

SPECTRE Board Meeting

Tuesday, May 4, 2021; 6:00PM Central



Programmed Participants:

Fred Taylor, President

Bill Allen, Vice President - Deceased May 2, 2021- Vacant

Bill Patterson, Treasurer

Bill Walter, Historian – absent – Speaking to “Quiet Birdmen”

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

Barry Gossman, Board Member

Norm Evans, Board Member

Kevin Moyer, Board Member – absent; Key West

Dick Vancil, Secretary

Special Guest: Bernie Frakes

Fred opened the meeting and verified the attendees. All board members and essential participants were present, except as noted. The meeting started at 6:00PM Central.

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

We are all saddened to learn of “Wild Bill’s” (Bill Allen) passing.

William R. “Bill” Allen, age 73, passed away suddenly on Sunday, May 2, 2021 in Fort Walton Beach, FL. He is survived by his wife of 36 years, Dianne, and his two daughters, Shannon Allen and Angela King; stepson, Lawrence Cinko; three grandchildren and countless friends and colleagues.

Bill served in the USMC during Vietnam and enlisted shortly thereafter in the USAF. Bill worked out of Hurlburt Field with the 16th SOS “SPECTRE” Squadron until his discharge. After the military, Bill primarily focused on Real Estate and his family. He enjoyed golfing and was a member of Unity of Fort Walton Beach Church. Bill’s charisma and unique outlook on life will forever be missed by many who knew him.

A visitation will take place on Thursday, May 13, 2021 at 10:00 A.M. at Emerald Coast Funeral Home followed by a funeral service at 11:00 A.M. Bill will be laid to rest at Barrancas National Cemetery with Military Honors at 2:00 P.M. Expressions of love and sympathy may be placed and viewed online :www.emeraldcoastfuneralhome.com

REPORTS:

Fred called for the previous board minutes. The minutes were emailed to all June 6, 2021, and were briefly summarized by Dick.

BOARD MINUTES:

All attendees had reviewed the last board meeting minutes (sent last Sunday), and concurred, as written.

Norm made a motion to accept the minutes. Jerry seconded the motion and a vote was taken – there was one “nay” (Vito) ...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 MAY 03, 2021

Checking Account **1517	\$2,849.52
Gunner Jack Fund **0419	\$10,396.43
Scholarship Fund **5921	\$13,809.62
Operating Fund **5913 (checking account)	\$25,517.04 (-\$1K transfer to checking account)
<u>MS BOND</u>	<u>\$25,000.00</u>
Total	<u>\$77,572.61</u>

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 dissenter (Vito).

Fred asked for the Quartermaster’s Report.

SPECTRE STORE:

Ed R reported:

Ordered and received Spectre Jackets in the sizes of Med, Lrg, XLg, 2XLg, 3XLg and hats have been replenished. Also ordered 100 Spectre Coins.

ED R asked PJ to please enable all the sizes and include 3XL as well, this is a new size. Ed R is only maintaining a quantity of five in each of the sizes as storage is limited.

April	Sales					
Date	Gross Amount	PayPal Fees	Shipping & Handling	Membership	Donations	Net Amount
Totals-->	\$1,595.50	-\$52.28	\$255.00	\$0.00	\$100.00	\$1,543.22

	Sales Gross	PayPal Fees	S&H	Membership	Donations	Net
Qtr-1	\$3,220.50	(\$105.12)	\$630.00	\$290.39	\$193.60	\$2,655.36
Qtr-2	\$1,595.50	(\$52.28)	\$255.00	\$0.00	\$100.00	\$1,543.22
Qtr-3	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Qtr-4	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Total:	\$4,816.00	(\$157.40)	\$885.00	\$290.39	\$293.60	\$4,198.58

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.

DISCUSSION:

Old Business:

Bill W notified us that he will not be able to make tonight's meeting because he is giving a Spectre History presentation at Ruckel Airfield in Niceville for a group called the Quiet Birdmen.

Bill W's book update: The first book has completed copy editing and is moving on to proofreading. The second book is entering copy edit this morning. The projects are moving along nicely.

Bernie led the discussion finalizing the production and placement of our donated SEA AC-130 Memorial Plaque. Bernie will notify the USAFA of the request to mount our AC-

130 Plaque at the SEA Memorial Pavilion for formal dedication and “unveiling” at a future date (TBD). See pavilion details below:

Southeast Asia Memorial Pavilion

- Spearheaded by the Class of 1970
- Interactive kiosks and sculpture depicting the Ho Chi Minh Trail inside the pavilion
- Near the doors of the pavilion is the POW Memorial (donated by the Classes of 1960, 1964, 1965, 1967)
- The Plaza of Heroes (Class of 1965 and 1970) is adjacent to the pavilion
- In the Plaza of Heroes you'll find a sculpture of the Academy's only Medal of Honor recipient, Capt. Lance Sijan '65
- All the bronze sculptures in this area created by Jim Nance '71

<https://www.usafa.org/App/SoutheastAsiaMemorialPavilion>



Vito made a motion to mount the plaque now and have a formal dedication ceremony at a later date; Jerry seconded it and the motion passed without opposition. Norm requested pictures of its final placement for the BOD.

Fred and the BOD will work the “plaque” dedication into Reunion #51 planning.

