

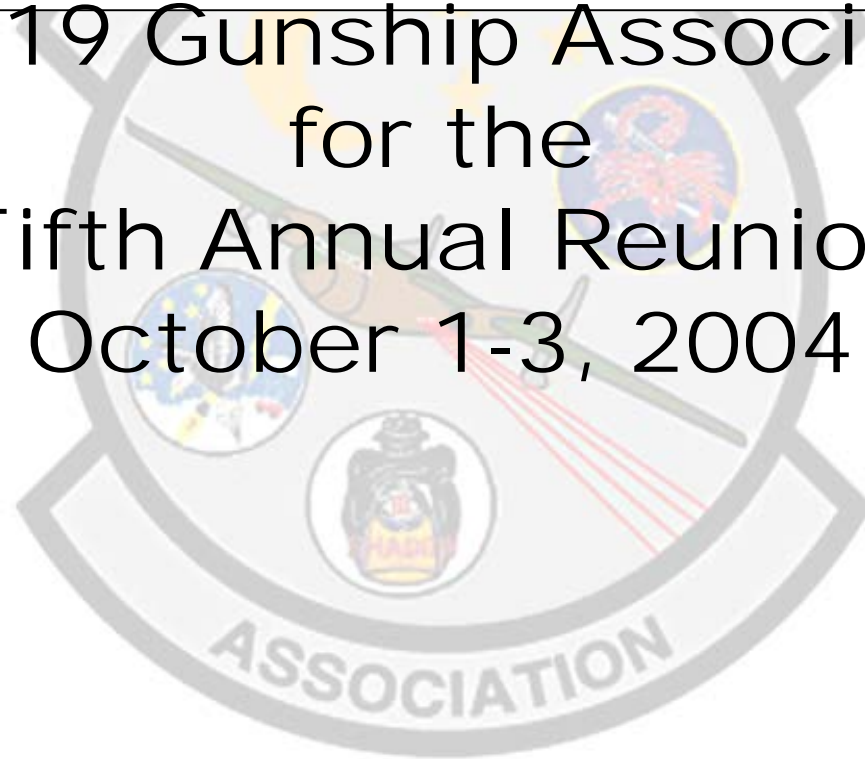
Site Proposal to the Membership  
of

AC-119 Gunship Association

for the

Fifth Annual Reunion

October 1-3, 2004



**Presented  
by  
Rogers Stevens  
&  
Ron Julian**

**October 4, 2003**

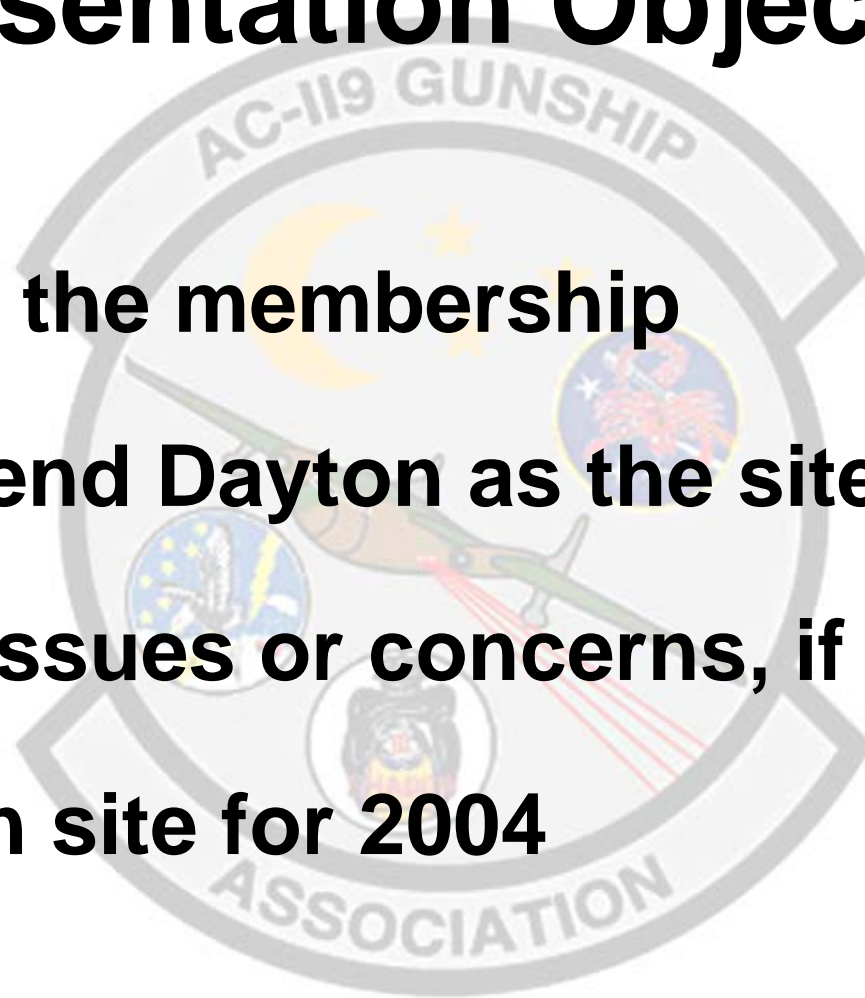
# Topics

- **Objective**
- **Proposed Activities and Agenda**
- **Selection Actions -- Site and Hotel**
- **Status**
- **Costs**
- **Discussion**



# Presentation Objective

- **Report to the membership**
- **Recommend Dayton as the site for 2004**
- **Discuss issues or concerns, if any**
- **Decide on site for 2004**



