

# *Spectre Association, Inc.*



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Spectre Association Board Meeting

Called to Order 1830

January 4, 2005

**Members Present:** Clyde Gowdy, VP, Bill Allen, Treasurer, Glenn Gaudette, Darren Cogan, Norm Evans, Jerry Appleby, Bonnie Thrasher, Tricia & Curt Meadows, Web Designers

**Absent:** Tim Shaffer, President, Mike Skaret, Larry Hickey, Pat Carpenter, Historian

**Treasurer's Report Presented:** Bill Allen mentioned it is time an audit of the Association books. Additionally he recommended the Board perform an inventory of sales supplies. Discussion followed. Tabled until Treasurer researches auditors and makes his recommendations at the February Board meeting.

## **Old Business:**

1. 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Gunship Picnic Discussion:
  - a. 9 April 2005 set for annual Association Picnic.
  - b. Norm Evans is POC for AC119 and C47 Associations.
  - c. Glenn is looking for input to keep the kids happy and occupied. He made arrangements for the balloon room from MWR.
  - d. Please forward any of your ideas or inputs to Glenn or Clyde.
  - e. Contact Tim to ask his wife if she is available to be the Easter Bunny again this year.
  - f. Clyde will contact Sqd. Wives Club for a repeat of stuffing toy eggs this year.
  - g. Clyde will contact Chief Sorehand to recruit FWB & CHS ROTC to assist with parking and provide general help.
  - h. Bonnie suggested more merchant involvement and the use of Merchant Letters of Appreciations. (open)
2. Norm Evans and Jerry Appleby continue to research By-Laws for most current version (not include last proposed amendment). When complete it will be available to members on the web site, and at the Biloxi reunion in October 2005. (open)
3. Dessert One Reunion: Dinner will be on Sunday April 24, 2005. Ideas for fundraising for the Warrior Foundation to provide scholarships to surviving children of KIA. (open)

4. Reunion 2005: Information is posted on the website. Discussion on meal and room charges. Rooms will be \$84/nite plus tax and reservations need to be made by Sep 6, 2005. Hotel does not allow hospitality rooms.
5. **Motion:** Bill, motion to increase Friday and Saturday ticket prices to cover increased meal costs. Discussion: 1) With no costs for hospitality room all the monies saved could maybe be used. 2) Increased room charges and additional travel charges make it difficult to raise ticket prices. 3) Call for a 2<sup>nd</sup> to the motion on the floor – No 2<sup>nd</sup> to the motion – motion dies on the floor. Will stay with last year's ticket prices and adsorb cost overrides.
6. Clyde requested Board members submit suggestions for 2005 guest speaker at the February meeting. (open)
7. **Motion:** Cancel Thursday night at E-Hooch. 2<sup>nd</sup> – Discussion: No history of use of Hooch during out-of-town reunion. Chance for get together prior to reunion. – vote: One opposed- motion passed.
8. **Spectre Spotlight:** Glenn, poor response for letters, articles from the Board. Would have liked more input about the reunion. Spotlight is set to go to printers. Mail out postal cost approximately \$1.00 per Spotlight. Motion to have printers prepare Spotlight for mail out – motion 2<sup>nd</sup> – vote one opposed- motion passed. The Spectre Spotlight will be produced and mailed prior to the end of January. (open)
9. Troops in Walter-Reed Medical Center are no longer in need of calling cards, Norm validated the request & informed the board should the need surface in the future they will contact us. (closed)
10. Accomplish the paperwork to register the Association as a non-profit organization (to sell stuff on the web!). **POC - Mike Skaret** Mike absent & still researching. (open)

### New Business:

1. Taking suggestions for NEW Spectre Association merchandise (sweatshirts for one). Query members in the association and the web site for suggestions.(open)
2. **Suggestion:** Have photo albums available at Reunions for viewing. Soliciting membership to bring personal photo albums. Donation of photos to create new photo collections or current conflicts to preserve Association history. (open)
3. Clyde mentioned that a list of past Squadron Commanders' is not posted on the web site. (Thanks Charlie). Tricia will add to the website. (closed)
4. Wash list of members on the website to remove departed members. Clyde will get with Trish. (open)
5. Norm raised concerns and questions about Life Time Membership fund. What is it used for? When life member dies what happens to \$\$\$? Can the association use the interest? (open)
6. Numerous emails from of people stating how great the website has become! Kudos to Trish & Curt for a super job!!!!!!

Meeting adjourned at 19:55

Next meeting February 1, 2005 at 1830 in the Teresa Village conference room.

Darren Cogan  
Secretary