

SPECTRE 46th ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING
Saturday, October 6, 2018; 9AM Eastern



Programmed Participants:

Bernie Frakes, President

Bill Allen, Vice President

Bill Patterson, Treasurer

Bill Walter, Historian

Ed Rodriguez, Quartermaster; Absent

P.J. Cook, Web Developer; Absent

Jerry Michaud, Board Member

Ski Gonsowski, Board Member

Celia-Danny Pagan, Board Member; Absent

Duane Spencer, Board Member

Mike Skerrett, Board Member; Absent (Friday family emergency)

Darren Vitalo, Board Member

Barry Gossman, Board Member

Norm Evans, Board Member; Absent

Dick Vancil, Secretary

Special Guests:

Reunion Attendees

CALL TO ORDER

Bernie F conducted and chaired the meeting. Bernie called the meeting to order at 0905 AM Eastern Time. The attendees Pledged Allegiance to the Flag. Bernie took the roll and thanked the Spectre Association Members for their attendance. All board members were present, except as noted above.

Vito noted that the Bylaw's rewrite was just that and not a Revision as some were touting. Different rules apply to each and the board conducted a rewrite per the direction received at last year's Annual Business Meeting.

Bernie called for the reading of the previous reunion's minutes.

REPORTS:

BOARD MINUTES APPROVAL:

The Secretary (Dick V) read and occasionally paraphrased the previous year's minutes.

Duane made a motion that the previous general business meeting minutes be accepted and approved, motion was seconded by Gary T. Vote was taken and motion passed despite numerous Nay votes started by Vito. The meeting minutes were approved by Bernie and the executive leadership and were posted on the

website previously, along with the President's message. PJ will likewise post these minutes when approved to the Association's website.

Bernie asked for the Treasurer's Report.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Bill P reported the following:

Checking Account	**1517	\$16,036.31
Gunner Jack Fund	**50419	\$10,343.15
Scholarship Fund	**4187	\$15,569.35
Operating Fund	**4462	\$28,907.70
MS BOND		\$25,000.00
Total		<u>\$95,856.51</u>

Alice G passed out printed copies of the Treasurer's Report to a limited number of attendees based on copies available.

Bill P explained the PayPal Store collapse and advised as such that there would be no formal budget report due to lack of bonified projected revenue until the store was up-and-running again. In the meantime, only a "real" Treasurer's Report was provided to the membership.

Jennifer Effler was able to establish communication with PayPal and further to transfer the Association POC from Pat C to Ed R. PayPal is all straightened out now and is back on-line. Income can once again be generated by the store.

Bill P went over his above Treasurer's Report and explained that the MS Bond was earning 5.3% based on Chicago Schools Bond Interest Rates.

After much discussion, the Treasurer's Report was motioned for approval by Bill A and Seconded by Fred T. The vote for approval passed with minor dissention.

Bernie advised that the next reunion would held be in FWB, FL over the same Columbus Day Holiday period.

Nominations and elections for the programmed vacancies of Duane and Celia were held. Bill A nominated Fred Taylor and Duane was re-nominated to fill his own

vacancy. A vote was taken and both members (Fred T and Duane S) were added to the Association Board. HEARTY WELCOME TO BOTH!

Bernie explained the costs associated with the SEA Plaque for the AF Academy Display and our need for donations. Vito asked for the deadline and none was given to us yet per Bernie.

Don Beardsley suggested using attendee donations to fund the SEA plaque.

Bill W explained that if we can get \$3K (half) from the membership then the association can potentially make up any difference. Pete will ramrod the efforts at the AF Academy. Bill W will assist, as well.

Gene E asked what interest, if any, was shown for the SEA Plaque project from the Lifetime Membership.

Bob Reneau started the donations off by giving \$1K to the SEA Plaque program. Others quickly followed. Bill P explained the AF Academy SEA Display purpose and donated \$100. Vito started a donation pledge sheet and Fred T pledged \$1K and others quickly donated other amounts. It was noted that the AF Academy had SOS football helmets recently and much ado was made of the Special Ops Missions throughout the game. Bill P recommended the AFA adopt our "If You ain't Spectre, you ain't S****" idiom. There was a very impressive gunship flyover at the stadium for the game.

Bernie wanted to identify AFA graduates that had lost their lives while flying combat in SEA. Bill W get some info on this and report back.

Several Spectres wanted to know the SEA Plaque design and it was agreed that we would get that word out when it was finalized.

Bernie will compile the list of donations and pledges and Bill A will advise the attendees of how well we did at tonight's banquet.

Bernie got volunteers from all crew positions for the MIA/POW Table at tonight's banquet. Bill A explained the POW/MIA Table process. Bill A explained the scholarship drawing ...

Jennifer Effler selected eight candidate envelopes 1. Primary Pat Carpenter scholarship. 2. Secondary Pat Carpenter scholarship. 3. Primary Spectre Assn Scholarship Candidate one. 4. Secondary Spectre Assn Scholarship Candidate one. And so on and so on for total of four \$1K scholarships.

Bill A thanked Jen Effler for her help and generosity. All attendees agreed (much applause).

Bill A announced the Gunner Jack Award winner: Arlie Griffis, who could not be with us due to Arlie taking care of his ailing mother. Arlie will be presented with a check for \$250 and our eternal thanks for his outstanding efforts on behalf of all Spectres.

Little Pete gave a touching testimonial about his son's award and use of our scholarship.

Bernie acknowledged that our Quartermaster was absent due to duty requirements but noted his outstanding contributions to this year's gathering.

Bernie opened the floor to open forum.

DISCUSSION:

- Hutch asked about the C-130 made out of paper mâché and proceeded to tell a touching story about the Veteran's Home in Ohio.
- Don Beardsley discussed the Honor Roll System advocated by Fred T.
- Gene E. reminded everyone about the Spectre Hall of Fame that was eliminated in the new Bylaws because it was determined that ALL Spectres are Special.
- Don B will submit an input for the gunner jack Award.
- Bob Reneau went to get his checkbook for the SEA Plaque donation.
- Bill P and Bill W explained the Gunner Jack Award and possible name change.
- Bill A discussed the planned auction for the banquet and value of restoring our scholarship funds for the coming year.
- Jack Hollifield donated items for this evening's auction.
- Joe Cavallaro advocated helping the JROTC – Anytime – Anyplace. He sponsors AC-130 high school level involvement at places like FWB, Choctaw, Navarre, and others.
- Dennis B discussed his experience on "History of Life" with students.
- Hutch explained his association with students and encourages school visits.
- Bill W and Bill P presented a way to get the word out to young people through <https://veteransheritage.org/>.
- Bill P will make the Gunship Project webpage available.

- Jen Effler explained her involvement with the “Honor Flights” and encouraged others to do likewise. They are now doing Vietnam Honor Flights. Non-profit pays all the costs. Takes vets to seven (7) monuments (Lincoln, Korea, Vietnam, Arlington, Space Museum, Iwo Jima, WWII, all inclusive. All rave reviews. Jen wants a Spectre Honor Flight. She volunteered to work it personally.
- Gary Thompson was upset about reunion location selection and decision process as well as board member appointments.
- Vito explained process and turnover of board.
- Ray Beranek explained the old Bylaws.

ADJOURNMENT

Rick Silva made a motion to adjourn. Don Beardsley seconded the motion. There was a vote with one “Nay”. The motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 10:20 AM Eastern.

Dick Vancil – Secretary