

The AC-119-Gunship Association

September 2018 NEWS FLASH

New News & Updates

Reunion XIX is less than one month away. Come to Tucson, AZ at the Double Tree by Hilton Hotel by the Airport, Wed. **Oct. 10 – Sun. Oct. 14, 2018. The Double Tree is FULL, but rooms are available at adjacent hotels.** There are over 220 people already registered! Very well attended! You register on-line at the AC-119 Gunship Association Web Site: www.ac119gunships.com.

For more info regarding the Reunion, contact: Ev Sprous, ac119gunner@hotmail.com, 520-979-1130

For reunion registration, contact Doug Wohlgamuth, busch791@tampabay.rr.com, 813-633-0685.

Alternate Hotel Info: Hampton Inn, 6971 S. Tucson Blvd, Tucson, Arizona Free parking & Breakfast, \$92 per night Tel: 520-918-9000 Web site: <http://hamptoninn3.hilton.com/en/hotels/arizona/hampton-inn-tucson-airport-TUSTBHX/index.html> If you are attending this year's reunion, **please** remember these helpful items:

1. **IMPORTANT CHANGE!!** The Sunday Sabino Canyon Tour is **CANCELLED**. The operator (Tour Company) is in a legal dispute with the Town of Tucson & the USDA's Coronado National Forest. This action is totally unexpected & unpredictable, & out of the Association's control. Fortunately, reunion coordinator Ev Sprous has a superb alternate tour – if you want to attend. It is **OLD TOWN TUCSON!** It is a very active town where the old west comes alive. There are too many attractions & activities to write here, so go to their Web Site for details. IF you want to go on this tour, **OR** IF you would prefer to have your money returned, **YOU MUST** contact Ev Sprous & tell him what you want to do, as soon as possible. See Ev's contact info above in item 1, above. Here is the Web Site: <http://oldtucson.com/visit-ots/>
2. **Name Tag lanyards:** First time attendees will receive an AC-119 Gunship Association lanyard to hold your name tag. If you have attended a previous reunion, & still have your lanyard, BRING IT with you this year. Otherwise, another new one will cost you \$1.00.
3. **Auction:** During the end of the Saturday banquet, there will be our usual auction. You can participate by donating easily carried items (travel friendly) to the reunion for the silent auction & live auction. Handmade items or things that are particular to one's home area (like pecans from Texas or wine from your State's wineries) are fun. Donors will be able to request a minimum bid for their donation. All the bids will be secret - the only folks who will know who bids a given amount will be the committee that sorts the bids & declares the winners. This is a lot of fun, & is an important fund-raiser for the Association. Please contact Andrea Drzyzga at email: andreadrzy@optonline.net
4. **History Books:** Remember to pack your History Book (& other memorabilia) to show-off in the Hooch, & collect signatures & written comments (like you did for a school year-book).
5. **USAF Service documents:** Please bring copies of any orders or crew awards papers you have with names of fellow AC-119ers. We can scan them, return your docs, & use the information to help support folks who lost their documents. It also helps us with any on-going reach-out efforts & Awards/Decoration short-falls we experience.
6. **Future Reunions:** We are firmly engaged in detailing Reunion XX in Salt Lake City in Sept 2019. Although we spoke of the Reunion XXI in Omaha, NE, for 2021, at last year's Dayton reunion, Pres. Drzyzga broke the rules & should not have planned for anything THREE yrs. away. Therefore, at the Tucson Sat. Business Meeting, we will (re)accept proposals for 2020. Then you, the MEMBERS, vote on those proposals.
7. **Election of Association Board Members:** At the Reunion's Annual Association business meeting (Saturday morning), as usual, we INTEND to continue our well-earned existence with the selection of a full slate of Board of Directors. Therefore, the current Board Members are seeking people who have the time & energy to help continue the success of this Association. If you want to learn more about this organization, see all that we do in the **job descriptions below**. If you want to talk about what the Board & appointed "doers" are responsible for, please contact current President:

Mike Drzyzga, email: drzyzga513@hotmail.com, or cell phone 201-310-2943.

