

**SPECTRE Board Meeting
Tuesday, January 7, 2020; 6PM Central**



Programmed Participants:

Bernie Frakes, President
Fred Taylor, President Elect
Bill Allen, Vice President
Bill Patterson, Treasurer
Bill Walter, Historian
Ed Rodriguez, Quartermaster
P.J. Cook, Web Developer
Jerry Michaud, Board Member-absent; sick
Ski Gonsowski, Board Member
Duane Spencer, Board Member-absent
Ed Metz, Board Member
Darren Vitalo, Board Member
Barry Gossman, Board Member
Norm Evans, Board Member
Kevin Moyer, Board Member
Dick Vancil, Secretary

CALL TO ORDER

Bernie F conducted and chaired the meeting. Bernie called the meeting to order at 6:07 PM Central Time. Bernie took the roll and thanked the Spectre Association Members for their attendance. All board members noted above were present.

Bernie called for the reading of the previous meeting's minutes. NOTE: There was no board meeting or published minutes in December 2019.

REPORTS:

BOARD MINUTES APPROVAL:

The Secretary (Dick V) recapped the previous meeting's minutes for the attendees.

Norm made a motion that the previous meeting minutes be accepted and approved, motion was seconded by Fred. A vote was taken and the meeting minutes were approved with one nay. PJ will post these minutes, when approved, to the Association's website.

Bernie asked for the Treasurer's Report.

Bill P reported the following:

TREASURER'S REPORT as of Dec 12, 2019

Checking Account	**1517	\$5,801.55
Gunner Jack Fund	**0419	\$10,391.58
Scholarship Fund	**5921	\$20,734.02
Operating Fund	**5913	\$29,206.81
<u>MS BOND</u>		<u>\$25,000.00</u>
Total		<u>\$91,133.96</u>

TREASURER'S REPORT AS OF JANUARY 6, 2020

Checking Account	**1517	\$09,097.08
Gunner Jack Fund	**0419	\$10,393.40
Scholarship Fund	**5921	\$16,746.66
Operating Fund	**5913	\$29,211.52
<u>MS BOND</u>		<u>\$25,000.00</u>
Total		<u>\$90,448.66</u>

- Bill P said all but two scholarship checks have cleared.
- He moved \$4K from the scholarship fund into the operating fund to cover the scholarships.
- Bill P also added \$640 from the bond interest into the operating fund.
- Bill P will update all reunion costs at the next meeting. It cost us ~\$3,900 over what we took in/charged.
- Bill A asked for a breakdown of all of the extra costs. Tentatively, the Golf and Thai Spice were on budget.

- Bernie requested a motion to accept the Treasurer's report. Norm made the motion and Fred seconded it. Attendees approved the Treasurer's report over Vito's nay.
- **SPECTRE STORE**
- Bernie asked for the Quartermaster's Report.
- Ed R reported:
 - The December 2019 sales were down significantly from 2018 (\$1,092.00). 4th Quarter sales complete and listed below, along with the total year's sales. Also included is the total inventory cost for Treasurer Year End Report.

December	Sales						
Date	Gross Amount	Fees	Shipping & Handling	FL Sales Tax	Membership	Donations	Net Amount
Totals-->	\$767.00	\$24.75	\$170.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$742.25

2019 (YTD) Spectre Association Transactions							
	Sales Gross	Fees	S&H	Membership	Donations	FL Sales Tax	Net
Qtr-1	\$2,362.50	(\$81.68)	\$472.00	\$225.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,280.82
Qtr-2	\$3,150.00	(\$106.44)	\$630.00	\$145.35	\$130.00	\$0.00	\$2,898.21
Qtr-3	\$2,700.50	(\$90.95)	\$490.00	\$193.60	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,415.95
Qtr-4	\$3,157.00	(\$109.15)	\$600.00	\$291.42	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,781.43
Total:	\$11,370.00	(\$388.22)	\$2,192.00	\$855.37	\$130.00	\$0.00	\$10,376.41

Warehouse 2019 Year End Inventory		
Clothing Sum	Non-Clothing	Total Inventory
\$12,946.10	\$13,818.80	\$26,764.90

- All entries are as of 31 Dec 2019.
- Ed R ordered and received hats for 5 areas. The hats were ordered in Nov 2019 at a cost of \$650.
- Ed R asked PJ to update the store quantity for all hats.

