

**SPECTRE BOARD MEETING**  
**Tuesday, 05 May, 2009, CST**



Pat Carpenter, President  
Dick Vancil, Vice President  
Roger Betterelli  
P.J. Cook, Web Master, teleconference  
Kim Coryat, teleconference  
Norm Evans  
Barry Gossman, teleconference  
Larry Hickey  
Chuck Kaczmarczyk, teleconference  
MarthaAnn Kaczmarczyk, Recorder, teleconference  
Mike Skerrett, Special Projects Committee, teleconference

**CALL TO ORDER**

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

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

Bill Patterson was unavailable for the Board Meeting tonight due to city council business. Bill did submit the following reports.

Treasurer's Report as of 05 May 2009:

\$ 7,007.32 – Checking Account  
5,632.87 – Scholarship Fund  
1,275.31 – 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

**\$55,457.50 – TOTAL FUNDS AVAILABLE**

Web Store Sales for the month of April 2009 totaled \$682.95, which includes a Life Membership for Edgar Alicea-Ortiz.

Our 2008 Federal Income Tax has been filed, and we owe no taxes. Our FL state sales tax is paid quarterly, and we paid \$57.08 in sales tax for the first quarter web store sales.

### **REUNION 2009 INFO**

The Kaczmarczyk's submitted a proposed budget for the up-coming reunion, and this was discussed in great detail. We will continue to discuss this matter at next month's meeting.

The Kaczmarczyk's also submitted proposed menus for the up-coming reunion, and these were discussed. Because of the cost of the meals, Pat and Norm plan to visit with Peggy at the Four Points and attempt to negotiate the prices down. They will also chat with her about making substitutions to the Four Points standard dinner, banquet, and Bar-B-Q packages.

The Raffle of the Kimber Commemorative Gunship Pistol to be held at our 36<sup>th</sup> Annual Reunion was discussed. It was decided that we will immediately begin selling tickets via the Spectre web site store for a donation of \$25.00 each. Tickets will also be available for purchase on Friday and Saturday at the Reunion. All proceeds above the cost of the pistol and the display case – \$1,170.00 – will go to the Spectre Association Scholarship Fund.

Dick Vancil moved that we allow only Spectre members in good standing – those who have currently paid their dues – to purchase up to a maximum of four (4) tickets at \$25.00 each. This commemorative pistol is only for Spectre members, and you are on your honor when purchasing tickets that this pistol will stay within the Spectre Association Fraternity. There will not be a limit on the number of tickets sold, and all proceeds will benefit the Spectre Association Scholarship Fund. Larry Hickey seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously,

It was decided that we will once again have a Booze Basket Raffle at this year's reunion.

Barry Gossman has spoken with Wayne White, who engraved the 105mm round last year for our raffle, and he is donating some 40mms and some 20mms rounds to be raffled this year.

Any additional items that can be donated for the raffle will be greatly appreciated. Please remember that all proceeds go to our Spectre Association Scholarship Fund.

Chuck Kaczmarczyk requested that we get information about our 36<sup>th</sup> Annual Reunion on the Association's web site as quickly as possible for the benefit of our out-of-country members who need to make airline and hotel reservations. He has heard from several of the fellows who live in Thailand and who are planning on attending this year.

Chuck announced that he and MarthaAnn are volunteering to work at the Country Store at this year's reunion. It was determined that the store will only be open on Friday and Saturday at the Four Points.

Roger Betterelli will ask retired Major General Rich Comer to be our Banquet Speaker at this year's reunion.

### **REUNION 2010 INFO**

Pat received information from the Imperial Palace in Biloxi, MS, but their prices are very high. We will continue to search for other, possible host hotels.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Chuck asked why there is not a format for applying for an Associate Membership @ \$25.00 per year as well as a Lifetime Associate Membership at the bottom of the web store site where all of the other Membership Formats are located. During the discussion about Associate Memberships, we were reminded that only 21% of our total Membership can be Associate Members in order for us to retain our status as a military organization for tax purposes. P.J. will add Associate Membership forms for non-squadron members on our website.

Chuck suggested that we consider adding two (2) items to our web site Country Store: 1) an AC-130 Gunship Dr. aluminum street sign and 2) mahogany gunship models. Chuck has all of the vendor information and will forward it to Pat.

Chuck has been in contact with some of the Marines who are members of the KOH TANG BEACH CLUB. He and MarthaAnn will be attending their mini-reunion in August in Loogootee, Indiana. These Marines are very anxious to have other Gunship crew members attend. They have also invited us to attend their Bi-Annual Reunion in 2010 in Branson, MO. They would also like to be invited to our reunion in October.

Chuck suggested that we retire Life Membership Numbers when a Spectre dies and is then followed in death by a surviving spouse. The custom has always been to award that Life Membership number to the surviving spouse. Then upon the death of the spouse, it is held open for two (2) years before reissuance. Chuck feels that Life Members numbers should never be reused.

Chuck asked Pat to resend through e-mail the list of deceased Spectres that he sent several weeks ago. When his e-mail service was updated he lost most of his old e-mails.

A discussion about purchasing new Spectre flags ensued. Chuck has been in contact with a vendor who can create a 4' x 6' Flag for indoor use with a hemmed edge for hanging horizontally on a pole. The flag would have the Spectre logo as a back-ground with the name of the Association arched above the logo and AC-130 Gunship arched below the logo. The approximate cost would be \$60.00 -- \$66.00 for each flag.

In response to an inquiry as to what happened to a large sum of money that was in the Spectre accounts several years ago, Pat explained that \$567,000 was donated to the Special Operations Warrior Foundation for the Spirit 03 children and an additional \$200,000 was donated to the same Special Operations Warrior Foundation for the Jockey 14 children. Many years ago the drawings and artwork of the Spirit 03 posters we sell were donated by Rockwell Aircraft Corp. We send \$10 from the sale of every poster to the Special Operations Warrior Foundation. Last year we sent \$140.00 from the sale of these posters. Both are listed on the web site store for a cost of \$12.00 each, and they would make a nice addition to any AC-130 Gunship collection.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to discuss, it was moved and seconded that the meeting be adjourned. Meeting adjourned at 2004L.

Respectfully submitted,

MarthaAnn Kaczmarczyk, Recorder