

SPECTRE Board Meeting

Tuesday, January 4, 2022; 6:00PM Central



Programmed Participants:

Fred Taylor, President

Bill Walter, Vice President and Historian

Bill Patterson, Treasurer

Ed Rodriguez, Quartermaster; Participated via telecom while traveling (Texas)

P.J. Cook, Web Developer

Jerry Michaud, Board Member

Ski Gonsowski, Board Member; Absent-Ski was with Alice who was in surgery

Duane Spencer, Board Member

Ed Metz, Board Member

Darren Vitalo, Board Member

Barry Gossman, Board Member

Norm Evans, Board Member

Kevin Moyer, Board Member

Dick Vancil, Secretary

Fred opened the meeting and verified the attendees. All board members and essential participants were present as noted above. The meeting started at 6:05PM Central Time.

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 Wednesday, December 29, 2021, and were briefly summarized by Dick.

BOARD MINUTES:

All attendees had reviewed the last board meeting minutes 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:

-SPECTRE ASSOCIATION **TREASURER'S REPORT JAN. 01, 2022**

Checking Account **1517	\$888.33
Gunner Jack Fund **0419	\$10,397.04
Scholarship Fund **5921 (+\$2K for 2022 Scholarship fund.)	\$16,085.45
Operating Fund **5913	\$27,275.45
<u>MS BOND</u>	<u>\$25,000.00</u>
Total	<u>\$79,646.27</u>

Bill P said that he and Ed R worked all the refunds (see ED R's comments in the Spectre Store section).

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 one dissention (Vito).

Fred asked for the Quartermaster's Report.

SPECTRE STORE:

Ed R reported:

December sales went very well. Lowered the cost of the Whiskey, 2018, 2019 and 2020 t-shirts to \$15 and sales boomed. Shipping cost went up during December but still within our shipping cost to the customers. Warehouse supplies were purchased: tape, packing material, shipping labels, storage trays and Sharpie pens. All the receipts were given to the Treasurer. Spectre coins were ordered mid-Dec and received Dec 31st. 2019 t-shirts sizes received and stocked. Spectre hats that were ordered in November have not been received yet. Lifetime membership engraved brass cards have been submitted, however, the Trophy shop will be closed until Jan 3rd. Expect completion around Jan 10th. Ed R is trying to sell all the 2018 and 2019 shirts. He also ordered more tumblers (popular item). We have one new Life Member, Pat Marden.

4th Quarter is closed.

December	Sales						
Date	Gross Amount	PayPal Fees	Shipping & Handling	FL Sales Tax	Membership	Donations	Net Amount
Totals-->	\$2,561.17	-\$102.50	\$430.00	\$132.38	\$326.19	\$96.62	\$2,035.86

2021 (YTD) Spectre Association Transactions

	Sales Gross	PayPal Fees	S&H	Membership	Donations	FL Sales Tax	Net
Qtr-1	\$3,220.50	(\$105.12)	\$630.00	\$290.39	\$193.60	\$0.00	\$2,655.36
Qtr-2	\$4,585.00	(\$154.73)	\$925.00	\$96.80	\$293.60	\$0.00	\$4,139.87
Qtr-3	\$3,728.50	(\$138.11)	\$704.41	\$213.96	\$293.24	\$16.50	\$3,076.98
Qtr-4	\$6,705.45	(\$268.32)	\$1,210.00	\$449.83	\$293.24	\$328.26	\$5,821.08
Total:	\$18,239.45	(\$666.28)	\$3,469.41	\$1,050.98	\$1,073.68	\$344.76	\$15,693.29

Warehouse 2021 Year End Inventory		
Inventory	Cost	Items
Total Clothing:	\$12,597.90	832
Total Misc:	\$28,445.63	7659
Totals:	\$41,043.53	8438

Donations	\$1,220.00
Memberships	\$1,215.00

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

Fred asked for Old Business.

Old Business:

Lifetime member was giving Ed R "crap". Fred talked to the beligerent new member and recommended that we issue his card and have no further conversations with him. "Let it go" was the prevailing sentiment.

Vito questioned the guy's previous lifetime (LT) membership. This new LT member accused us of ineptness due to lack of complete membership history. Decision was to place this new person on "ignore".

Bill W. advised us that the official release of the first volume of his new book will be 2/22/2022. It will be available in all book stores on and after that date. His book has approximately 2,000 pre-orders. Bill W was required to purchase 500 books for \$9K. His second book will be available on or after April 25, 2022.