Duane proposed a local Coast Guard heroine as a potential guest speaker at our next reunion. After much discussion regarding timing and other matters we voted on Bill P's motion to finalize the guest speaker decision in August versus June w/ one dissention (Duane).

ED R advised attendees that a T-shirt design and decision was needed NLT 1 Jul to be provided to Dennis Bivens. Fred will contact Dennis B for the necessary artwork as soon as possible.

NEW BUSINESS

Fred called for new business.

Vito noted to the BOD that there was no real need to change the Bylaws for lineage (great-grand parent, etc.) as any scholarship applicant's parent can join the Association as an Associate Member and be eligible to submit a viable scholarship application – if not appropriate for Associate Membership the BOD can deny membership. Fred promised to notify the BOD of all Membership Requests for their approval. Ed R will forward all emails to the BOD and Bill P will do likewise with USPS/snailmail requests for membership.

President and VP are the reviewing authorities per Ed R for all membership applications.

Fred assured the attendees that he would notify all BOD on all membership requests.

Norm asked: "Who gets a copy of membership applications?" Answer: Bill P, Ed R, and Fred T. Fred T has agreed to make all necessary notifications.

Conducted quick overview of reunion responsibilities. Note: If anyone gains access to Bill Allen's Continuity Folder (passed through VPs) please let Fred know. We will check with Dianne A.

The following are a brief tentative list of assignments for the next reunion:

Vito and Ed R (Renee) will work the store with help from the whole group moving merchandise. Ed M volunteered his truck to assist.

Ski and Alice will work the Hospitality Room arrangements (Ed R has coolers).

Alice volunteered to work the raffle items/tickets. She will draft assistants as needed.

Jerry has the Sunday BBQ arrangements.

Barry and Vito will coordinate (seating, audio requirements, etc.) and emcee the Memorial Service at the Armament Museum. (Barry completed the pre-arrangements).

Bill W will coordinate the Honor Guard (HG) for the Saturday Night Banquet and provide reserved seating and preferred meals for the HG at the banquet.

Fred will arrange for the seating (podium w/microphone, BOD table, attendees') lead the business meeting, and provide the Power Point presentation with Bill P's help on the annual budget and meeting agenda slides. We own a projector. Ed R/Bill P may have the projector.

Bill P will make arrangements for the Bloody Mary, coffee, and condiments for the 0900, Saturday Business Meeting and ensure the American Flag is present for the Pledge.

Duane will be the POC for Fishing and/or sight seeing trips out of the harbor.

Barry will make Golf tournament arrangements at a local course. Barry completed the Golf arrangements and will notify all at the next meeting (Tuesday, 8 Jun).

Thai Spice Restaurant arrangements (Thursday) will be made by Bill P and Ed Metz.

The executive board members (Fred, VP TBD, and Bill P will conduct the Registration Services at the Thai Spice Restaurant (Thursday) and at the hotel (Friday).

Fred will make arrangements for the First Lady (Acft 129) open house/tour prior to and after the Memorial Service.

All official interactions with the hotel POCs should be limited to the Executive Committee (Pres, VP, and Treasurer) and Quartermaster and/or their designees.

Ed R will maintain the official list of attendees, events, and meal choices (with assistance from Fred, PJ and Bill P).

All board members will meet at the VFW and assemble Reunion attendees' bags on Tuesday, 28 September.

Dick and Shell V will work with Ed R and make name tags, meal choices/tickets, and event schedules for the reunion participants to include the Honor Guard and Guest Speaker.

We need volunteers to ensure the POW table is properly arranged and set up for the Saturday evening banquet. We need volunteers to decorate the banquet tables. We need a decision and POC to verify wine choices at each table. We need a final decision on a guest speaker ...who will be taken care of by our President, Fred. We need an agenda for the business meeting and a sequence of events for the banquet along with Bio and guest speaker program. We need bags for the participants shirts, tickets, etc. We need an official event photographer.

These are just the highlights... if you think of other matters that require action please let Fred, Ed R, or Dick know asap so we can add them to the list of items we need to ensure are not forgotten.

AROUND THE TABLE

Bill P has a Ubon SEA Coin example that he'd like to add to the store.

Bill P will get with Ed R about the Ubon coin and its possibilities.

Bill P says that our money/funds have leveled out - the store helps us break even – we need more money.

Duane reminded us that we need a new VP (all agreed to hold position open until next month).

Duane says that we are pricing ourselves out of a reunion. We need to find a way to reduce the reunion costs, if possible.

Our Thanks to PJ for adding Wild Bill's obituary to the website.

Ski and Alice have centerpieces for the tables... we should have wine and napkins (custom glasses, if possible)... keep it as classy as we can.

Bill A's funeral at FWB and internment at Barrancas were meaningful and well attended. The large Marine Honor Guard contingent at Barrancas were very professional and reflected well on Bill's service to our great country.

There being no further business, Jerry moved to adjourn, Norm seconded it. A vote was conducted, motion carried with no nays. Our next scheduled meeting is moved from 1 June to 8 June to deconflict with Memorial Day travel plans.

The meeting adjourned at 7:02PM Central Time. Our next meeting is on June 8, 2021 at the FWB VFW @ 6PM CST.

- Dick Vancil – Secretary