# Key Activities

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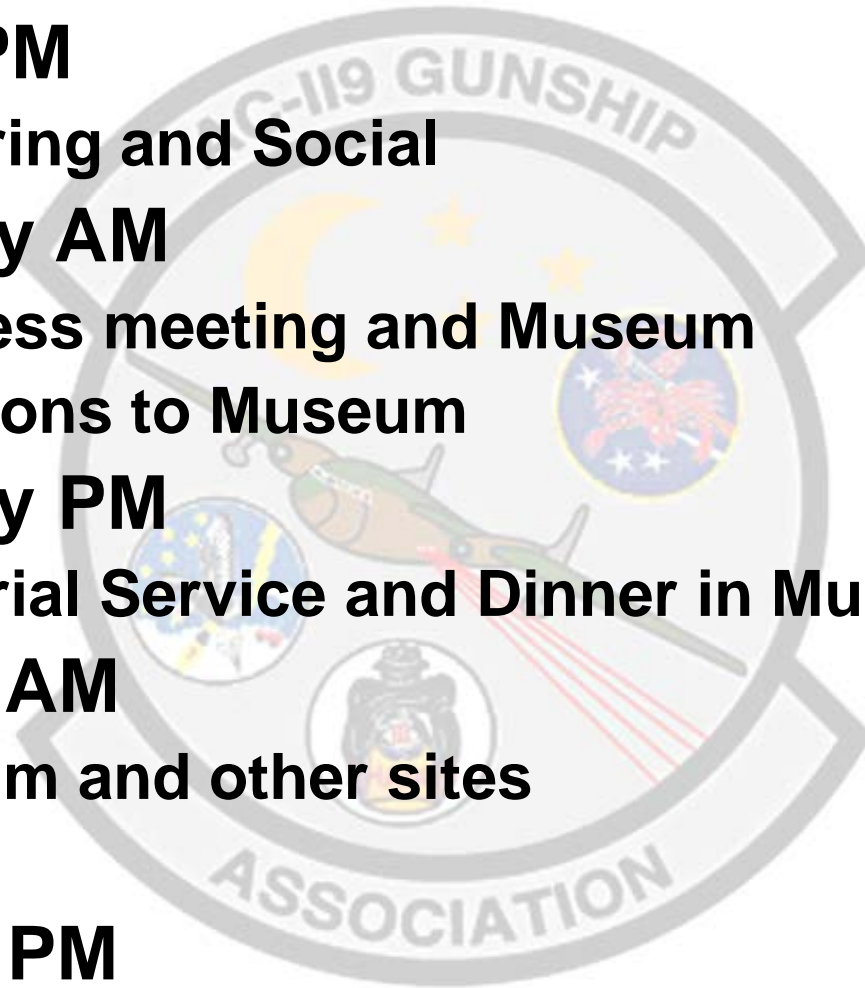
- **Meet gunship brothers and families**
- **Renew friendships**
- **Visit to and dinner at the Air Force Museum**
  - **Dinner among the airplanes**
  - **Guest Speaker – Col (ret) Ron Terry**
    - **Original gunship proponent and program manager**
- **Memorial Service**
- **Donation of paintings and memorabilia**

# Secondary Activities

- **Golf Outing -- Sunday**
- **Huffman Prairie** – Where they learned to fly
- **Waynesville** – Midwest's Antique capital
- **Greene County** – Various sites of interest
- **Montgomery County** – Art Institute, Schuster Center for the Performing Arts, others

# Proposed General Agenda

- **Friday PM**
  - Gathering and Social
- **Saturday AM**
  - Business meeting and Museum
  - Donations to Museum
- **Saturday PM**
  - Memorial Service and Dinner in Museum
- **Sunday AM**
  - Museum and other sites
  - Golf
- **Sunday PM**
  - Farewell get together



# Site Selection

- **Change of venue**
- **Site of original gunship development**
- **Visit the premier air museum in the U.S.**
- **Timing**
  - **New hanger completed 2003**
  - **Missile hanger to complete 2004**

# Site Committee Activities

- **Support from Greene County Visitor's Bureau**
- **Visited three hotels**
  - Discussed all aspects of hotel support
  - Only the Hope Hotel met all our needs
    - Banquet Room
    - Hospitality Room
    - Availability
    - Flexibility
    - Central location
- **Visited local sites of interest**
  - Waynesville
  - Greene County
  - Montgomery County



# Greene County Visitor's Bureau

- **Supported contacts to hotels**
- **Provided planning suggestions**
- **Printed and assembled brochures**
- **Will mail flyers and notices**
- **Will continue to support planning**

# Facilities & Access

- **Hope Hotel**
  - Named after Bob Hope
  - Home of Dayton Peace Accords
  - Next to Wright Patterson AFB
  - Easy access to museum and golf
  - Easy access to restaurants and shopping
  - No breakfast on site 😞 but many close by
- **Airport access** (Dayton, Columbus, Cincinnati)

# Status

- **Hope Hotel Status**
  - 125 rooms set aside (pending approval)
  - Support to all three evening meals
  - Hospitality Room at no cost.
    - Bring in own refreshments to Hospitality Room
  - Meeting Room (Saturday AM)
  - Banquet Rooms set aside
    - Use Hope Hotel cash bar at meals (Friday & Sunday)
    - Variety of meals & styles
- **Air Force Museum**
  - Facilities reserved (pending approval)

# Estimated Costs

- **Hotel ~\$82 per night**
- **Friday -- Gathering and Social ~\$23**
- **Saturday -- Dinner in Museum ~\$35**  
(Includes Museum fee)
- **Sunday -- Golf ~\$24 - \$35**
- **Sunday -- Farewell Buffet ~\$27**

# Summary

- **Recommend Dayton Ohio Area**
- **Recommend Hope Hotel**
- **Recommend proposed costs as upper limits**
- **Request membership decision**
- **If approved, request permission to proceed**

# Questions and Discussion

