

SPECTRE Board Meeting

Tuesday, August 4, 2020; 6:00PM Central



Programmed Participants:

Fred Taylor, 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

Duane Spencer, Board Member

Ed Metz, Board Member

Darren Vitalo, Board Member - Absent

Barry Gossman, Board Member

Norm Evans, Board Member

Kevin Moyer, Board Member

Dick Vancil, Secretary

NOTE: Special Guest: Bernie Frakes - Former President

Fred opened the meeting and verified the attendees. All members were present, except as noted. The meeting started at 6:01PM Central.

Fred wished everyone well. Fred welcomed Bernie to the meeting and asked how Cindy was doing. Bernie, said she is still ill and her condition (CMV) is still troubling her. Cindy is receiving treatment We wish her a speedy recovery and good luck in her real estate endeavors. This meeting was held at the VFW and as a dial-in telecom (605) 472-5378 using Access Code: 206507#.

REPORTS:

Fred called for the previous board minutes.

BOARD MINUTES:

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

Duane made a motion to accept the minutes. Bill P seconded the motion and a vote was taken – last month's Minutes were accepted and PJ will post to the website.

Fred asked for the Treasurer's Report.

Bill P reported the following:

TREASURER'S REPORT AUGUST 04, 2020

Checking Account **1517	\$09,160.59
Gunner Jack Fund **0419	\$10,394.66
Scholarship Fund **5921	\$16,756.77
Operating Fund **5913	\$26,571.66
<u>MS BOND</u>	<u>\$25,000.00</u>
 Total	 <u>\$87,883.68</u>

Bill P said he moved \$4K to cover the AFA Plaque check. Additionally, he noted that there was no interest this month to speak of.

Jerry made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report and Barry seconded it. The motion passed and the Treasurer's Report was accepted.

Fred asked for the Quartermaster's Report.

SPECTRE STORE:

- Ed R reported:

Low sales for July (\$314 w/PayPal Fees of \$10.92)

2020 (YTD) Spectre Association Transactions							
	Sales Gross	Fees	S&H	Membership	Donations	FL Sales Tax	Net
Qtr-1	\$2,959.50	(\$86.81)	\$450.00	\$1,111.35	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,436.34
Qtr-2	\$2,370.00	(\$81.89)	\$515.00	\$221.80	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,191.31
Qtr-3	\$314.00	(\$10.92)	\$75.00	\$75.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$303.08
Qtr-4	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00

Total:	\$5,643.50	(\$179.62)	\$1,040.00	\$1,408.15	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$4,930.73
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July	Sales						
Date	Gross Amount	Fees	Shipping & Handling	FL Sales Tax	Membership	Donations	Net Amount
Totals-->	\$314.00	-\$10.92	\$75.00	\$0.00	\$75.00	\$0.00	\$303.08

Ed R said the 3rd Quarter is not starting very sterling-like.

We received one lifetime membership (Level 3) – Fred will take care of him.

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

DISCUSSION:

1. Scholarships:

Bill A fostered granting scholarships as we have in past years – he said the scholarship application forms are on the Spectre Website. All interested parties should complete and send the applications to our PO Box 707 address before the October Board Meeting (Oct 6th).

Bill A said the board will select the Pat Carpenter and two other \$1K scholarships by blind draw at the meeting. Bill A will publicize the scholarship decision.

Norm fostered providing three scholarships. Bill P has many questions about how the drawing works and other factors (e.g. many colleges are not opening in August, etc.).

Bill A said it’s a mixed bag – money can still be used on-line or otherwise. If not used, it comes back to us. Barry says that the student should know if the college is open.

Bill P wants better QC of applicant’s eligibility to attend before submittal.

Fred understands the workload but is hard-over about fully supporting the program.

Norm said it is the individual parent/grandparent’s responsibility to ensure the college is open prior to submitting the application (s).

Duane made a motion to provide the scholarships as discussed and Norm seconded. Motion passed with one nay (Bill P).

2. One-night reunion:

Bill A said he was contacted by a group of Spectres who want to gather for one night over drinks at the Island or other (VFW?) venue for a catered event costing about \$25 each on Saturday, Oct 10, 2020.

Norm explained the way it would look if the Association canceled the reunion this year and we hold a separate gathering. Barry completely concurred with Norm's assessment.

Duane says that we should stay away from each other during these uncertain times.

Norm made a motion and Jerry seconded that the association cancel any plans to sponsor a "mini" reunion. The vote was unanimous to "NOT sponsor" any reunion of any sort this year.

3. Tee shirts:

Much discussion:

Ed R does not support buying tee-shirts for a "non-reunion" money-making event strictly from the sound business practice aspect. We have no funds available to invest in this effort. Kevin recommends a different shirt for the future and Bill P pointed out that our stock is low and getting lower.

Duane noted that we will have no income unless we sell more. Ed R is tracking the sales closely. Bill P recommends that we sell a unique facemask. Fred says that there are lots of facemasks out there.

Norm made a motion and Duane seconded that we cancel any reunion Tee-shirt for 2020. A vote was taken, and the motion passed. There will be no Reunion Tee-shirt this year.

4. Bill W's Gunship Book:

Bill A and Bernie put out a notification that Bill W's book is at the clearing house and should be published o/a Dec 2020. Initial price mark is projected at \$30 - \$38. The publisher is looking for an accurate estimated quantity. It is felt that the demand is high.

Bill P says it's gonna be a big one!

The Government officially turned the book over to Bill W.

Fred asked if there was any way the Association could be involved in the sale. Duane said there is no way the publisher would allow it. All should let Bill W know of their interest and the stated quantity of their pre-sale requirements.

NEW BUSINESS

Fred called for new business.

Bernie briefed us on the AFA plaque status. He says that the plaque is finalized and that the artist is in charge from this point. See attached AFA Letter from Bill P.

We should have an USAFA Plaque dedication ceremony sometime in the near future (Covid restrictions apply).

We may need to add an agenda item to the General Membership to allow funds to be allocated for travel expenses for our selected attendees to the dedication ceremony at the Academy. We have several volunteers. 😊

Duane and Jerry wanted to know if we still have funds set aside at the Island and if so, please have Bill P make a full reporting at the next meeting. - OPEN

Jerry moved to adjourn, Norm seconded. Vote taken, motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 7:07 PM Central Time.

- **The VFW is open now for quasi-normal activities**; we will meet at the VFW on September 1, 2020 at 6PM Central Time or dial-in to (605) 472-5378 using Access Code: 206507#.

- Dick Vancil - Secretary

From: Spectre Association Inc.
PO Box 707
Mary Esther, FL
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2020, July 28

To: The Association of Graduates
3116 Academy Dr.
USAF Academy, CO 80840

To: Amanda Hess,
Enclose you will find a check for \$6000.00 from the men and women of the Spectre Association. A check to cover the cost of placing an AC-130 Gunship Plaque on Display at the United States Air Force Academy.
The Spectre Association Thank you for the opportunity to honor the brave men that flew the gunship into "Harm's Way" during the Vietnam War.

Sincerely yours
William Patterson

Treasurer