

Meeting Agenda

- Minutes, then Secretary, Treasurer, WebMaster, Newsletter Reports
- VP Report: brass plaque, Memorial Fund, new videos and license plate holders, Roster, FLIR Technology by 'Sundog' FAC Tom Milligan,
- Old Business
 - Next Reunions, USAF Gunship Association
- New Business
 - By-Laws
 - Brass AC-119 K Stinger on pedestal at Air Park
 - Shadow and Stinger Painting and signed Lithographs
 - Board Authority
 - Lost Awards

Secretary's Membership Report

Members	2002	2003
• Life	50	125
• Regular		152
• Associate		
• Family	1	2
• <u>Honorary</u>	1	4

TOTALS

Reunion 4 \$4000+

Treasurer's Financial Report

• Reunion 2003 Costs	\$7,598.00
• Account Balance after last Reunion	\$22,664.77
• Expenses for approved projects:	
• Plaques, Unit Flags, Printer for	
• Newsletter, etc	- \$5,627.00
• Merchandise, Hats, Shirts, Patches	- \$1,967.00
• <u>Newsletter</u>	<u>- \$687.00</u>
	\$14,383.77
• Income from Merchandise	+ \$4,301.00
• <u>Dues and Reunion</u>	<u>+ \$11,645.00</u>
• <i>Account Balance as of 21 Sep 03</i>	\$30,329.77
• Actual current \$32,000+	

NOTE: IRS Account Limited to \$25,000 at end of year

2003 Web Manager's Report

- Website valuable in preserving AC-119 history
 - Informing membership about reunions and other activities and recruiting new members
 - 80,000 hits to website
 - Since 1998, website hosting fees paid by donations. Association will fund as donated funds get depleted, with normal yearly expenses of \$300 for website host and domain registration
- Website management
 - Macromedia's Dreamweaver for HTML coding and webpage design & layout
 - Adobe Photoshop used (preferred) for posted photos
 - Microsoft Word to write and edit content and stories.

1. Project Volunteer to track deceased members & update the Final Flight list (Jim Terry volunteered)
2. Project Volunteer to locate additional AC-119 gunship info and fine-tune content already on website's main pages. Research and/or locate info on gunship, equipment, and operations for website plus authenticate/verify info already posted on site.Doc
3. Project Volunteer assist photo processing for site. Need strong Adobe Photoshop skills, or if can use another program compatible with or comparable to Photoshop, we can discuss. Dan, Dwayne
4. Project Volunteer to edit/prepare stories for site. Must know Microsoft Word and be a good proofreader.Craig, Doc,
5. Project Volunteer for history section. Could be same as #2 Doc
6. Project Volunteer for each squadron. Could split duties of #2
7. Will Buy software for volunteers to assist (\$400 5 sites)

Newsletter Editor Report

- Since Reunion III, published 2 newsletters.
 - Reunion III wrap-up sent April-May 2002.
 - Second was Reunion IV information.
 - Mailed 200, approximately 70 via email.
- Save money by sending newsletters electronically.
Can read using Adobe Acrobat Reader (free download)
- Board approved printer & scanner; paid \$200 for printer and \$130 for scanner. Web Master Bill Petrie generously built and donated a PC to EV.
- Helped Ray Barradale with membership.
 - sent renewal notices; ordered the Brass Life Membership Cards or made membership cards & sent them to the new or renewing members; kept the member rosters up to date & sent updates to the Board.
 - Date joined → calendar year

Newsletter Editor Request (Approved)

- Request a new professional printer and digital camera to keep photo album for Association.
 - I want to take some very good shots at the reunions both for the album & Newsletters.
 - The camera, printers and scanner will be the property of the Association.
 - Of course I would like to purchase this camera at the beginning of this Reunion.
- ***BOARD NOTE: The Board approved these requests and the new printer and scanner are already being used in the hootch.***
- ***Paper cards for Lifers***

VP Updates

- Brass plaque in place at Air Memorial Park
- Family members of those lost in SEA are our Honored Guests. Anyone who knows the families, TALK to them!
 - Maj Moses Alves:
 - Lt Col Bernard Knapic: Gary Gourley Escort
 - Staff Sergeant Robert Fage: Jim Terry Escort
- Contact “Roster” in hootch: update it!
- Memorial Fund, new videos and license plate holders,
- FLIR Technology by ‘Sundog’ FAC Tom Milligan in hootch Saturday @4:30 and Sunday @2:00

2004 Reunion

WHY Dayton and Wright-Patt Area?

- Site of original gunship development
- Near our 434th Provisional and 71st SOS sister Reunion Groups
 - Evansville, Indiana and Columbus, Ohio
- Goal: get our AC-119 role into the AF history books and increase the visibility and recognition of the AC-119 role in history
 - Influence the premier air museum in the U.S.
 - Speaker, Col Ron Terry ‘Father of ALL Gunships’
 - Add the 434th and 71st Groups’ participation = everything in one swell foop
- Change of venue

2004 Reunion Facilities and Access

- AF Museum – more hangars; IMAX; Waynesville (antiques); German Village in Columbus (BEER); 100th Yr of Flt Celebration
FILL IN THE SURVEY, Please (leave them in hootch)
- Check Family Camp details
- Hope Hotel Next to Wright Patterson AFB
 - 125 rooms set aside, with Hospitality Room no cost. Can bring in own refreshments to Hospitality Room
 - Meeting Room (Saturday a.m.) and support to all three evening meals with Banquet Rooms set aside
 - Use Hope Hotel cash bar at meals (Friday & Sunday)
 - No breakfast on site but many close by
- Good Airport access: Dayton, Columbus, Cincinnati
 - Easy access to AF Museum and golf; Air Force Museum Facilities reserved
 - Easy access to restaurants and shopping
 - Lots of transport available from Airports

2004 Reunion Estimated Costs

• Hotel	\$82 per night
• Friday Gathering and Social	\$23
• Saturday Dinner in Museum (Includes Museum Fee)	\$35
• Sunday Golf	\$24 - \$35
• <u>Sunday Farewell Buffet</u>	<u>\$27</u>
Total	\$167 (excluding golf)

2003 Cost Comparison: \$121 (excluding golf; including Museum Fee)

We were told to expect FWB rates to go up in 2004 as well.
Air Fares usually a little less into Dayton area.

