

SPECTRE BOARD MEETING
Tuesday, February 05, 2008, 1830 CST



Pat Carpenter, President
Dick Vancil, Vice President
Andy DeMeyer, Treasurer
Norm Evans
Larry Hickey
P. J. Cook, teleconference
Kim Coryat, teleconference -- left for a short time due to severe weather
Chuck Kaczmarczyk, teleconference
MarthaAnn Kaczmarczyk, Recording Secretary, teleconference
Barry Gossman joined via teleconference at 1852

President Pat Carpenter called the meeting to order with the above-listed Board Members present, either in person or via teleconference.

Treasurer's Report

Andy DeMeyer said the Treasurer's Report as of January 9, 2008, was e-mailed to all Board members this week. It shows total funds of \$34,092.78 broken down as follows:

\$3,523.88 --	Checking Account
\$211.93 --	Scholarship Fund
\$1,227.29 --	CD
\$29,120.68 --	Vanguard Bank CD

Also included is a break-down of Web Store sales for the month of January 2008.

Andy has completed the registration of the Spectre Emblem Trademark with the state of Florida. This current registration will expire 16 January 2013.

Andy also made the following reports:

1. FL Form DR4 to collect Florida Sales Tax has been approved.
2. As of 4 February we are a legally registered non-profit organization.
3. Form 1024, Application for Tax Exempt Status, which was quite lengthy, was sent to the State of Florida on 4 February with the \$750 fee. Status pending.

Andy reported that First National Bank was charging an outrageous amount of monthly fees for the two business accounts we had with them. Andy and Pat visited several banks and found free business accounts at Regions Bank. They closed the accounts at First National and moved them to Regions. This will save us approximately \$500 per year.

Andy reported that April May won the scholarship at our 2007 Reunion. She is a student at Andrews College, and \$750 has been sent to the Registrar of the College.

After paying our bills, Andy reported that as of 5 February 2008, we have \$2,587.90 in our Checking Account.

Spotlight

All Spectre Spotlight articles from this past year's reunion have been received and are being reviewed. If we mail the Spotlight to the entire membership, it will cost \$600 to \$700 to print as well as the cost of postage. Since post card ballots must be mailed to all members, it was decided that we will include a block for requesting the mailing of the Spotlight to anyone who does not have the capability to read it on line. The mailed copy will be text-only, no pictures. Since we will no longer be mailing the Spotlight to the membership at large, this information will be included in this year's reunion packet.

Quartermaster Report

Pat Carpenter and Larry Hickey are still doing the Quarter Master job while Tommy Montgomery is TDY. Pat reported that additional merchandise is to be ordered. Gunner License Plates and Money Clips are out of stock at this time. Pat suggested we add golf socks with the Spectre Logo in a set of three. From the quote he received, we would pay \$35.00 per set, and we will probably have to charge \$50 or \$55. Because we are low on funds, this will be tabled until a future date.

Reunion Planning

Andy DeMeyer and Larry Hickey reported information that has been gathered thus far for the 2008 Reunion. They visited the Ramada, but they do not have a Hospitality Room, so this eliminates them. The Sheraton Four Points has made an initial proposal. We would be looking for 35-40 rooms. They will provide a Hospitality Room, the Hootch Bar, and a room for the Quartermaster. If we book as many as 50 rooms, they will provide a complimentary room for our guest speaker. The Hurlburt Picnic Area will begin accepting reservations for the Thursday night Ice Breaker on 1 July 2008. Sheraton Four Points has supplied a list of foods and the costs for each. We will begin to create menus at next month's meeting for the Friday night Cocktail Party and our Saturday night Banquet.

President Pat announced that Thomas R. Norris, the former Navy Seal and CIA Operative who rescued Lt. Col. Hambelton, has *tentatively* confirmed to be our speaker. It will be at least May before he can possibly firmly commit.

Mini-Reunion

Norm Evans reported that we can have the Mini Reunion at the VFW for no cost any Sunday in May. We can have a keg of beer, but mixed drinks will have to be bought from the bar. We do not have a commitment from the 4th SOS and the 16th SOS as to squadron financial support for food. Roger Betterelli and Pat Carpenter are working the issue.

Spectre Calendar

Pat has e-mailed Tommy Montgomery and asked him to make pictures of the current action. He has already begun to make pictures and has several guys who are voluntarily helping him. We will soon start gathering special dates to be printed on the calendar. We will print a 15-month calendar starting with October 2008 and begin to sell them at this year's reunion. Afterwards they will be available in the Web Store.

Round Table Items

Pat gave a reminder to the group to get their off-site reunion information for reporting at our May Board Meeting.

Chuck Kaczmarczyk reported that he and Dave Burns have extensive information concerning post-combat deceased Spectres. He asked about listing these members on our web site. P.J. Cook said that we have the **In Memory** page and this listing can be added there. Everyone agreed that this is a good idea. If anyone has additional information on members who have died, they can e-mail Chuck so that the list can be updated.

P.J. Cook, our Web Master, updated the Web Store during the meeting.

MarthaAnn Kaczmarczyk requested Pat Carpenter and Dick Vancil review the Board Meeting Minutes as soon as they receive them and report any errors to her. Once the minutes are reviewed, they will be sent to P.J. Cook to be posted on the web site.

Pat reported that he is printing organizational business cards for any Board Member who needs them when making contacts and requesting information for our off-site reunion.

Dave Harrington, a member of the Fort Walton Beach VFW, recently died and his collection of original Spectre patches made at the OK Hat Shop in Ubon were given to Pat Carpenter. They will be added to the covers of the "elephant books".

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