

## **SPECTRE Board Meeting**

Wednesday, September 8, 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  
Dick Vancil, Secretary

Fred opened the meeting and verified the attendees. All board members and essential participants were present. The meeting started at 6:06PM Central Time.

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

Fred reported that his email was back up and running. Also, in reply to Fred's question, Ed R responded that he was now fully retired.

### **REPORTS:**

Fred called for the previous board minutes. The minutes were emailed to all on Saturday, September 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:

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

*SPECTRE ASSOCIATION*  
TREASURER'S REPORT SEPT 7, 2021

Checking Account **1517	\$5,620.63
Gunner Jack Fund **0419	\$10,396.78
Scholarship Fund **5921	\$13,860.09
Operating Fund **5913	\$26,158.54
<u>MS BOND</u>	<u>\$25,000.00</u>
Total	<b><u>\$81,038.04</u></b>

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

Fred asked for the Quartermaster's Report.

**SPECTRE STORE:**

Ed R reported:

August sales were good with approximately \$1,456.71

The 2021 reunion t-shirts were received. Total spent \$2,706.03. The shirts look really good.

Ed R ordered and received an additional 15 Gunship vinyl stickers.

Ed R to PJ: Recent on-line T-shirt sale did not include sales tax. T-shirt was ordered without tax.

Ed R ordered License plate frames.

In August, ED R was able to purchase 17 Spectre Flags and they sold out after 1 hour 45 minutes from placing a notice on the Spectre Association Facebook page. Ed R is looking into purchasing more flags. He'll keep us updated. Ed R is also working with the 16<sup>th</sup> SOS (Bill P's son).

Also, we had to reestablish sales tax on all on-line sales. According to the State, we had to pay back taxes last week. Bill P will explain during the Board meeting.

<b>August</b>	<b>Sales</b>						
Date	Gross Amount	PayPal Fees	Shipping & Handling	FL Sales Tax	Membership	Donations	Net Amount
Totals-->	<b>\$1,548.50</b>	<b>(\$70.73)</b>	<b>\$365.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$166.02</b>	<b>\$96.62</b>	<b>\$1,215.13</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>	\$2,705.50	(\$94.47)	\$495.00	\$213.96	\$96.62	\$9.41	\$2,194.24
<b>Qtr-4</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>Total:</b>	\$10,511.00	(\$354.32)	\$2,050.00	\$601.15	\$583.82	\$9.41	\$8,989.47

Fred asked ED R for the origin of the flags and will pursue 3x5.

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

**Old Business:**

Bill W. has contacted Jimmys Men Store & Pawn Shop Inc. regarding the FFL requirements for purchase of the Sig Sauer 9mm. All is OK and Kevin will get with Bill W off-line.

Fred called for new business.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Fred said that we had 35 members including the board who were signed up with the hotel for the reunion. Ski had a list of approximately 12 others who were planning on attending. The numbers looked low but satisfied the hotel’s minimums for rooms and meals.

Bill W noted that the Armament Museum was closed as well as Acft 129; Hurlburt AFB is not open to all; Destin Seafood Festival is cancelled; our area is a hotspot and risky for Covid.

Fred polled all the board members for their position regarding the on-going Covid Delta outbreak and our scheduled reunion. The following is a compilation of opinions expressed:

Note: Our VP, Bill Allen, recently passed away from Covid-19-related causes.

