

**SPECTRE BOARD MEETING**  
**Tuesday, November 1, 2016, 1800 CST**



**Bernie Frakes**, President  
**Bill Allen**, Vice President  
**Bill Patterson**, Treasurer  
**Bill Walter**, Historian, absent  
**Pat Carpenter**, Quartermaster  
**P.J. Cook**, Web Developer, absent  
**Jerry Michaud**, Board Member  
**Ski Gonsowski**, Board Member  
**Celia-Danny Pagan**, Board Member  
**Duane Spencer**, Board Member  
**Mike Skerrett**, Board Member, absent  
**Darren Vitalo**, Board Member, via teleconference  
**Barry Gossman**, Board Member  
**Norm Evans**, Board Member  
**Dick Vancil**, Secretary

**CALL TO ORDER**

Bernie called the meeting to order with the above-listed Board Members present/absent as noted, either in person or via teleconference, at 1802 CST. Bernie introduced all of the attendees. Prior to business, Bill A. asked that the attendees honor the recent passing of “Gunner Jack” Jackson, a true legend in our business, with a moment of silence. Gunner Jack was truly a hero. Much discussion ensued regarding Jack’s accomplishments and we will work to further honor his legacy.

Bernie requested Bill P read the treasurer’s report.

**TREASURER’S REPORT**

Bill P reported the following:

Treasurer’s Report as of November 1, 2016:

\$5,648.16 – Checking Account  
\$10,337.24 – Gunner Jack Fund  
\$15,614.59 – Scholarship Fund  
\$26,164.59 – Operating Fund  
\$6,407.43 – The Life Membership CD  
\$25,000 – MS BOND

**\$89,172.01 – TOTAL**

It was moved by Norm and seconded by Jerry to accept the Treasurer’s report, subject to audit. Motion carried unanimously.

## **WEBSITE STATISTICS**

The website statistics are attached.

## **QUARTERMASTER REPORT**

Pat reported that we have a great shirt inventory (stock is in good shape). We have five (5) hat styles currently in stock. "Death" T-shirts are selling well. The cost of International shipping is exorbitant and we will need to get with PJ to adjust the shipping costs appropriately or discontinue servicing other than US/AFO/FPO addresses. More to report at the next meeting.

## **REUNION RECAP INFORMATION**

- The reunion after-actions were discussed and reporting/articles for the 2016 Spectre Spotlight were almost complete. The Spotlight will include PJ's, Arlie G's, and others photos, the complete list of Scholarship awardees and alternates, Gunner Jack Awardee, new officers, special activity articles, and will be published/posted as soon as practical.
- A lengthy discussion was held and tabled regarding applying more of the Gunner Jack funds toward each years' awardee.
- It was noted that in keeping with the by-laws that the newly filled secretary position was not a board member and could not vote on board issues.
- Our guest speaker, LTC Connely, was outstanding. A potential candidate for a future reunion was discussed and will be revisited at a later date.
- Several deficiencies were noted with an eye to corrective action next time, these included, but were not limited to: Our store needs a larger calculator; capability to process credit cards electronically, and cotton shirts. The costs and quality of the meals were exorbitant and low; respectively. There was excessive noise in the rear of the banquet hall from an adjoining wedding activity, the sound system was uneven at times, and there was inadequate seating for the Friday and Saturday evening affairs. There were numerous requests for other than a Thai food venue for the Thursday night ice-breaker/mixer. On-line registration was problematic and will need revision (CC/PayPal/manual USPS) and was not conducive to smooth check-in or efficient badge making efforts.
- The current hotel is booked for the 2017 reunion. Although the current hotel had held their pricing firm for the last four years, there will be an effort to source a more reasonably priced venue and meals in the meantime (many local possibilities were discussed).

- The Honor Guard's presence and souvenir wine glasses were missed by many attendees (members and guests).

### **OLD BUSINESS**

Pappy G was again thanked for the large cake enjoyed by all at the banquet dinner.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

- It was mentioned that we as an organization need to do a better job of getting the word out, both for mass invitations to local Spectre gatherings and as a recruitment tool for new members. Several initiatives will be explored in future weeks/months ahead. Celia agreed to help us in both areas going forward.
- Discussions were held regarding the CY 2018 (45<sup>th</sup>) off-site/outside location reunion and the need for information on the proposed locations. The following members agreed to help research and brief us on the locations mentioned:
  - o WPAFB, Norm E.
  - o -Wash DC, Pat C.
  - o St. Louis, Dennis B.
  - o Branson, Bill W.
- See reunion recap residual tasks above.
- Bill P passed out a flyer on LTC James Lawrence (recently recognized in Veterans in Blue for his books and accomplishments). This weekend is the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Vietnam era with many happenings at AF Museums across the nation. All are invited to review the Gunship Project info at: <http://www.gunshipproject.com/> . The Gunship Project is a gathering of stories, photos and videos of the Gunship's transition over the years to its current use.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to discuss, it was moved by Jerry and seconded by Bill P that the meeting be adjourned. Majority ruled ... Meeting adjourned at 1924L.

Dick Vancil - Secretary