Who's coming to Tucson as of 9/11/18?

Alvis	Jim	Gourley	Wanda
Alvis	Judi	Graves	Karen
Anderson	Dale	Greenberg	Irving
Jordan	Timothy	Greenberg	Mary
Jordan	Lee	Cleary	Dawn
Tholl	Rosie	Greisamer	Tom
Tholl	Bernie	Greisamer	Melan
Barbee	Larry	Grimsley	Richard
Barbee	Deb	Grimsley	Patricia
Bartlett	Frank	Hall	Richard
Bartlett	Shirley	Siedzikowski	Jeannie
Bastin	Jack	Hansen	Vern
Bastin	Carolyn	Hansen	Becky
Bastin	Linda McCoin	Hester	Jerry
Blum	Claude	Hester	Ellen
Boyd	Jim	Heuss	Herman
Boyd	Scott (son)	Heuss	Helen
Brander	Tom	Hinton	Ronald
Bright	Robert	Hinton	Carol
Brow	Mary	Hoover	Bill
Knight	Liz	Hoover	Theresa (Daughter)
Knight	James	Hunter	Larry
Knight	Julie	Hunter	Soncy
Knight	Christian	Krauss	Michael
Knight	Andrew	Krueger	Albert (Bob)
Knight	Barbara	Krueger	Sandra Day
Knight	Talon	Laessig	Wayne
Bunton	Windell	Laessig	Lynette
Bunton	Bernadette	La Rosa	Bob
Buttrey	Maria	Lefarth	Ralph
Campbell	Pin	Lefarth	Joyce
Campbell	Ed	Luke	Don
Campbell	Jaiden	Lyall	Bob
Caruso	Gene	Mac Isaac	John
Caruso	Karen	Mac Isaac	Steve
Chandler	Allen	Mac Isaac	Nancy
Chandler	Barbara	Martin	Dale
Clark	John	Martin	Jeanette
Conner	Donald	Mason	Cleo
Baily	Susan	Mason	Joyce
Connolly	Robert	Mattison	Jim
Henry	Cathy	Mattison	Lynn
Corbett	Craig	McCall	Cash
Corbett	Jan	McDonald	Jerry
Craig	Don	McDonald	Karen
Craig	Peggy	Meleen	Steve
Davis	Richard	Meleen	Todd
Davis	Esther	Barnett	Chris
Davis	Leslie	Mersek	Larry
Davis	Judy	Ryslunge	Susie
Diehl	Phillip	Middleton	Larry
Diehl	Mary Lois	Montgomery	James
Drzyzga	Mike	Montgomery	Elaine
Drzyzga	Andrea	Montana	Bill

Raveling	Vern
Raveling	Betty
Doll	Dale
Gregory	Ernest
Doll	Mary
Raveling	Kenneth
Raveling	Cathy
Raveling	Sterling
Raveling	Dan
Raveling	Maria
Raveling	Sandra
Reid	Howard
Reid	Doug
Reid	Kristin
Renfroe	George
Renfroe	Becky
Rider	Fred
Rider	Jean
Rosecrans	Levi
Rosecrans	Karen
Rubingh	Johnathan
Rubingh	Daisy
Rubingh	Gary
Rubingh	Becky
Rubingh	Sarah
Rubingh	Matt
Sarul	Terrance
Sarul	Teresa
Schumann	John
Shope	James
Shope	Christine
Sininger	Augustus
Sledzinski	Frank
Sledzinski	Yamile
Smith	Al
Smith	Carmel
Snyder	Jerry
Sprous	Everett
Stearn	Ken
Stearn	Veronika
Thompson	Dan
Totten	Gary
Totten	Cathy
Turlington	Andy
Turlington	Shirley
Tyler	William
Tyler	Wilma
Bachmann	Pamela
Bachmann	Stephen
Vath	Ken
Vath	Nancy
Villarreal	Xavier
Villarreal	Chris
Wall	Earl

