

## **SPECTRE Board Meeting**

Tuesday, August 3, 2021; 6:00PM Central



### **Programmed Participants:**

Fred Taylor, President

Bill Walter, Vice President and Historian; Absent - Vacation

Bill Patterson, Treasurer

Ed Rodriguez, Quartermaster

P.J. Cook, Web Developer

Jerry Michaud, Board Member

Ski Gonsowski, Board Member

Duane Spencer, Board Member

Ed Metz, Board Member

Darren Vitalo, Board Member; Late

Barry Gossman, Board Member

Norm Evans, Board Member

Kevin Moyer, Board Member; Absent

Dick Vancil, Secretary

Special Guest: Dennis Calik – visiting from AZ

Fred opened the meeting and verified the attendees. All board members and essential participants were present. The meeting started at 6:04PM Central.

Fred welcomed everyone. This meeting was held at the Ft. Walton Beach VFW and as a dial-in telecom.

### **REPORTS:**

Fred called for the previous board minutes. The minutes were emailed to all on Thursday, July 29, 2021 at 11:50 AM, and were briefly summarized by Dick.

### **BOARD MINUTES:**

All attendees had reviewed the last board meeting minutes (sent Thursday, July 29, 2021), and concurred, as written.

Duane made a motion to accept the minutes. Jerry seconded the motion and a vote was taken – there was no opposition ... last month's Minutes were accepted and PJ will post them to the website.

Fred asked for the Treasurer's Report.

Bill P reported the following:

Bill P says that this month was the best we've had in a long time.

*SPECTRE ASSOCIATION*  
TREASURER'S REPORT August 2, 2021

Checking Account **1517	\$4,374.83
Gunner Jack Fund **0419	\$10,396.69
Scholarship Fund **5921	\$13,859.97
Operating Fund **5913	\$26,158.32
<u>MS BOND</u>	<u>\$25,000.00</u>
Total	<b><u>\$79,789.81</u></b>

Norm made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report and Jerry seconded it. The motion passed and the Treasurer's Report was accepted with no dissenter.

Fred asked for the Quartermaster's Report.

**SPECTRE STORE:**

Ed R reported:

July sales were moderate this month, with a couple of walk-ins to make purchases. We also had 2 annual membership and 1 monthly \$100 donation.

Ed R completed the t-shirt design for the 2021 Reunion (See illustrations below);

- the front left will be the Spectre emblem
  - o above SPECTRE REUNION 2021
    - § Spectre emblem
  - o below FORT WALTON BEACH
- the back will have the large Spectre emblem
  - o above SPECTRE
    - § Spectre emblem

- below AC-130 GUNSHIP.



As for the t-shirt material cotton blends (which don't shrink) run about \$10.50 per size. The cool-blend t-shirts are not 'a few cents more', they are running about \$5 more, i.e. approximately \$15. The price for 3X, 4X and 5X can vary between \$2 and \$3 more per

shirt, this is for both cotton and polyester blends (cool-blends). Ed R will be at Tuesday's meeting with the 'cool-blend' t-shirt Ed has chosen, the material is much better quality than most typical cool/water-wicking material. Ed will also bring the catalog book to show the types of colors that are available. Ed feels a light-grey or silver or a light-tan will look good.

Now for the bad part of being a month behind in ordering, due to COVID, many materials may take a month or more and may have to be ordered from various locations. Colors will also contribute to a delay. At this time, the shirt Ed chose is available, depending on color (grey and tan), and this was as of last week. BTW we do not order CHEAP shirts that shrink, but we do research different types and choose reasonably priced shirts and take exception to the comment "need to get with the times". Ed R will try and keep the sale cost to \$25, this will allow some flexibility in purchase cost.

The company we do t-shirt printing with will bend to meet our order request to the best of their ability.

<b>July</b>	<b>Sales</b>						
Date	Gross Amount	PayPal Fees	Shipping & Handling	FL Sales Tax	Membership	Donations	Net Amount
<b>Totals-&gt;</b>	<b>\$1,157.00</b>	<b>-\$23.74</b>	<b>\$130.00</b>	<b>\$9.41</b>	<b>\$47.94</b>	<b>\$96.80</b>	<b>\$979.11</b>

<b>2021 (YTD) Spectre Association Transactions</b>							
	<b>Sales Gross</b>	<b>PayPal Fees</b>	<b>S&amp;H</b>	<b>Membership</b>	<b>Donations</b>	<b>FL Sales Tax</b>	<b>Net</b>
<b>Qtr-1</b>	\$3,220.50	(\$105.12)	\$630.00	\$290.39	\$193.60	\$0.00	\$2,655.36
<b>Qtr-2</b>	\$4,585.00	(\$154.73)	\$925.00	\$96.80	\$293.60	\$0.00	\$4,139.87
<b>Qtr-3</b>	\$1,157.00	(\$23.74)	\$130.00	\$47.94	\$0.00	\$9.41	\$979.11
<b>Qtr-4</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>Total:</b>	\$8,962.50	(\$283.59)	\$1,685.00	\$435.13	\$487.20	\$9.41	\$7,774.34