- Vito made a motion to accept the Quartermaster's report, Norm seconded it, and it passed without opposition.

DISCUSSION

- WELCOME OF NEW BOARD MEMBERS AND PRESIDENT

- Fred T was welcomed as the new association President and Norm and Duane were welcomed as new Board members. Fred nominated Kevin Moyer to fill his (Fred's) board member vacancy as a remote member.
- Norm made the motion to approve Kevin's addition to the board, Bill P seconded the motion. It was voted on and accepted without opposition. Bernie welcomed the President and all new board members. Vito emphasized that this was Fred's First Term as President.
- Ed R agreed to provide the board membership "Tenure" Excel spread sheet to Vito and others.
- Fred will prepare a "Welcome/Hello" letter for the Spotlight to be sent to all for review and comment.
- Fred said that our next out-of-town reunion would be our 50th.

- FINALIZE AFA PLAQUE

- Vito asked for Col Terry's inclusion by name – board discussed rationale for NOT including him, by name.
- Bernie revised the plaque wording for the umpteenth time and the board members like it. Fred asked for a motion, Bill A made the motion to use the verbiage with an A-Model Gunship depiction, Norm seconded it. Motion carried unanimously. Bernie will make contact with the AFA POC, Mr. Rauschkolb to finalize our input for AFA review and approval. – **Post-Meeting**

Secretary Note:

On Jan 8, 2020, at 3:32 PM, Bernie Frakes <Frakesb@cox.net> wrote:

Rich,

I am sending our final draft for the SEA plaque for the AC-130 for submission to your AFA committee. Hopefully it will meet approval, so we can get the plaque completed. If there is anything else that is needed, you can give me a call or email me.

Bernie

OPEN

- Vito asked if member contact info was still available on our website. PJ advised that he was required to remove the "Buddy List" due to security and spamming concerns.
- PJ is looking for a suitable replacement for the "Buddy List" and Vito is very interested in making the information available to the members.
- Bernie helped Fred with the process and sequence for the Spotlight approval and its publication/release.
- Bill P and others expressed issues with the Hospitality Room at the Island and also difficulty with the Island Hotel staff. A lengthy discussion ensued.
- Bill W asked about using the Sound Side as the reunion venue.
- Fred stated that we were caught off-guard by some of the issues. Bill P and Bill A explained some of the issues.
- There were severe issues with our credit card and its limits.
- The hotel staff were not flexible, nor did they live up to their commitments for payment timing.
- Bill A knows who were upset at the hotel.
- Bill A asked if we were going to have a joint reunion (with AD – Fred talked to LTC McMaster about potential May reunion).
- Fred and Bill A will lock in a location for the next reunion very soon.
- Fred asked if the Island is still a contender ... answer: Yes.
- Vito questioned the location of the proposed store, want it on the driveway side.
- Fred explained the "pros" of the Hurlburt Soundside (e.g. open bar with surcharge, parking, retiree lodging, reduced pricing, gate roster easy to manage, etc.).
- Norm said the FWB Elk's Lodge was not available in October.
- Norm has a new speakerphone for the association's use at the VFW

- Ed R and Renee donated a fully configured laptop for Fred's use. The association "THANKS" them! Now, Fred is VERY dangerous ...
- Bernie wished Fred well in his new position as President and we, "The Spectre Association" wish to publicly thank Bernie and his lovely wife, Cindy, for their unfailing support and guidance during Bernie's four-year tenure as our past President. Great job, Bernie! Thank you!
- Ed Metz reported that Don Boudreaux's grave site had a Christmas Wreath, this year.
- PJ requested three items. Ed and Bill P to handle.
- Vito reminded PJ et al that he'd like the membership info available on the website.
- Ed R will call Vito about the election issues.
- Duane S advocated that we setup a boot at DeFuniak Springs with limited store stock.
- With no further business to discuss, the meeting was proposed closed by Norm and seconded by Bill P. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 7:08 PM CST.
- Dick Vancil Secretary

