

**SPECTRE BOARD MEETING**  
**Tuesday, February 7, 2017, 1800 CST**



**Bernie Frakes**, President  
**Bill Allen**, Vice President  
**Bill Patterson**, Treasurer  
**Bill Walter**, Historian  
**Pat Carpenter**, Quartermaster, medical absence  
**P.J. Cook**, Web Developer – via telecom  
**Jerry Michaud**, Board Member  
**Ski Gonsowski**, Board Member – via telecom  
**Celia-Danny Pagan**, Board Member, absent  
**Duane Spencer**, Board Member – via telecom  
**Mike Skerrett**, Board Member, absent  
**Darren Vitalo**, Board Member, absent  
**Barry Gossman**, Board Member – via telecom  
**Norm Evans**, Board Member  
**Fred Kramer**, Interim Quartermaster  
**Dick Vancil**, Secretary

**CALL TO ORDER**

Bernie called the meeting to order with the above-listed Board Members and others were present, either in person or via teleconference, unless noted absent at 1801 CST.

Bernie requested reading of the treasurer’s report.

**REPORTS:**

- **TREASURER’S REPORT**

Bill P reported the following:

Treasurer’s Report as of February 7, 2017:

Checking Account	**1517	\$4,149.02
Gunner Jack Fund	**50419	\$10,338.01
Scholarship Fund	**4187	\$12,614.93
Operating Fund	**4462	\$26,806.18
<b><u>MS BOND</u></b>		<b><u>\$25,000.00</u></b>
<b>Total</b>		<b><u>\$78,908.14</u></b>

It was moved by Norm E and seconded by Jerry M to accept the Treasurer's Report, subject to audit. No dissenting vote(s), motion carried.

Bill P advised the board that there had been several email "phishing" attempts made against Bernie and other board members trying to scam its recipients with several bogus opportunities. Numerous sample emails were provided as objective evidence. Everyone was cautioned to be aware of the prevalence of such identity and other theft possibilities. If you question the authenticity of the email, check with the "author". Bernie was not aware that any of these emails had "originated" from him.

Bill P informed the group that our store required an inventory for tax submission purposes, asap. After some discussion, it was decided that the available board members would meet at the "shed" at 1PM, 18 Feb 17. Duane is excused because he will be pulling a Mardi Gras Float at that time.

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

Fred K reported that the store was progressing with normal shipments, shortages and replacements being handled by him during the period (since Nov 2016) while Pat C is medically incapacitated. Fred noted that our current PayPal shipping cost arrangement in some cases requires us to ship the medium box for over \$13 while we only get reimbursed \$10 for that size box. It was determined that we offset any losses in postage charges for the medium boxes with the costs charged for shipping the smaller boxes and larger boxes. The matter was Closed.

Fred said we are currently out of Gunship magnets. PJ has a new Spectre pin (photo) for us to consider stocking and he sent us the photo.

Duane S. recommended that we use an Excel or other program to track and manage inventory. There were several other helpful suggestions for managing the inventory that were brought up and will be discussed further during the annual inventory.

### **MEMBER'S REPORTS**

#### **DISCUSSION:**

##### **Request for photos:**

Bernie discussed a request he and Bill P had received from an author, William VanderVen, who requested permission to use selected photos from our website (with credit) for his book. He attached Chapter 10 draft for our review and vetting. There was a lengthy discussion and a motion to approve by Bill P, seconded by Jerry M.; unanimously approved. Bill P will provide authorization for Mr. VanderVen to proceed as requested (with removal of copyright implications, as well).

**Pat Carpenter's status:**

Bernie noted that there is much loving concern regarding the health of our friend and brother, Pat Carpenter. Pat C has been hospitalized recently (four days) for grave complications associated with his cancer treatments. Although he is back home now, he is deep into the cancer treatment regime. He has chemo every Monday and radiation Monday thru Friday. He says that by Wed morning he's starting to get dragged out by the combination of both. Pat is a fighter and we hope and pray for a positive prognosis. Please continue to remember him, Karen (who has a home care nurse herself at this time) and their daughters in your thoughts and prayers. Bill P and Bill A provided the updates and advised that Pat C is not seeking visitors at this time due to the debilitating procedures he is undergoing. We will closely monitor his condition and update the membership as conditions improve/warrant.

**Paint update for 0129 in March:**

Bernie told the group that he had received a request from the Armament Museum for us to assist with the external power washing, paint removal, and subsequent full repainting of the "First Lady". Bill W offered to be the POC and will approach the 4<sup>th</sup> SOS about using their personnel during the duty week to perform this community, altruistic service and that our Association will support with food and beverage for the workers during the extent of the operation. The museum will provide all of the necessary painting supplies, equipment, fall protection, etc. The exact timing is TBD based on weather and museum desires (tentatively set for mid-Mar). More information to follow.

**Flipcause:**

A request for consideration/participation was received from this technology platform fund-raising organization by Bernie and he presented it to the board for action. After some discussion, a vote was conducted and there was no support for moving forward with this organization/cause. This action is closed.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Bernie expressed the group's sincere appreciation for Fred K's running of the Spectre Store, in Pat C's absence. All attendees acknowledged their gratitude to Fred for his important help during this period. Fred offered to help from time-to-time; however, he cannot perform this function on a permanent basis. Therefore, to remove this burden from Pat C, we need a new Quartermaster volunteer to step up and become our duly elected Quartermaster. The Quartermaster duties require about a day a week and must be someone in the

local area. Bernie asked PJ to advertise the volunteer position on our website and Facebook Page. Fred K will manage the store until a replacement is found. Bill W offered to assist Fred K and also recommended that our “store stock” options be considered for reduction following the upcoming inventory to reduce “non-selling” items. – OPEN

Bernie corrected a Life Membership error and reissued a corrected card.

Bernie went around and offered all attendees an opportunity to make inputs. It was recognized that the emphasis was on taking the load off of Pat C who has setup and managed the store in an Outstanding manner. Everyone agreed.

Bill W updated the group on his AF-sanctioned Gunship History (he is up to Kosovo) ... should finish the rest e.g. Iraq, Afghanistan, etc. by sometime next year.

PJ said the Board Minutes since the reunion are ALL posted on the Association website, now (as these will be shortly) – our many thanks! He also told us that he has a new computer and is back up and running (his Harley’s, too). PJ has received many comments and good wishes following his and Bill W’s appearance on Dateline NBC regarding the identification, prosecution, and imprisonment of a rouge Spectre imposter. Many people thanked them for their diligence and damage control efforts on behalf of the association.

PJ acquired and added a lot of new Vietnam era photos and descriptions on Facebook. PJ will return the originals.

Bernie will complete the annual business meeting notes and add them to the draft Spectre Spotlight for final review and publication shortly. Also, Bernie reminded the attendees that we need to check with our POCs on the next “away” reunion scheduled for 2018 and finalize the location details. Time moves on.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to discuss, it was moved by Norm E and seconded by Jerry M that the meeting be adjourned. Majority ruled ... Meeting adjourned at 1850L.

Dick Vancil - Secretary