Fred called for a motion to accept the Quartermaster's report. Norm made the motion and Jerry seconded it. A vote was taken and the QM Report was accepted without opposition

**Old Business:**

- Fred changed the menus with Trisha. Changed Friday to a Low Country Boil Buffet. Moved Pork Tenderloin and Local Catch to Saturday along with the Veggie Plate Option.
- We lost money on the Sunday picnic last time ... it was the lowest attended event.
- We will be in the Aruba and Bali rooms for our events.
- We will buy the wine and pay corking fees (Alice/Ski note). Association pays for the wine, corking fees, Business Meeting drinks and condiments along with the reunion bars (tokens) for the attendees.
- Fred will arrange for the Bloody Marys and water at the business Meeting.
- Bill P will order the reunion bars and arrange distribution.
- Norm wants more control over the issue of reunion bars.
- Duane graciously removed his potential Guest Speaker input and will thank her for her consideration and patience in this matter.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Fred called for new business.

- LTC Tracey Iverson (73 SOS Commander - First-ever AC-130J Squadron CC) accepted Fred's invitation to be our Guest Speaker. Fred will get her Bio and husband's details. Also make arrangements for their meals and the speaker's momento (may require Ed R's involvement).
- Vito is our designated "Bylaws" Guru and will be consulted/respond for the Association on all Bylaws matters. Any new member must be approved by a vote of the board.
- Norm made a motion to require check/money order only for membership. Jerry seconded, much discussion, vote, and it passed with one nay (Kevin).
- Kevin discussed the proposed Commemorative Sig M-18 purchase. Numerous items were finalized for presentation to the Annual Business Meeting Attendees.
- Bill W committed to accomplishing the necessary paperwork for Sig and Jimmy's to accomodate all FFL requirements. Sig needs a letter and paperwork to get started. All handguns must be paid for in full when ordering (to include licensed FFL receipt/issue and handling charges).
- Ed M asked about the status of Jerry Appleby (no visitors – suffering from congestive heart failure per Norm).

- Ski advised that Al Cinco was in Hospice Care in Wichita Falls, TX.
- Others said that Dave Burns was doing better (OK) now.

## **AROUND THE TABLE**

- Bill P needs to make arrangements to add Fred and Bill W to the bank paperwork – they all have a meeting at Regents Bank.
- Jerry is awaiting a check from Denny B.
- Ed R explained the great efforts he was going to to keep the costs down and the “extra” costs of all of the larger (2X, 3X, 4X, etc.) shirts.
- After an informal board poll, Norm made a motion to authorize ED R to purchase gray wicking shirts for this year’s reunion. It was seconded by Duane and passed unanimously. Ed R will immediately purchase shirts to support the reunion/2021.
- It was noted that Ed R routinely uses his personal gas/vehicle(s) for Association business. Ed R is authorized to present Bill P with reasonable reimbursement charges for his personal expenses conducting Association business. (Bill P Ed R- action)
- Ed R made a very comprehensive Reunion Spreadsheet.
- Arlie G has committed to donating several items for auction at the reunion.
- We will only make one “goodie bag” per family unit this year. Ed R has all the bags we need.
- Dennis Calik talked to the BOD about several issues that were important to the Association Members at large. (i.e. the Bronze Spectre plaque that was donated to the AFA should be arranged for dedication while the school is in-session and well-advertised so others who are capable of attending (at their own expense) may do so. Note: Dennis offers to represent the Association.
- Dennis C wants the Association to underwrite/subsidize some of the annual reunion expenses (which were agreed to earlier) e.g. banquet wine, surcharges, business meeting expenses, reunion bars, etc. Dennis C pointed out that we have a large treasury, an aging membership, and few, if any, successors... it may be time to consider providing the membership with some value to off-set rising expenses for the members.
- Dennis C suggested that we solicit the Lockheed Business Development and Leadership team for contributions to the Spectre Legacy that we have with our Association. Dennis wants to help Lockheed help us. Suggest that we get with Bill W

to craft letter of support and request for donation(s). We are the origins of the AC-130 Gunships - Spectre.

- Bill P explained the use of Lifetime membership funds were limited by the Bylaws.
- Fred thanked Dennis for the "Food for Thought" and promised to discuss it further. As a note: Jack Holleyfield and son are coming to the reunion.
- Kevin advised all to establish an active email and discussed the setup charges for a "Silver Coin" for the store. More to follow at the next meeting.

There being no further business, Norm moved to adjourn, Ed R seconded it. A vote was conducted, and the motion carried with no dissention.

The meeting adjourned at 7:41PM Central Time. Our next meeting is on September 7, 2021, at the FWB VFW @ 6PM CST.

- Dick Vancil – Secretary