

SPECTRE Board Meeting

Tuesday, January 5, 2021; 6:00PM 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

Duane Spencer, Board Member

Ed Metz, Board Member - absent

Darren Vitalo, Board Member

Barry Gossman, Board Member

Norm Evans, Board Member

Kevin Moyer, Board Member

Dick Vancil, Secretary

Nick Carpenter, Special Guest via Telecom from undisclosed active AOR location.

Fred opened the meeting and verified the attendees. All board members and essential participants were present, except as noted. The meeting started at 6:07PM Central.

Fred wished everyone Happy New Year. This meeting was held at the VFW and as a dial-in telecom.

REPORTS:

Fred called for the previous board minutes. The minutes were previously emailed to all and were briefly summarized by Dick.

BOARD MINUTES:

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

Norm made a motion to accept the minutes. Jerry seconded the motion and a vote was taken – no nays ...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 JANUARY 04, 2021



Checking Account **1517	\$5,938.21
Gunner Jack Fund **0419	\$10,396.09
Scholarship Fund **5921	\$13,809.17
Operating Fund **5913	\$26,516.15
MS BOND	\$25,000.00
Total	<u>\$81,659.62</u>

Norm made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report and Jerry seconded it. The motion passed and the Treasurer's Report was accepted with only one nay from Vito.

Fred asked for the Quartermaster's Report.

SPECTRE STORE:

Ed R reported:

December has been a very good month for sales. Ed R added a few additional charts for December sales from PayPal. The 4th Quarter sales improved due to the December sales of \$2,367.50. The new 20 oz. Tumblers have been a very good item sold during December as well. We had one dispute that was settled by Ed R. There was an overpayment which resulted in a \$20 refund to the customer.

Only one new membership since last meeting with the brass plate info sent to the Trophy Center.

Our inventory is now valued at over \$32K.

Ed R ordered 25 Spectre Flags, again. December was a good month for us, especially on the Face Book site. Arlie is helping us with essential products and special-order items.

2020 (YTD) Spectre Association Transactions

	Sales Gross	PayPal 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	\$1,997.50	(\$70.58)	\$490.00	\$200.00	\$101.35	\$0.00	\$1,926.92
Qtr-4	\$4,750.50	(\$145.42)	\$905.00	\$321.07	\$298.15	\$0.00	\$4,206.63
Total:	\$12,077.50	(\$384.70)	\$2,360.00	\$1,854.22	\$399.50	\$0.00	\$10,761.20

Warehouse 2020 Year End Inventory		
Inventory	Cost	Items
Total Clothing:	\$14,712.40	938
Total Misc:	\$17,418.81	7908
Totals:	\$32,131.21	8750



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

DISCUSSION:

Bill P's grandson, Nick Carpenter, crew chief with a deployed expeditionary AC-130 organization, called in to discuss ideas on how to get everyone involved to keep the "Gunship Association" alive. A lengthy discussion ensued centering on LTC Murphy's desire to involve the AC-119 and AC-47 Air Base Ground Defense folks, as well.

Bill W knows there are a lot of Gunship folks that do not want to associate with non-flyer types.

Bill P explained the point-of-view of the new guys (legacy to present).

Fred thanked Nick C for his participation and efforts to foster a more inclusive association along with promising to study Nick's proposals with the group.

Fred and Bill W talked about the "dead-on" group.

Bill A explained that the AC-130 gunships are on-going and will continue to morph and that we need to bring all of the groups together. We are the alumni and we need to let the new guys tell their stories to our Spectre Historian, Bill W.

Norm pointed out that no matter the model we are still discussing AC-130s (an AC-130 Gunship Association).

Bill A and Vito agreed to "wait and see what the new guys are proposing" before we take any further action. All attendees concurred. Bill P said there may be a separate App developed for each squadron.

Duane proposed to let Bill W talk to Nick and go from there...

