

SPECTRE Board Meeting

Tuesday, November 9, 2021; 6:00PM Central



Programmed Participants:

Fred Taylor, President
Bill Walter, Vice President and Historian
Bill Patterson, Treasurer
Ed Rodriguez, Quartermaster
P.J. Cook, Web Developer
Jerry Michaud, Board Member
Ski Gonsowski, Board Member; Delayed, started late
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-Covid
Christine Etheridge – Special Guest
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 ~6:09PM 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 Thursday, November 4, 2021, and were briefly summarized by Dick.

BOARD MINUTES:

All attendees had reviewed the last board meeting minutes and concurred, as written.

Norm 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 NOV. 02, 2021

Checking Account **1517	\$4,821.09
Gunner Jack Fund **0419	\$10,396.95
Scholarship Fund **5921	\$14,085.32
Operating Fund **5913	\$26,483.98
<u>MS BOND</u>	<u>\$25,000.00</u>
Total	<u>\$80,787.34</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:

October sales were outstanding. From the time PJ listed the 2021 t-shirts, we sold nearly \$2,000. Many of these orders included the 2019 t-shirts that caught Ed R completely off-guard, and we sold out. ED R did re-order the 2021 t-shirts and was able to provide those back-ordered customers with their shirts. In 36 hours, we grossed almost \$2,600 in sales. The rest of the month slowed as sales leveled off.

Ed R re-ordered the 50 Years of Gunship t-shirts and will keep a limited supply on-hand. Also he ordered the 70's, Black Strap and Magnum hats.

Ed R Helped Bill Patterson with the 2018, 2019 and 2020 tax Spreadsheet format to add additional fields that our Tax CPA requested.

Ed R reminded everyone that the Board has a few Membership applications to vote on, he asked that the BOD please advise their final vote for approval or disapproval in tonight's New Business.

We are in the 4th quarter now, Ed R advised that after his doctor’s appointment tomorrow (Tuesday, 9 Nov) he may re-open the store on Wednesday. That being said, ED R is recovering very slowly, and this relapse took way too much out of him. PJ will need to post this message when he re-opens the store:

“Due to the Spectre Store health concern, for the remainder of November ALL sales will be shipped once a week on Saturdays for all orders. He apologizes in advance for any delays and hopes all customers understand. This will only be temporary.”

October	Sales						
Date	Gross Amount	PayPal Fees	Shipping & Handling	FL Sales Tax	Membership	Donations	Net Amount
Totals-->	\$3,398.82	(\$132.54)	\$615.00	\$165.42	\$123.64	\$96.62	\$3,169.66

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	\$3,398.82	(\$132.54)	\$615.00	\$123.64	\$96.62	\$165.42	\$3,169.66
Total:	\$14,932.82	(\$530.50)	\$2,874.41	\$724.79	\$877.06	\$181.92	\$13,041.87

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.

Fred asked for Old Business.

Old Business:

Fred informed the attendees again that the contract for next Year’s reunion is signed with The Island and that a \$2,500 deposit was made with no meal costs, yet.

Norm expressed concern about the poor attitudes displayed by certain potential new members. Short discussion ensued. All current applicants were discussed and accepted by a vote made by Norm, seconded by Jerry and unanimously passed by the

BOD. Bill W acted as mediator for the new members. Fred and Ed R will send cards to the new members (Lifetime and Annual). Mr Byrne and Mr. Fulton are now members.

Thankfully, Ed R is now fever free.

Fred called for new business.

NEW BUSINESS:

Bill W told the board about preliminary plans for a 4 Mar 2022 50th Anniversary Event honoring memory of the downing of Spectre 13 and the survivors of Acft 509. The event is planned for the Armament Museum, with memorial service, Open-house w/four Acft static display, and Acft 129, etc. More info as it becomes available.

Bill W is the POC for the Acft 509 remembrance.

Contact Bill W for information on Acft 128 dedication. **The AC-130U air park dedication is on hold. No date has been chosen because of base COVID restrictions**

AROUND THE TABLE:

Bill W's first book will be released on Feb 22, 2022. He will have advance copies available in Jan 2022.

Regarding the AC-130 bronze plaque at the Air Force Academy: Bill P said that Bernie F called and suggested that the Out-of-Town reunion be moved up to Mar 2022 (mini-reunion)? Plaque dedication is still TBD.

Jim Nance created an AC-130 (Academy funded) bronze sculpture to commemorate Spirit 03...dedication TBD

Fred said that we will decide the 2023 out-of-town reunion at the 4 Jan 2022 meeting and he must invite Bernie F.

Bill P turned in the money for the Wreath Across America program.

Fred was provided Jennifer Effler's contact info.

Ed R told PJ to re-open the store and that he hoped to Get Well soon.

Our special guest, Christine E thanked the Board for the scholarships her family members received the preceding year. They were most helpful and appreciated.

Bill W needs the contact info for Gus Sinniger of the AC-119 Association.

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 6:56PM Central Time. Our next meeting will be: 6PM, Jan 4, 2022.

- Dick Vancil – Secretary