

SPECTRE Board Meeting

Tuesday, April 6, 2021; 6:00PM Central



Programmed Participants:

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

Fred opened the meeting and verified the attendees. All board members and essential participants were present, except as noted. The meeting started at 6:10 PM Central.

Fred welcomed everyone. This meeting was held at the VFW and as a dial-in telecom.

Ed R announced that Glenn LeMay passed away of pneumonia and Covid-19 complications; no services. Beverly thanked all for their loyal friendships.

Fred reported that Bill A was in a rehab facility in Pensacola recovering from Covid-19 and was not allowed to have any visitors. Bill A's contact info was passed to the attendees.

REPORTS:

Fred called for the previous board minutes. The minutes were emailed to all on May 2, 2021, and were briefly summarized by Dick.

BOARD MINUTES:

All attendees had reviewed the last board meeting minutes (sent last Sunday), and concurred, as written.

Duane made a motion to accept the minutes. Bill P seconded the motion and a vote was taken – there was one “nay” (Ski for Vito) ...last month's Minutes were accepted and PJ will post them to the website.

Fred asked for the Treasurer's Report.

Bill P reported the following:

SPECTRE ASSOCIATION

TREASURER'S REPORT APRIL 06, 2021

Checking Account **1517	\$3,189.03
Gunner Jack Fund **0419	\$10,396.34
Scholarship Fund **5921	\$13,809.51
Operating Fund **5913	\$26,516.81
<u>MS BOND</u>	<u>\$25,000.00</u>
Total	<u>\$78,911.69</u>

Norm made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report and Duane seconded it. The motion passed and the Treasurer's Report was accepted with one dissenter (Ski for Vito).

Fred asked for the Quartermaster's Report.

SPECTRE STORE:

Ed R reported:

March sales are significantly greater than 2020. Ed R placed inventory orders for our hats and jackets.

Ed R discontinued the Denim shirts as they are a poor sales item and he lowered the remaining shirts down from \$30 to \$15. Also, he closed-out the Gold-Rimmed coffee cups, the last one was sold in early March. We had only one new annual member in March.

Ed R returns excess percentage of shipping cost overages for large orders to the customers and Ed R usually packages items in the smallest possible boxes to reduce shipping fees.

March	Sales					
Date	Gross Amount	PayPal Fees	Shipping & Handling	Membership	Donations	Net Amount
Totals-->	\$1,221.50	-\$42.19	\$255.00	\$23.97	\$96.80	\$1,082.51

2021 (YTD) Spectre Association Transactions						
	Sales Gross	PayPal Fees	S&H	Membership	Donations	Net
Qtr-1	\$3,220.50	(\$105.12)	\$630.00	\$290.39	\$193.60	\$2,655.36
Qtr-2	\$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
Qtr-4	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Total:	\$3,220.50	(\$105.12)	\$630.00	\$290.39	\$193.60	\$2,655.36

Ed R will order new jackets and hats for the reunion.

Next month Ed R will make more purchases. The First Quarter is closed. We are now in the second quarter.

Duane asked Ed R about Pay Pal and the use of the “Family and Friends” option. Ed R advised that our association does not fall into the proper tax category and could not use the F&F option.

Fred called for a motion to accept the Quartermaster’s report. Norm made the motion and Bill P seconded it. A vote was taken and the QM Report was accepted without opposition.

DISCUSSION:

Old Business:

The new reunion reservation link is posted and active on the website. PJ is working on the Gunner Jack and Scholarship fund applications.

PJ expects to have the new forms and meeting agenda posted shortly.

Fred is working the meals and Scholarship forms with PJ. Bill P advised that he needs the student’s and the school’s phone number for each scholarship applicant. There has been much problems in this area, in the past.

Fred requested a brainstorming effort by the board for a T-shirt theme for the 2021 Reunion. Bill P and Ed R recommended a "Covid virus being attacked by an AC-130". The board was very receptive to the depiction.

NEW BUSINESS

Fred called for new business.

Ed R noted that there is a lack of formal "replies" to emails and letters to the board. Fred is our POC for formal replies to emails and correspondence addressed to the Spectre Association.

Fred acknowledged his responsibility and assured the attendees that he will make every effort to respond to every inquiry. Fred requested an email and phone (text) contact list for all board and programmed participants (listed on coversheet). Dick provided Fred with that complete listing.

Bill W's book (Volume I) is being finalized and is in the end stages of publication.

On 17 Apr @ WPAFB Acft 626 will be opened for "history sessions", also, "Friends of the First Lady" at the Armament Museum outside of Eglin, AFB, FL will open Acft 129 for tours and history discussions.

Kevin will be unavailable for the next meeting due to tour of Key West but wanted to let everyone know that he is the POC for the Sig Sauer (M-17/M-18/P-320) purchase. He will spearhead the final proposal (gun and engraving) to the Board for final action at the General Business Meeting in Oct at the reunion. In the meantime Kevin asks that everyone go to the Sig Sauer website to see examples of the engraving offered.

At Duane's request, the group voted on pursuing a 9MM version Sig Sauer (M-17/M-18/P-320). Norm will send photos of the .45ACP to Kevin for his use as desired. Anyone desiring to assist should get with Kevin. Kevin's committee will setup a proposal for 25 minimum purchase of the desired firearm with all engraving sent to a local FFL for pickup.

AROUND THE TABLE

Norm told us that the 119 Reunion was immediately following ours. Norm (still recovering from adverse Covid-19 effects) urgently advised the membership to get vaccinated.

Vito got antibodies but must wait for the vaccine.

Barry asked about the timing of reunion assignments and Fred said we would discuss the assignments at the next meeting scheduled for May 4, 2021 at the FWB VFW.

Bill P informed everyone that financially we have not grown nor have we suffered any losses. We are pretty much status quo. Bill P will add a board to his office's prominent window on Hwy 98 advertising select Spectre Store Items.

Norm questioned whether we wanted to sell to everyone and the majority were in favor of selling as much as we can to all.

Bill P warned about a drop in Operating Fund assets. Per fred, Bill P has the authority to adjust Funds as necessary.

There being no further business, Norm moved to adjourn, Jerry seconded it. A vote was conducted, motion carried with no nays.

The meeting adjourned at 7:06 Central Time.

- Dick Vancil – Secretary