

SPECTRE BOARD MEETING
Tuesday, 03 February, 2009, 1842 CST



Pat Carpenter, President
Dick Vancil, Vice President
Bill Patterson, Treasurer
Roger Betterelli
Norm Evans
Barry Gossman, teleconference
Larry Hickey
Mark Johnson
Chuck Kaczmarczyk, teleconference
MarthaAnn Kaczmarczyk, Recording Secretary, teleconference
Mike Skerrett, teleconference, 1905L

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

Bill Patterson, our new Treasurer, announced that he is not prepared with a Treasurer's Report for tonight's meeting. He is still trying to set up his own system based on the information that he received from Andy DeMeyer. Bill plans to have this information available at our next Board Meeting, and it will be posted in the minutes at that time.

Andy Demeyer, Past Treasurer, sent all Board Members a packet of detailed information on our finances during 2008. Andy has also taken all necessary books and back-up information to the Accountant to have our Association's Federal Income Taxes figured.

Our CD at Coastal Bank and Trust of Florida, formerly Vanguard Bank matured on 10 January. Pat, Dick, and Bill met with the people at Coastal Bank and Trust and reinvested the money. We now have two (2) CDs – one for \$6,000.00 and one for \$20,000 invested at a rate of 3.01% interest.

We awarded two (2) scholarships this year in the amount of \$750.00 each. The check sent to the University of Texas for Richard Alexander Clayton, who is studying Engineering has been received and credited to his account. The check mailed to the University of Arkansas for Morgan Elizabeth Clayton who is studying Medicine has yet to be acknowledged or applied to her account.

REUNION 2009 INFO

Norm met with three (3) different hotels – Wingate Inn (Destin), LaQuinta, and Quality Inn (both on Hwy. 98 in Fort Walton Beach). He needs a count on the number of rooms we will need. Fifty (50) rooms were suggested. Norm is also working on menus and a location to dine, he has checked out the American Legion and Elks in Destin and the American Legion in Fort Walton Beach. They are asking for the number of banquet meals to be served. One hundred (100) meals were suggested.

It was suggested that at the 2009 Reunion we honor the 16th SOS and their move to Cannon AFB. The following logos/themes were suggested: “34 Years of World Tours”, “Have Cannon Will Travel”, “It’s Not Our First Rodeo”.

Guest Speaker: TBD.

OLD BUSINESS

Inventory has been taken, and the current retail value of merchandise on hand is \$30,616.00. We have reduced our inventory by about 25% since last year. The Association received \$15,732.49 in sales from the Spectre Store during the year 2008. We will be having a “Fire Sale” on certain T-shirts that have not been good sellers. We will probably have only three (3) colors for all of our shirts: Maroon, Black, and Navy Blue. It was decided that we will do away with pockets on the men’s polo shirts.

Fourteen (14) “Spirit 03” lithographs were sold last year (2008) for \$10.00 each. We are sending \$140.00 to the Special Operations Warrior Foundation (SOWF). “Spirit 03” was lost on 31 January 1991 – 16 days into “Operation Desert Storm” – when it was hit by a SAM near the border town of Khafji, 50 miles south of the capital of Kuwait City. All crew members were KIA.

REUNION 2010 INFO

According to our By-Laws we were to mail out a ballot before 31 January to determine the location of our next out-of-town reunion in 2010. However, Pat is trying to get our Membership Roll information updated, and then ballot will go out as soon as he accomplishes this. The three (3) cities that were chosen by vote of the general membership at the 2008 Reunion are: Branson, MO; Las Vegas, NV; and Biloxi, MS. It was suggested that we consider changing the By-Laws in order to allow our members to vote at the Annual Business Meeting two (2) years prior on the exact location of the out-of-town reunion.

NEW BUSINESS

Pat has been checking on some new merchandise. He has not found anyone who will produce a SPECTRE tie. However, if we buy a solid color tie -- black is suggested -- we can get the logo embroidered on them. Garment bags with the SPECTRE emblem are too expensive. Pat is suggesting that the members buy plain garment bags and then purchase the large SPECTRE logo from our store to sew onto it. Pat is searching for a supplier of leather belts with the name SPECTRE and the logo embossed on the back portion. We are getting quotes on Spectre Flags from three (3) sources. It was suggested that we get Spectre Logo Stickers with industrial-strength adhesive for use on luggage, etc.

Several months ago the Commander of the 4th SOS contacted Pat and said he was interested in buying some memberships. They discussed membership in the Spectre Association and the costs of our memberships. Pat received an e-mail last week inviting him and Dick to attend a Chili Lunch this coming Friday, at which time the 4th SOS will purchase ten (10) memberships. Pat has offered them a special of \$20 each for their first year's dues. Pat and Dick are attending and hope to get several more people to join.

Paul Wonderly, a Navigator on AC-47s and AC-130s and a Life Member of the Spectre Association died on 29 January 2009. The family will hold a Memorial Service at a later date. In lieu of flowers we are donating \$50.00 to the Intrepid Fallen Heroes Fund.

The Kaczmarczyks, along with the Promiscuous Pachyderms, are traveling to Las Vegas for a week; and while there, they will get information for a possible 2010 Reunion in Las Vegas.

Mike Skerrett, while traveling on business, has had a lot of inquiries about his Spectre shirts. He is referring all interested parties to our website for membership and merchandise information.

Bill Patterson is still looking for a computer for the Association to use. He has purchased Quick Books for Non-profit Organizations.

Norm said that he used Turbo Tax on line to file his 2008 Income Taxes. This is a free program for first-time users. It was a simple, nine-(9) page form; and he got his refund back in two (2) weeks.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, it was moved and seconded that the meeting be adjourned. Meeting adjourned at 1922L.