W as our board POCs for the "SEA" wall plaque depicting the AC-130 accomplishments at the AFA.

Bernie needs inputs for the Spotlight. No words needed for activities that were cancelled due to inclement weather.

Norm requested that we standardize the event times and do our best to stick to the published times/schedule.

Norm provided a list of POCs at WPAFB (attached).

Bill A briefed that the Holiday Inn was available for our use @\$109/night (Thursday thru Sunday).

Bill A stated there will be no museum dining allowed. The museum folks were very cordial and friendly and there are many local tours available. Attendees will not require a military ID card. All of the contracts are signed. Badges will be provided. WPAFB will need three days for the badges. All handicapped accommodations are available. Acft 630 (Azrael) may be opened for our touring/viewing pleasure. Aircraft 626 is outside. Bill A and Bill W say that early mornings at the museum are slow.

Bernie wants to get all the info compiled and make it available to all.  
Norm wants us to advertise in the VFW, Legion, 16<sup>th</sup> SOS, AF Times, etc.

Bill A projected 125 attendees as a tentative place holder.

Ed and board agreed that there would be no store, just T-shirts. We will have all meals at the hotel and there is a large mall in close proximity.

Bernie went around the table and telecom ...

### **MEMBER'S INPUTS**

Norm travels to Michigan and will stop and check anything we need at WPAFB.

Bill P said reunion bars were \$4 each and we need to charge more for them ... there was a lengthy discussion about finding alternate sources (most contracted out). Ed will check with Gabby. Action: Ed

Bill P announced a Weapons Fest at Hurlburt Soundside on 18 Nov (see flyer attached).

Bernie read the letter from a scholarship awardee (Ms. P Wilson) who was not eligible at the time of award. The check was returned and the funds were re-added to the account.

Bernie wants to make sure future applicants are fully eligible prior to selection at the next reunion. Action: Bill P.

Bill P announced that the Special Op Warriors Dinner was soliciting donations at \$2500/table. We voted and because of our legacy inaugural funding of the Foundation, we elected to donate for two tickets (seats).

Bill W notified the attendees that Arlie G had a massive heart attack and was thankfully recovering nicely.

Bill A explained the rationale for us needing a brick and mortar location for business purposes and made a motion to offset the rent on Bill P's office (unofficial repository for Spectre operations, memorabilia, and etc.). The motion was for \$160/mo. Bill A made the motion, Jerry seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

There were many comments about how improved the meals were at the reunion hotel this year.

PJ asked about the logo copyrights and will update the board at the next meeting.

Norm made a motion that the December meeting be canceled and that the January 2018 meeting be held the second Tuesday versus the first Tuesday due to the folks out on New Year's travels. Final date TBD by Executive Committee who will get the word out to the attendees. Vito seconded; motion carried.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

It was moved by Norm and seconded by Jerry that the meeting be adjourned.  
Meeting adjourned at 7:11 PM Local.

Dick Vancil – Secretary