Norm asked about Bill W's book signing event and Bill W advised the he would certainly have a book signing event with the date "TBD".

Bill W announced that the AF Armament Museum in cooperation with the Armament Foundation Board (of which Bill W is a member) want to sell Bill W's book at the museum store.

Kevin briefed us on the arrangements for the M-18 (Sig Sauer 9MM). He will need to find someone to go through Jimmy's at FWB (Bill W suggested Dick V take over these actions but Dick V feels strongly that it must be a "real" Board member) with the paperwork (Jimmy's and Sig Sauer will take care of all of the money handling). Jimmy's will take care of all the details with Sig. All money goes through Jimmy's. We must initially have a min of 25 fully paid buyers and then Jimmy's will send to Sig for pricing. Sig will want something that authorizes their use of the Spectre logo/name. Dick V will prepare a document signed by Fred T authorizing Sig to use our logo on the front sight area. PJ will update the gun marking diagram and send it to Dick and Ed R for combining with a brief narrative that Ed R will publish on the Website advertising the Sig for committed buyers with a alias email for them to respond to for data collection and individual connectivity purposes. An informal count indicates that we currently have approx 16 buyers (counting 3 on the board). Jimmy's will set the final pricing. Kevin will check with Sig again before our next meeting and report about it in "Old Business".

Fred called for new business.

NEW BUSINESS:

Bill W's next undertaking is a "Gunship Gray" event commemorating the 50th anniversary of all of 1972 (i.e. Spectre 13, Spectre 11, Acft 509, Acft 490, and etc.). A very poignant and important time in the lives of "Spectre". This will culminate with a Memorial and Remembrance Service at the AF Museum narrated by Barry Gossman starting with Acft 490 in 1972 and working backwards. There will be living history on videos documented during the "Celebration of Spectre Lives". This commemoration is scheduled for Saturday, Mar 5, 2022 at the AF Armament Museum located outside of Eglin AFB, FL. All past and present Spectres, Survivors, Families, Friends, and the public are cordially invited to attend. There are no security or COVID restrictions currently in-place on the outside display areas. The First Lady (Acft 0129) will be open for full display (touring, photographs, memorabilia purchase, and etc.). This is envisioned to be like a mini-reunion with brief narratives. PJ has been asked to make website updates asap. The actual time line is TBD in coordination with the AF Armament Museum. More to follow as events and arrangements are finalized.

AROUND THE TABLE:

Vito reminded us that the Sig is "no-go" in his state based on magazine capacity and other ridiculous factors... We invited Vito to move to Florida!

Bill P setup a Spectre Christmas Display in his office window on HWY 98 in Downtown FWB. He received lots of favorable comments on his display.

Bill W explained the importance of USAF Gunships right now. Of all the existing Gunships, Spectre Rules! We will lose lots of history if things are not properly documented.

Duane announced that his Marty Gras Club in Defuniak Springs, FL was sponsoring a raffle and we were offered tickets at \$20 ea for the drawing to be held next month.

Ed M asked if the family members of the deceased 1972 and earlier crew members were to be specifically contacted for the Mar 5, Gunship Gray Event. It was noted that for some surviving family members any recollections were extremely “touchy” and feelings were very mixed when it came to reliving the loss of loved ones.

Bill W explained some of the special situations...emphasizing our need to be careful with family members. He detailed one family member who has written a book about her Dad's loss and he will bring a copy of her book to the next meeting.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

The meeting adjourned at: 7:06PM Central Time. Our next meeting will be: 6PM, Feb 1, 2022.

- Dick Vancil – Secretary

Post Meeting Comments from The Secretary:

I notified Fred several months ago that the Association needed to look for a replacement Secretary. I have performed as the Secretary for over four (4) years and like when I was VP, it is time for others to step forward and serve. I thank the BOD for the opportunity to be your secretary and have no malice for anyone.

I will document the minutes of the next meeting (1 Feb 2022) but after that time, someone else will need to step into my void. I appreciate the board and all they do.

I am saddened that we have not had a reunion in over two years. Nor have we offered the General Membership any meeting opportunity (Zoom or otherwise) to voice their concerns/comments; we have not authorized the USAF Academy to formally dedicate the plaque our membership donated to their SEA display. This is our legacy, and we must foster/protect it. I will personally pay for the costs associated with any Zoom General Membership meeting. I urge the BOD to make both matters a priority (General Membership Meeting and AFA Plaque Dedication). Thanks for the privilege of being your secretary.

Very Respectfully,
Dick Vancil