- It was mentioned that Spectres may use the VFW and Golden Corral next door for an informal gathering/meet and greet.
- Jerry asked about folks coming in. The Air Commando Association cancelled their reunion and the AC-119 Association was requiring proof of Covid vaccine to attend.
- Norm reminded all that we are in a high Covid threat area. Recommended cancelling the reunion.
- Kevin suggested a release of liability waiver.
- PJ expressed concern about the ages of our membership, liability, etc.
- Duane agreed with PJ and the others before him that we should not expose others during this outbreak period but that we should continue to do all other board functions (Scholarship selections, General Membership meeting, elections), as necessary.
- Bill W proposed doing the Annual Board Meeting via Zoom call. It was agreed that arrangements for a Zoom meeting will be worked and available at the next meeting.
- Ed R will not be able to attend any gathering and all merchandise will need to be ordered via the on-line order form(s) and will ship free to the members. Ed R cautioned against cancelling the reunion and then offering an alternate gathering of any sort connected to the Spectre Association.
- Bill W in discussions with Jim Gary said others could set up a private non-association gathering of their choosing.
- Barry wants to have the reunion but like the others does not want to jeopardize our members nor does he want to have any separate functions if the reunion is cancelled.
- Ski and Alice are coming down to the area regardless and now plan to "crash" Bill W's place.
- Duane said to change the shirt price to \$20 as Ed R proposed.

- Jerry said the Covid conditions are too dangerous so he recommends cancelling the reunion.

- Ed R said he will add the reunion bars to all reunion registrations refunded.

- Vito said the reunion is not projected to be well-attended enough to make it worth having. Vito is not opposed to cancelling the reunion.

- The secretary has no vote on board matters, but Fred, in his even-handed approach, asked for Dick's opinion on the matter. Dick is opposed to cancelling the 2021 Spectre Reunion. It is important for the Spectre Association to continue its annual reunions unless it is violating some specific local, state, or federal laws or regulations.

Our members are well aware of the risks. We must not quit living our lives in the face of this pandemic or any other calamity. We must take necessary precautions and proceed with our lives.

- Ed R says that he will distribute all of Oct items free of shipment charges.

- Bill P concurs with cancelling the reunion and notes that as the commander of the local purple heart association that their sister organization in Virginia had a "super spreader" event that spread the virus and received a great deal of negative press.

- Vito asked Ed R if the shirts were available... yes, they are on-hand and cost \$20 ea.

- Kevin asked when the \$20 pricing goes into effect and Ed R said effective 10 Oct and that he would add a reunion bar to each delivery.

- PJ says we cannot change the price and shipping charge but could refund through PayPal. PJ was in West Virginia today. ED R will check and see what needs to be done and let us know.

- Vito clarified that we were just reducing the T-shirts and eliminating the shipping charges.

- Fred said: "This Sucks!" He is concerned about cancelling and everyone losing interest...but the reunion is just not worth the risk. The majority rules...he is in agreement to cancel the reunion.

- Norm made a motion to cancel the reunion, Jerry seconded. Vito non-concurred (Nay) to give the secretary a voice. The motion carried and the reunion for 2021 was cancelled.

## **AROUND THE TABLE**

The question was asked if the bylaws needed amending to allow the board to take extraordinary actions i.e. cancel/move reunions, extend board member tenure, etc. Answer: No, the board may make any decision necessary to accommodate "Acts of God". (Article 5, Item 6)

Bill W will cancel with LTC Iverson (Fred will contact her and thank her) and Bill W will also cancel the honor guard.

Three new members were voted into the association. Norm made the motion, Jerry seconded and it passed without objection.

Bill P will setup to conduct the scholarship drawing at the next meeting.

Fred tabled any further discussion on the scholarship program until the next meeting.

Kevin to Ed R ... "should just send new T-shirt orders and \$20 to Ed R.

Kevin to Fred ... "check with hotel on returning deposits". Fred agreed to do so. Later, Fred advised that he had success with the hotel returning our Association deposit (\$2,500).

Kevin noted that Sig Sauer will need a minimum of 25 guns ordered to fulfill our contract, once in place. Bill W understands and will discuss it at the next meeting as part of Old Business.

PJ will cancel the reunion on the Association Website and Bill W will put a notice on Facebook.

There being no further business, Norm moved to adjourn, Bill P 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 on October 5, 2021, at the FWB VFW @ 6PM CST.

- Dick Vancil – Secretary