

SPECTRE BOARD MEETING
Tuesday, 06 May, 2008, 1845 CST



Pat Carpenter, President
Roger Betterelli
Kim Coryat
Norm Evans
Mark Johnson
Tommy Montgomery, Quarter Master
P. J. Cook, teleconference
Chuck Kaczmarczyk, teleconference
MarthaAnn Kaczmarczyk, Recording Secretary, teleconference
Barry Gossman, teleconference at 1907L

CALL TO ORDER

President Pat Carpenter called the meeting to order with the above-listed Board Members present, either in person or via teleconference.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Andy DeMeyer is traveling. He left the check book for Pat.
Pat reported that after bills were paid we have approximately:

\$ 500.00 -- Checking Account
1,245.12 – CD
10,000.00 – CD from Gunner Jack
29,129.68 -- Vanguard Bank CD

SPECTRE SPOTLIGHT

Pat had a computer problem after a bad lightening storm. He lost everything on his computer, and had to have a section of his hard drive replaced. He hopes to have the Spectre Spotlight to P.J. by this weekend.

REUNION 2008 INFO

We will have a buffet on Friday evening. The bar-b-q for Sunday will be indoors, but paper plates will be available to take food out by the pool.

Approximate costs for the meals are \$30 for Friday, \$45 for Saturday, and \$25 for Sunday. President Pat asked Roger Betterelli to set up the Golf tournament on Sunday morning as well as a fishing trip on Sunday morning.

Thomas R. Norris, the former Navy Seal and CIA Operative who rescued Lt. Col. Hambelton, has confirmed to President Pat that he will be our banquet speaker.

PROPOSED MINI REUNION 2008

The 16th SOS is interested in supporting a mini reunion, but the 4th SOS is not. Dick Vancil, Andy DeMeyer, Roger Betterelli, and Pat Carpenter made a presentation about our organization to the 4th SOS, and six (6) new members signed up. They also would like to see the name changed from Spectre Association to a generic form of gunship association. Pat asked P.J. to see what domain names are available.

Without the squadrons' help, we cannot do a mini reunion by ourselves. The VFW reservation for Sunday, 18 May, has been cancelled.

OUT-OF-TOWN REUNION IN 2010

ATLANTIC CITY: Will not book reunions on the weekend, so this location is out.

BILOXI, MS: Roger Betterelli is still waiting to get information.

ST. LOUIS, MO: Kim has at least 17 proposals.

LAS VEGAS: Dick Vancil is not present this evening, but he has several proposals that are very competitive.

NASHVILLE: Chuck Kaczmarczyk e-mailed several proposals that he has solicited from hotels. At least two (2) of these are very appealing.

BRANSON, MO: Norm Evans is going to get the information from the AC-119 organization who will be having their reunion there this year.

RENO, NV: Barry has received a few proposals, but this is not a viable location.

PROPOSED SPECTRE CALENDAR

Barry Gossman has not found a location that will make the calendars more than two (2) months out. It was suggested that Wal*Mart and Kinkos are two (2) good places to work with. Barry said he has not received any pictures or dates to use on the calendar, but Chuck Kaczmarczyk reported that he has e-mailed significant dates to Barry. Chuck will e-mail these again.

QUARTERMASTER'S REPORT

Tommy Montgomery is being transferred to a remote assignment within the next five (5) weeks. We will have to find a new Quartermaster. Pat reported that inventory is at a good level, and sales are going well.

NOMINATIONS

Andy DeMeyer, Chuck Kaczmarczyk, and Larry Hickey are up for re-election in 2008. The Board nominated all three (3) to another term.

ACFT 044 MEMORIAL SERVICE

A Memorial Service is being held for members of Aircraft 044 that was lost over Laos on 29 March 1972. This Service will be held at Arlington National Cemetery, on 28 May @1300 hours. Andy DeMeyer and Chuck & MarthaAnn Kaczmarczyk are attending. Pat will mail three (3) Spectre coins and the Spectre flag to Chuck tomorrow. If airlift is available, several other Board Members expressed a desire to attend.

WEB SITE

P.J. Cook will put a notice on the main page about the memorial service for Jim Caniford on 28 May at Arlington National Cemetery.

P.J. searched the Web for domain names and found the following:

Fixed Wing Gunship Association and Fixed Wing Gunships Association

Side Firing Gunship Association and Side Firing Gunships Association

The cost is \$6.99 per year for each name. P.J. was authorized to purchase all four (4) names. The names are purchased and registered and all 4 new domain names now point to the current web site.

P.J. has had several inquiries as to why our Web Store is not advertised in some aviation oriented magazines to direct people to the Spectre Web Store. He will research the cost for running a small ad in some of these publications and report back next month.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, it was moved and seconded that the meeting be adjourned. Meeting adjourned at 1930 CST.