2004 Reunion Recommendation

- Survey Inputs favor Dayton for 2004 then return to Fort Walton Beach for 2005
 - >95% = Dayton in 2004
 - >5% = only Ft Walton Beach ever
- Board recommends Dayton as presented for 2004
- Board recommends Fort Walton Beach for 2005

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USAF Gunship Association

- Tabled last year - lots of Pro's and Con's. Board believes there are more benefits to stay as we are for now-WE'RE STILL GROWING AND WE'RE STILL TRYING TO DEFINE OUR SPECIFIC AC-119 NICHE AS A VIETNAM-ERA GUNSHIP. Board believes it is critical to maintain our focus on putting the AC-119 into the Air Force and Vietnam history. Recommend continue discussions & participation in each other's annual Reunions (Norm Evans) & revisit again next yr. New Board work with Tim (coordination) and report next year.
- Tim Shaeffer, Spectre Gunship Association
 - We ARE mostly well-aged, over 55, dudes with superb experience and savvy
 - Long-term we ARE getting older, fewer, & all are fixed-wing gunshippers
 - Support to troops 4th, 16th, 19th (schoolhouse) SOS's & families from their heritage (us old farts)
 - Louder “voice” by working together
 - Vision: “Chapters” to maintain identities with umbrella group to help administrative stuff

Board's By-Law Recommendations

- ADD: Webmaster and Newsletter Editor
as 'Voting' positions **Y**
- ADD: new board 'Voting' position:
Past Board Member **Y**
 - Increase continuity of past board actions and strategies
 - Reduce 'LEARNING CURVE' for new board members
 - Impartial voter with no specific role
 - Incoming board selects from outgoing-board volunteers
- CHANGE: Membership Renewal to
annual cycle based on 'date paid' **Y**

Additional Board By-Law Recommendations

- ADD: “Honorary Life Membership” for next-closest-kin of members lost in SEA and for other specific honorees who contribute significantly to Association **Y**
 - Next-closest-kin of members lost in SEA is automatically offered
 - Other specific honorees at discretion and vote of board
 - Same membership rights as Associate Membership
- ADD: ‘Any’ family member can apply for Family Membership with same rights as Associate Membership **Y**

Brass AC-119K ‘Stinger’ Model Recommendation

- Place Brass AC-119K ‘Stinger’ model on pedestal at Hurlburt Air Park Memorial
 - Current Air Memorial plaque references AC-119G/K and both Shadows and Stingers
 - AC-119G ‘Shadow’ Display Aircraft
 - No AC-119K visual
 - ‘Completes’ Memorial
- Estimate approx \$3000 to bronze ‘dip’ wooden model and install for 2005 Reunion
- Board recommends approval

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Shadow and Stinger Paintings and Lithos

- Paintings → Museum
- 100 numbered, signed Lithos of each
- \$4000
Lithos (approx \$25 = recoup all costs)
- Framed maybe \$40
- Col Terry can sign them

Y

Association Board Authority

Design, plan, and complete Reunion preparations

- Hotel: coordinate rooms, Mixer food selection/quantities, Meeting room, Comm System, BBQ, music, register members, Set the hootch up: plan and get soda, beer, water, wine, munchies – and track it all
- Order and sell T-Shirts, hats, license holders, patches, pins
- Coordinate Memorial Service at Air Park with Hurlburt Protocol, Honor Guard, Honored Guests, Wreath, Transportation, media, plaque coordination w/CE to build pedestal and install it, music, speakers, speeches
- Coordinate Banquet location, meals, ROTC Honor Guard, awards, gifts, servers, busers, greeters, tickets, music, speakers, speeches

.....and we do not ask ‘may I’ or for a vote on stuff like that. We believe you expect us to do that.

Association Board Authority

Throughout year, we:

- Maintain web content/structure/costs/stories/pix/Guest book
 - Design and publish Newsletters (purchase and maintain PC/Printer/Scanner/supplies/mailings).
 - Coordinate memberships and cards, track and manage ←\$\$→, maintain rosters and make contacts
 - Purchase and send flowers for Members' families at deaths
 - Make policy decisions like 'no one should pay Association-related expenses out of their pocket' and we authorize prepaid annual web costs, merchandise accounts, Newsletter supplies, web hook-ups, and lots of other stuff
-and we do not ask "may I" or for a vote on stuff like that. We believe you expect us to do that.

Association Board Authority = YEP??

So, we manage and spend a fair amount of \$\$ and time for the Association. We believe you voted us in to do that.

- We do ask you to decide on Reunion locations, big investments and things that reflect the Association like brass plaques, brass models, Gunship paintings and Lithos, By-Law changes, etc.
- So what's the big deal (you ask).....

We want to know you agree we're exercising the authority we need (as volunteers) to do all this! A simple, 'YEP' the Board has the authority to do the kind of things just described to plan, decide, and spend Association \$\$, and to bring the bigger things like those just described back to Members for a vote.

YEP?