

Association President's Message:

August, 2017

Dear AC-119 Associates:

Greetings from NJ. As I write this, we are only several weeks away from Reunion XVIII, in Dayton. Your AC-119 Board has been meeting by teleconference every month to keep a focus on reunion preparations, and other current or special events. I'm psyched; this upcoming reunion is going to be memorable. Hope to see so many of you there.

Many of our members do have, and use, an on-line bill payment service called PayPal. The Association has a PayPal account and we are now using it to help reunion attendees register. It is likely that this tool may be available to help our Annual Members renew their membership each year. More to come on this as we consider options.

You all are very quiet out there!! Feedback from you to your Association's Board is rare. Does that mean we are doing a good job, or you find the Association's *Firing Circle* uninteresting. I sincerely trust it is the former. Nevertheless, if you have something to ask, something to share, something to talk about, please reach out to your POCs, or any Board Member. We are here for you.

Do you find this Firing Circle of value? My efforts here are diluted by a few other responsibilities, esp. that as Association Pres, and I hope it does not show here. Therefore, my plea returns with vigor. Your Association can benefit from a computer-experienced person to take on the **Newsletter (Firing Circle) Editor's** function. As I said before, most of the content comes from other Board members, so the basic task is pasting it together. Fortunately, the distribution is shared as it goes out via the POCs. Please step up if you can do it.

As we get closer to the Dayton, OH reunion, I am planning for the usual Sat. morning business meetings. Part of that agenda is elections of Board members for next year. So far, we all have been blessed with a dedicated and hardworking team to keep our Association moving forward effectively. If you want to be a part of this effort, let me know. We love to have some new blood (fresh ideas and insights) on the Board.

You all know where Reunion XIX (2018) is located, right? Tucson is correct. Do you know where Reunion XX (2019) will be? **UNKNOWN at this time**...it will be up to us all to find an energetic volunteer to form and lead a team to organize and coordinate Reunion XX..

One last item: The AC-119 Gunship Association has set clear goals, and we have set policy and procedures to guide the Board. Nevertheless, with political items going volatile on all the social media outlets, we must be cautious, not to allow the Association to appear involved in politically controversial matters.

Be well my brothers - enjoy the remainder of summer 2017.

Mike Drzyzga, Association President