

**37<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL REUNION  
SPECTRE BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
Saturday, 09 October 2010, 0900 CST,  
IMPERIAL PALACE HOTEL, BILOXI, MS**



Pat Carpenter, President  
Dick Vancil, Vice President  
Bill Patterson, Treasurer  
Roger Betterelli  
Larry Hickey  
Barry Gossman  
Bill Walter  
Bill Allen (MC - VP Elect)

**CALL TO ORDER**

President Pat Carpenter called the meeting to order with the above-listed Board Members present. The Pledge of Allegiance was offered and the minutes from the 36<sup>th</sup> Annual Business Meeting were read by Dick V with a motion made to accept as read by Bill W. The membership APPROVED by voice vote. Pat C displayed the Agenda (attached).

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

Bill Patterson submitted and discussed the following financial report. He briefed that there was no "real" interest rates offered unless we made a 2-year CD investment.

**Capital & Assets**

• Certificates Of Deposit	
○ Life Fund	\$25,265.45
○ Life Fund	\$ 6,000.00
○ Gunner Jack Fund	\$10,311.73
• Scholarship Fund	\$ 6,682.51
• Special Operating Account	\$ 3,627.47
• Checking Account	\$ 8,718.72
• Inventory On-Hand (Approx)	\$32,500.00
• Computer	\$ 750.00
• Projector	\$ 450.00
• Telephone	\$ 50.00
<b>Capital &amp; Assets as of 5 Oct 2009</b>	<b>\$97,057.87</b>

**2011 Estimated Revenues \$30,800  
2011 Total Estimated Expenses \$29,520**

The EXPANDED proposed budget for 2011 was presented to the attendees and is included in the attached Agenda Document. It was moved, seconded, and voted on to accept the Treasurer's report.

### **STORE SALES**

Pat briefed that our sales were good and that we were selling our merchandise worldwide. The sales were averaging about \$1,000 per month from the Internet and were trending a little lower due to the world economy. We are presently reducing our stockpile of slow inventory. We are having a SALE of "white" shirts and will eventually work our way to three major colors (Black, Maroon, and Navy). Our Quartermaster, Tommy M was recently selected for retirement and he has to make preparations which will require some continued assistance with his Quartermaster duties. All sales in the store were current and shipments were up-to-date as of the meeting time.

### **BALLOT RESULTS**

A total of 162 Ballots were returned (new record) with 144 "YES" for approval of the By-Law changes. Measure(s) passed.

### **REUNION 2011 INFO**

Pat discussed several potential locations for the 2011 reunion site (e.g Four Points Sheraton, New facility to open at Hurlburt, possibly Four Points for rooms, Soundside for meetings, and other options). There were lots of positive comments about the Bangkok House for the Thursday Night Icebreaker, the Armament Museum for the Memorial Service (w/ First Lady open for tours) and the recent good choices for guest speakers.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **SELECTION OF POW/MIA TABLE REPRESENTATIVES**

The volunteers were identified for the POW table:

Pilot – Bennie (Ron B)  
Table NAV – Dwaine  
EWO/Sensor – Wakeman  
Engineer – Bob T  
Gunner – Jack  
IO – Roger D

#### **SCHOLARSHIPS DRAWING**

Bonnie T and Gunner Jack selected two scholarship winners with two backups/alternates from 17 applicants.

## **NOMINATIONS**

The nominations for the following positions were presented to the membership. Nominations were closed and the seconded. The ballots will be sent out in Jan 2011.

- Vice President, Treasurer, Two Board Members
  - Board Nominations
    - Bill Allen-VP, Dennis Peterson-Treasurer, John Wood – Board Member, Darren Vitalo, Frank Gonsowski - Board Members

## **OPEN FORUM**

Disciplinary actions were taken recently to remove memberships from the Spectre Association Membership Rolls of two previous members based on documented records falsification and other illegal actions. Pat C and Bill W have details upon request.

Gene E briefed the Special Ops warrior Foundation and the need to put 570 children through college. There are currently 158 in school (many Spectre's from Jockey 14 and Spirit 03). Gene thanked the association for the generous donation of \$2000 for the banquet on 17 Nov at the Emerald Coast Conference Center. Several Association members will attend and represent the Spectre history in establishing the fund.

Bill W briefed the Spectre "Memory Book". He has examples of the brief resume for personnel to list their history in gunships ... whether aircrew, maintenance, administrative, or general supporter.

Pat C briefed the recent web statistics and commended PJ for his exceptional work on our web site.

Pat C discussed two recent memorials for Spectre heroes, Capt Miller in Texas and 044 Mass burial in June at Arlington. Pat met with family members and related their appreciation for our support. He displayed a 044 "plate" that was made and presented to us a "Special Commemoration" honoring the loss, recovery, and burial of our fallen.

Dennis C mentioned that we need to keep working on being inclusive and continue to pursue a name change that will carry the gunships legacy/heritage forward and not cease to exist with the last of the Spectres.

Roger B briefed "Fixed Wing Gunship Association" as a possibility.

Gunner Jack proposed having the next Association Reunion at the Destin VFW where were treated royally in the past. He also does NOT want to use the IP in Biloxi for any future Reunion Site, too costly and impersonal. Jack proposed an

amendment to the By-Laws to allow the members who actually attend the reunion to select the next reunion site rather than the membership at large.

Jerry A took a moment to publicly thank the President and board members for their tireless efforts on behalf of the association.

Numerous personnel wanted to personally thank Larry H for his outstanding photography during the different meeting and reunion venues.

The annual Memorial Service was to held immediately following the Business meeting. All lost Spectre names were read and a moving video of the Arlington official burial ceremony was shown and respectfully remembered.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

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

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Dick V and Roger B