Attachment 1 - PROPOSED AFA SEA PLAQUE VERBIAGE

Attachment 2 - SPECTRE ASSOCIATION BOARD MEMBER/POSITION TERMS

Attachment 1

Air Force Academy SEA Plaque December 2019

THE AC-130 GUNSHIP (GUNSHIP II) PROGRAM WAS DEVELOPED BY PROGRAM MANAGERS AND ENGINEERS ACTING AT WRIGHT-PATTERSON AIR FORCE BASE IN 1967-1973 TO MEET THE DEMANDS OF NIGHT-TIME INTERDICTION AND CLOSE AIR SUPPORT IN SOUTHEAST ASIA. INITIALLY INTENDED TO BE A HEAVILY ARMED UPGRADE OF THE AC-47 AND AC-119, IT HAD FOUR 7.62 MM AND FOUR 20MM GATLING GUNS. IN 1968 THE 16TH SPECIAL OPERATIONS SQUADRON, "SPECTRE", WAS ACTIVATED AT UBON RTAFB, THAILAND EQUIPPED WITH AC-130A GUNSHIPS. THEY WERE RAPIDLY COMMITTED TO NIGHT INTERDICTION OF THE HO CHI MINH TRAIL. BY THE END OF THE FIRST OPERATION COMMANDO HUNT, SPECTRE WAS THE MOST EFFECTIVE TRUCK KILLER IN THEATER AND BY 1973 HAD DESTROYED OR DAMAGED OVER 10,000 ENEMY TRUCKS. DURING COMBAT OPERATIONS THE AC-130S WERE CONTINUOUSLY UPGRADED BY PROGRAM OFFICE PERSONNEL AND ENGINEERS SUPPORTED BY AIR FORCE ACADEMY FACULTY. INITIALLY, PROGRAM OFFICE AND ACADEMY PERSONNEL FLEW ON COMBAT MISSIONS AS FULL CREW MEMBERS. LATER PRODUCTION AC-130 GUNSHIPS WERE UPGRADED WITH NEW SENSORS, FIRE CONTROL COMPUTERS AND SOFTWARE, DEFENSIVE ELECTRONICS, AND 40MM /105MM CANNONS. OSD AND SEC/USAF FORMALLY LAUDED THE AC-130 PROGRAM OFFICE AND ITS TEAM MEMBERS AS CRITICALLY RESPONSIVE AND INNOVATIVE AS WELL AS THE COURAGEOUS SPECTRE CREWS WHO ROUTINELY BRAVED INTENSE ENEMY FIRE. DESPITE VALIANT EFFORTS, SIX AC-130 GUNSHIPS ALONG WITH FIFTY-TWO CREW MEMBERS WERE LOST. WE WILL ALWAYS REMEMBER THOSE CREWMEN WHO GAVE THE LAST FULL MEASURE DURING COMBAT MISSIONS OVER SOUTHEAST ASIA.

Attachment 2

SPECTRE ASSOCIATION BOARD MEMBER/POSITION TERMS						
Seat	Position	Name	Term Validity	Term Validity	Term Validity	Term Validity
Seat #1	President	Fred Taylor*	2024			
Seat# 2	Vice President	Bill Allen*			2022	
Seat# 3	Treasurer	Bill Patterson		2021		
Seat# 4	Board Member	Norman Evans	2024			
Seat# 5	Board Member	Jerry Michaud	2024			
Seat# 6	Board Member	Barry Gossman		2021		
Seat# 7	Board Member	Ed Metz		2021		
Seat# 8	Board Member	Frank Gonsowski**			2022	
Seat# 9	Board Member	Darren Vitalo**			2022	
Seat# 10	Board Member	Duane Spencer				2023
Seat# 11	Board Member	Kevin Moyer				2023
<p>* President and Vice President terms are two years apart for continuity **Denotes Out-of-Town Board Member/Position</p> <p>Non-voting Board Positions (Indefinite Terms - below): Historian: Bill Walter Quartermaster: Ed Rodriguez Secretary: Dick Vancil Webmaster: PJ Cook**</p>						