

SPECTRE BOARD MEETING
Tuesday, 03 March, 2009, 1835 CST



Pat Carpenter, President
Dick Vancil, Vice President, teleconference, 1840L
Roger Betterelli
P.J. Cook, teleconference
Kim Coryat, teleconference
Norm Evans
Barry Gossman, teleconference, 1903L
Larry Hickey
Mark Johnson
Chuck Kaczmarczyk, teleconference
MarthaAnn Kaczmarczyk, Recorder, teleconference
Mike Skerrett, teleconference

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

Following is the Treasurer's Report as of 02 March, 2009:

\$ 6,343.91 – Checking Account
5,632.39 – Scholarship Fund
500.18 – Special Operating Fund
10,272.55 – Gunner Jack CD at Regions Bank
25,269.45 – The Life Membership Fund CD #1
6,000.00 – The Life Membership Fund CD #2

\$54,018.48 – TOTAL FUNDS AVAILABLE

As of yet, we have not received anything from the Accountant concerning our 2008 Federal Income Taxes.

Pat has ordered approximately \$720.00 worth of new shirts to be sold in the web store.

REUNION 2009 INFO

Norm Evans met with three (3) different hotels – Wingate Inn (Destin), Days Inn, and Comfort Inn (both in Fort Walton Beach). It was determined that their room rates were too high and none of them had facilities in order to host a reunion.

Norm also went to the Four Points by Sheraton and met with Peggy Moravec, who has been our contact person for several past Spectre reunions. The Four Points offered us King Rooms for \$85 per night, Courtyard Rooms for \$95 per night, Beach view Rooms for \$125 per night, and Suites for \$150 per night. They have available all of the meeting rooms that we have used in the past for our meals, business meeting, banquet, country store, and hospitality "Hootch". They also supplied us with seventeen (17) pages of menus for us to choose from.

Larry Hickey moved that we return to the Sheraton Four Points for our 2009 Reunion. Norm Evans seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Pat requested Norm to go to the Four Points tomorrow and sign a contract obligating us for 8 – 11 October for our 2009 Reunion. Pat also requested the Board Members to review the menus and send him our suggestions for the different meals. He and Dick will schedule a meeting with Peggy sometime next month to confirm our menus and lock in the prices.

REUNION 2010 INFO

The ballot to determine the location of our 2010 off-site reunion has been mailed to all members. Pat has received approximately 40 completed ballots. Members are encouraged to return their ballots ASAP. The determination will not be made until the first of April. After the ballots have been tallied, the membership will be notified of the location decision.

QUARTERMASTER'S REPORT

In the past few weeks, Pat and Larry have filled two (2) orders going to employees at Lockheed Aircraft in Marietta, GA. One order was for approximately \$400 and the other totaled about \$250. Pat said these are the largest orders that have ever been placed and filled via our web store.

Gary Thompson has given Pat the name of an individual who does laser engraving on leather products. Pat plans to contact him concerning Spectre embossed belts.

Chuck has been in contact with a vendor who produces AC-130 Gunship Dr. aluminum street signs. He will forward the information to Pat so that a decision can be made on selling these in the web store.

NEW BUSINESS

Pat attended the Change of Command Ceremony when LTC Brenda Cartier, assumed command of the 4th SOS. She is the first female Commander of a Special Operations flying squadron. Afterwards, a Chili Cook-off was enjoyed. The Spectre Association got 10 new members that day, and several others voiced interest in

obtaining a membership. Pat plans to ask LTC Cartier to be our Guest Speaker for this year's reunion. Norm suggested that in the event she cannot be our guest speaker, that we ask one or two recently deployed squadron members to be guest speakers for the reunion. Roger suggested that we ask retired General Rich Comer to serve as our guest speaker.

Pat read a letter from Don Raatz, a LLLTV operator in the 16th SOS in 1975, concerning the veterans who were involved in the rescue and recovery of the merchant ship SS Mayaguez and its crew in 1975. A 35th anniversary reunion will be held in May 2010. The marines who were involved in the ground operation on Koh Tang Island would like any Spectres who were involved in this operation to attend the reunion. Further information is posted on the Spectre web site.

Pat has been approached by a Sensor Operator from the 4th SOS who has been in contact with a gunsmith. He gave Pat a preliminary drawing of a commemorative model 1911 - .45 caliber pistol. The slide and hand grips would be engraved with gunship insignias and squadron designations. At this time, the design is still in the planning stages. Only 105 of these one-of-a-kind items will be made available to Spectre members only. The cost is estimated to be between \$800 and \$1000. More information will be posted on the web site as it becomes available.

The terms of office as a Director of our Association for Roger Betterelli and Barry Gossman expire in October of this year. Pat has asked each of these men to serve another three- (3) year term on the Board of Directors, and they both have accepted to be nominated at the Annual Business Meeting.

The Kaczmarczyks, along with the Promiscuous Pachyderms, traveled to Las Vegas for a week; and while there, they obtained helpful information for a possible 2010 Reunion in Las Vegas. Because of the current economy, the four (4) hotels they contacted are willing to cut good deals on rooms and meals in order to get our business if the members vote to go there in 2010. The Promiscuous Pachyderms continue their world-wide tour by traveling to Nevada, California, Arizona, and Utah.

Norm announced that the current VFW magazine has an article about Spectre operations in Southeast Asia. P.J. also posted the article on the Spectre web site.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, it was moved and seconded that the meeting be adjourned. Meeting adjourned at 1916L.

Respectfully submitted,

MarthaAnn Kaczmarczyk, Recorder