

## **SPECTRE Board Meeting**

Tuesday, October 5, 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  
Duane Spencer, Board Member  
Ed Metz, Board Member  
Darren Vitalo, Board Member  
Barry Gossman, Board Member  
Norm Evans, Board Member  
Kevin Moyer, Board Member  
Alice J. Portale HallGonsowski, Special Guest  
Dick Vancil, Secretary

\*Prior to the meeting- Norm showed the attendees some “goodies” he received at this year’s AC-47 Reunion (pretty impressive collection of “swag”) and he explained their raffle procedure. Norm said that the 73<sup>rd</sup> was providing a “J” model for static display and that he is the liaison for the 73<sup>rd</sup> but he was not sure of procedures at the base for entry.

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 Friday, October 1, 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:

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TREASURER’S REPORT OCT 4, 2021

Checking Account **1517	\$7,197.34
Gunner Jack Fund **0419	\$10,396.87
Scholarship Fund **5921	\$14,085.21
Operating Fund **5913	\$26,233.77
<u>MS BOND</u>	<u>\$25,000.00</u>
Total	<b><u>\$83,892.55</u></b>

Bill P said that he and Ed R worked all of 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:

As per request from the State of Florida Tax Division, taxes have been implemented for all on-line purchases and will be reflected from this point forward.

All reunion t-shirts were received this month, as were the 2021 Reunion Bars.

Due to the reunion cancellation, we issued refunds to all applicants. Twenty-five refund checks were issued. Seventeen applicants were sent the t-shirts they ordered, if they requested an additional t-shirt or another item from our inventory, that amount was deducted from the check amount they sent in. A total of \$5,375 was refunded. Thirty-eight t-shirts were purchased. All of the refund packages included a t-shirt (if they

ordered it), one each 2021 Reunion Bar, two Spectre Stickers, one Spectre Neckstrap, and their refund check. All packages were sent. Each refund package was sent with a tracking number and if the member had an email address, they received an email notifying them of their refund and a tracking number. The cost for the 2021 t-shirt was reduced from \$27 to \$20 and will remain at that cost.

We only had 23 members send in reunion attendee application this year! This does not include anyone from the Board.

**PJ**, please update the on-line store to reflect sales cost at \$20 for the 2021 t-shirt. **Also, reduce the 2019 T-Shirt to \$20 immediately.** Go LIVE with the 2021 t-shirt after tonight's meeting. Ed R will put a notification on our Facebook Page reflecting the 2021 t-shirt are now available after tonight's meeting. Reunion bars will be on sale for \$5 to anyone desiring a momento of the cancelled reunion.

Ed R is looking into purchasing additional Spectre Flags as they are very popular. Still in talks with the purchasing agent. There is a slight possibility that the 16<sup>th</sup> SOS will purchase some flags from us if this happens. Again, still in talks. Ed R will try to keep the Spectre Flags in stock.

Ed R needs more plastic boxes for supplies and he will get them as he can.

September	Sales						
Date	Gross Amount	PayPal Fees	Shipping & Handling	FL Sales Tax	Member ship	Donation	Net Amount
<b>Totals--&gt;</b>	<b>\$1,023.00</b>	<b>(\$43.64)</b>	<b>\$200.00</b>	<b>\$16.50</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$100.00</b>	<b>\$882.74</b>

2021 (YTD) Spectre Association Transactions							
	Sales Gross	PayPal Fees	S&H	Membership	Donations	FL Sales Tax	Net
<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>	\$3,728.50	(\$138.11)	\$704.41	\$213.96	\$196.62	\$16.50	\$3,076.98
<b>Qtr-4</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>Total:</b>	\$11,534.00	(\$397.96)	\$2,259.41	\$601.15	\$683.82	\$16.50	\$9,872.21

The question was asked about how much was spent on shipping for refunds and t-shirts. ED R reported later in the meeting that the costs for refunds was \$200.95.

Fred wants to give our cancelled guest speaker and her husband a t-shirt. He will get the sizes he needs from Ed R.

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:**

Bill W cancelled the reunion honor guard.

Bill W and Kevin need at least 25 buyers with money up-front to order the Spectre Sig Sauer 9mm commemorative hand guns.

Bill W's book publication is scheduled for the first book's release o/a Feb 2022 with the second book to be released o/a Apr 2022. Both books are queued up and ready for release.

Bill P addressed the "dependent" clause in the by-laws for scholarship awardees. Bill p does not want to get crosswise with the IRS. Fred and Vito will fix the by-laws to conform with our processes.

Our apECIAL guest, Alice, selected the prime and alternate scholarship awardees. #1 Gage Allen McNeisch and #1 Haley E. Millhouse. Fred will check with Jennifer Effler regarding the Pat Carpenter Memorial Scholarship. Reminder: The membership number is required on all applications.

Fred called for new business.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

Fred reported that we DID receive a full refund from the hotel (\$2,500 which is now used to guarantee the 2022 reunion). The next reunion will be held at the Island Hotel on 7-9 Oct 2022.

### **AROUND THE TABLE:**

Bill P and Bill W discussed Agent Orange exposure in Vietnam and Thailand (Ubon).

Bill P asked about Major Doyle's successful VA claim.

Bill W will check flight records of certain personnel (71-72).

Bill P explained the "Wreaths across America" program... Six wreaths for \$100. Norm moved and Jerry seconded for us to give \$100 for some wreaths. Passed and will be done.

Bill P explained his displeasure with the new Red Flag law and encouraged others to resist.

Bill W passed along the 16<sup>th</sup> SOS invitation for all Spectres to attend the last and final Homecoming for the AC-130 “Whiskey” models, at Cannon AFB, NM, 12 Oct 2021- after 20 years of combat.; will convert to newer “J” models.

Bill W will send the address for the 73<sup>rd</sup> for all wishing to send Congratulations.

Bill W participated in a recent “Hazard Ground” pod cast that was exceptionally well done and informative. Many favorable comments from attendees.

Ski suggested moving the registration date back on future Spectre Reunions to prevent waiting until the last minute to commit. Others suggested incorporating a large “late registration fee” as further disincentive to holding off until the last moment to commit.

It was noted that the AC-119’s were having their annual reunion.

Bill W will get Fred some words.

Kevin needs to know who will buy the M-17. Dick committed to buy one.

PJ fixed the website to reflect \$20 t-shirts (2021 reunion).

Barry asked about the refund checks and was advised that they were all sent.

**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 7:15PM Central Time. Our next meeting is yet to be determined...The meeting on Nov 2, 2021 was cancelled out of respect for Grace Spencer, Duane Spencer’s wife, who passed away on October 28, 2021. Unless we hear something to the contrary our next scheduled board meeting will be January 4, 2022. If that is the case...This is Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

- Dick Vancil – Secretary