Fred asked for Bill W to update us on his book publication efforts. Bill W has two publishing offers currently in final negotiations. Two volumes so far with follow-on Volumes Three and Four in-work. The first Two Volumes cover the whole life span of the A model AC-130s ('68-'75 and '76-'95). The volume sets have not yet been finalized.

Bill W briefed the board attendees regarding the planned 30th Anniversary Spirit '03 Memorial activities that he was aware of, to date. See Shot-Shot Range Contest (later in minutes) and memorial flyer attachment.

The board agreed to do whatever possible to replace the John Blessinger shadow box and its contents lost in a fire. Bill W and Ed R will take the lead and will facilitate contact with the principals and AFMPC for awards and citations, DD 214, and etc..

Kevin asked to talk to Bill W so they exchanged contact info.

NEW BUSINESS

Fred called for new business.

Vito hopes someone famous will play him in the movie version of Bill W's books. (in his dreams).

Ski says that his family is fine (we were only concerned about Alice).

Kevin briefed everyone on the customized Sig 9mm M17 coyote tan pistol that may be obtained for purchase by Association members. There is a min order of 25.

PJ offered up a lot of information regarding all of the gun purchase options. We will get more specific info in the next meeting and in its minutes.

Bill P advised us that we have approx \$81+K but warned that it would be \$75K very soon after paying our bills. Bill P noted that without the 2020 reunion sales and other typical fiscal activities that this was a particularly bad year for our finances.

Bill P decorated his office window in a "Merry Christmas and Spectre Theme" and received lots of Kudos. He was notified of a possible rent increase going forward (more to follow).

Bill W briefed everyone on the Shot-Shot commeration at the Hurlburt Gun Range on 31 January. Local Spectres will gather and fire their commemorative Kimber .45ACP 1911s while toasting (cyber whiskey drink) the Spirit 03 crewmembers. Bill W has the complete details.

Fred wants to remind everyone that we WILL have a reunion this year in FWB at the Island Hotel. Please help pass the word and plan for it.

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:15PM Central Time.

- Dick Vancil – Secretary

Addendum to Minutes (Information that came in after the monthly meeting):

From: Bernie Frakes <Frakesb@cox.net>

Date: Saturday, January 9, 2021 at 7:12 PM

Subject: FW: AC-130 Plaque Update

All,

Here is an unexpected development re AFA plaque. The board needs to take a look at this and determine what would be a good course of action. Don't know if you have had a meeting in January yet, but this needs immediate attention.

Bernie

From: aog70@comcast.net

Sent: Saturday, January 09, 2021 12:37 PM

To: Bernie Frakes

Subject: AC-130 Plaque Update

Hi Bernie,

Hope you are doing well and enjoyed the Holidays.

This virus is slowing down getting your plaque done. The AOG has been shut down and we are ironing out a few issues regarding grammar.

I just found out that someone (I don't have name) donated \$10,000 for the plaque. As you know, it is already paid for. Below are some options for using the money.

The Academy Mechanical Engineering Department wants to display a copy of the plaque, but they obviously can't ask for money. \$5000 or \$6000 could be used to purchase a plaque for them. The faculty members and cadets mentioned on the plaque were in the department. The remaining money could be used to defray some of the costs if you wanted to have a dedication ceremony at the Academy like most groups do.

You could consider donating part or all of the money to our SEA Class Fund which allows us to add stories to our website—70SEAPAVILION.com.

These are just suggestions. Up to you.

All the best,

Dick



In Honor of “Spirit 03”

*The Gunship Community (past and present) cordially invites
you to a...*

Virtual Toast to the Fallen

With Guest Speakers
Lt Gen James “Jim” Slife, AFSOC Commander
Lt Gen (Ret) Brad Heithold
CMSgt (Ret) Bill Walter

On the 30-year anniversary of the crew’s sacrifice

Zoom room opens at 2100 Central on 30 Jan
Opening remarks at 2105 Central
Moment of Silence and Toast at 2125 Central (0625 Khafji Time)

Meeting ID: 954 998 7601
Password: 1616
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