Dydo	John
Dydo	Janet
Dydo	Abbie Moore
Farmer	Bob
Farmer	Connie
Farrell	James
Farrell	Christina
Frahm	LeRoy
Frahm	Rose
Frederick	Bob
Friel	Mike
Friel	Sean
Friel	Amber
Funk	John
Funk	Victoria
Funk	John
Gallo	Samual
Gallo	Debby
Gilbert	Ronald
Goryl	Joseph
Goryl	Janis
Gourley	Garry

Artis	Bruce
Artis	Marlene
Artis-Huling	Cheryl
Morrow	John
Morrow	Lynn
Mullen	Michael
Mullen	Theresa
Nelson	Larry
Nelson	Lorrie
New	Bobby
New	Janet
Newbold	Claude
Newbold	Rose
Novak	Tom
Novak	Sherlyn
Palacki	Jim
Palacki	Priscilla
Points	Roger
Posey	William
Posey	Cindy
Radke	Don
Rash	Jim

Wall	Dixie
Weisenfluh	Thomas
Weisenfluh	Marisa
Wheatley	Lourieann
Wheatley	Melissa Tumc
Whelan	Bruce
Williams	John (Chuck)
Williams	Kate
Williams	Hannah
Williams	James
Williams	John
Williams	Stefani
Williams	Alex
Williams	Charles
Wohlgamuth	Doug
Wolff	John
Wolff	Laura
Yanacsek	Jim
Yanacsek	Barbara Mills
Zito	Bill
Zito	Paula

Interested in Serving? These Job Descriptions for Board of Directors and other key positions may help you decide!

Association Board members shall be experienced in the use of a personal computer for accessing the Internet, MS Word or MS Excel documents, & use of their email account.

The descriptions below are more task oriented than those specified in the By-laws

President: preside at all teleconference & regular meetings of the Board of Directors plus the Annual Reunion Membership meeting. He shall create a detailed agenda for all Board meetings & the Annual Reunion Business meeting. At reunions, he is the Master-of-Ceremony at the Meet & Greet, the Awards Banquet, & the Farewell BBQ. He will have general supervisory authority over Association affairs. He may appoint officers &/or members to serve on special committees as needed for special projects & for the betterment of the Association. If required, he will sign legal documents on behalf of the Association along with the Board Secretary. The President shall be an ex-officio member of every Association committee & serve as the Chairman of the Reunion Committee.

Vice President: In the absence of the President & should a vacancy occur, will assume President Duties. He may serve as ex-officio member of any committee & perform other duties as requested by the President. He will serve as a member of the Board of Directors.

Secretary: record detailed minutes of all Board meetings & Annual Reunion Membership meetings. If required, he may serve as signatory of checks. He will coordinate with the Treasurer to maintain & forward a record to the Board of all bank transactions at the end of each month. He will distribute meeting agendas as directed by the President & distribute all meeting minutes in a timely manner for approval by the Board or Membership. He will serve as a member of the Board of Directors.

Treasurer: the chief financial officer of the Association. He will deposit dues payments & other donations & funds into Checking Accounts. He will prepare checks for payment of debts, maintain a record to include date, check number, payee, amount, & purpose. He will maintain a record of receipts & payments, & provide the Board with a report to include date, payer/payee, amount & purpose at the end of each month. He will receive periodic financial reports of receipts & debits from the Secretary & post them to Association financial records. He will on a continuing basis compare his financial record with that of the Secretary to assure that all financial transactions have been properly recorded. He will sign checks & is responsible for submission of tax returns. He will work with the Reunion & Membership Coordinator to document & track Reunion registrations, costs, & payments. He will submit a verbal financial report to members at reunion membership meetings. He is responsible to maintain a PayPal account & a Teleconference Account. He will serve as a member of the Board of Directors.

Prior President: provide guidance & past performance reports based on the experience as President. The immediate past president is not required to automatically assume that position after his term as President. He will serve as a member of the Board of Directors.

Board Members At-Large (3 members): help the Board of Directors function effectively & efficiently by participating in all Board meetings. Their knowledge & opinions on various topics are valuable assets for the Board. They may volunteer or be asked to take one or maybe two special projects to assist the Association in meeting the established Goals of the AC-119 Gunship Association. Members At-Large can vote on motions made & seconded at teleconference or regular Board of Director meetings.

Quartermaster: establish & maintain a detailed inventory of Association apparel & memorabilia on the Quartermaster pages of the AC-119 Gunships website & make necessary updates with merchandise changes. He will maintain contact with current vendors of merchandise while also exploring other vendors of military apparel & memorabilia items. Upon receiving orders via website, phone, or personal, he will package & ship merchandise orders to recipients. He will replenish inventory as needed & order new items as approved by the Board of Directors. He will have access to the Association's Reserve Checking Account for Quartermaster Store expenditures. He will work closely with the Association Treasurer to maintain adequate funding for Store & to provide the Association with an annual report of revenues & expenditures of the Association's Reserve Checking Account.

Newsletter Editor: proficient in publication software such as MS Publisher (or use of MS Word) & photo imaging editing software, such as Photoshop. The Editor will create the *Firing Circle* newsletter, which is 6-8 pages), or a shorted FLASH message, with input from other Board Members. He will help distribute the *Firing Circle* with those members in position of Points-of-Contact (POCs). The *Firing Circle* is produced at a frequency sufficient to provide detailed information relative to Association activities, such as reunion details, on a timely basis to recipients. On average, 4-6 newsletter & FLASHes are made each year.

Membership Coordinator: responsible for helping maintain an on-line database (Master Contact List) of current & past members. He is experience in MS Excel spreadsheet software. He will send Membership Application forms via postal mail or email to those requesting membership. He will send reminders on a monthly basis to those members who renew on an annual basis. He will print & send Thank You letters & Membership ID cards to members. He will print in color Life Members Certificates for Life Members. He will provide membership status updates to the Board & report membership status at membership meetings. He is not a member of the Board of Directors.

Web Master: maintain the functionality of the Association Web site. He/she will update the web site based on input from individuals responsible for the content of specific pages. He/she must know the software used to change Web page content & upload files to the web site. He/she may interact with outside web design & hosting consultants to change the structure of the web site if needed.

Media Manager: manages Audio Visual (A/V) files from mission recorded tapes, & personal interviews. He interacts with a videographer. He will burn CDs or DVDs to distribute via mail from the on-line Quartermaster purchases. He manages a huge accumulation of historical images scanned from member's personal photos & color slides. Helps manage three large external USB Hard Drives with all this data. He has an image scanner & is well versed in image scanning software. He may be one of the 4 Facebook (social on-line media) administrators. He may be stationed in the reunion hootch for scanning new images & documents presented by attendees.

Points-of-Contacts

- 1. Legacy active USAF Units:** There are active AFSOC units around the globe that share the AC-119 heritage, by virtue of squadron number or aircraft names. A POC will be the Association liaison to the unit. He will periodically inquire regarding unit activities, new Commanders, aircraft upgrades, mission reassignments, etc. He will mail a Life Membership Certificate & appropriate Association coins to new Commanders, & if the POC is in close proximity, may visit the unit for special events
- 2. AC-119 Air or Ground Crew POC:** He will be the "membership liaison" for his former unit or group, i.e., 71st, 17th, 18th, Maintainers, or Honorary members / Family members. He will receive notice from members who change their contact information; he will provide the data to the membership coordinator. He will receive Firing Circles from the Newsletter editor, & then distribute Firing Circles via email or postal mail.

Facebook Administrators (5): The primary administrator established the FB page, & designated four other Association members the role of “admin”. They will verify that people who want to join our FB page belong here, often having to inquire about the person’s background. They also monitor the posts to assure nothing unwanted is posted, & they can remove posts that do not meet our FB rules.

Database / Master Contact List Manager: manages a web based SQL database that serves as the Association’s Master Contact List (MCL). Access to the database is limited to a “need-to-know” few Association members. Updates database information based on input from individual members, Unit POCs, Association officials, & Membership Coordinator. Produces MS Excel spreadsheets for Board members & Unit POCs as needed. Processes member/non-member contact requests received via the website Alpha Roster.

Reunion Coordinator: If interested, let me know :->

M. Drzyzga 9/11/2018