

8th AC-119 Gunship Association Meeting Oct 6, 2007

1. Opening Invocation - Larry Hunter
2. Pledge of Allegiance - Vern Hansen
3. Minutes - Secretary Jim Alvis
4. Treasury - Doug Wohlgamuth
5. Membership - Secretary Jim Alvis
6. Association By-Law & Reunion Host Criteria Changes - Wayne Laessig
7. History Book Project & Pre-Reunion Cruise - Larry Fletcher
8. Texas Tech University Vietnam Center - Dr Steve Maxner
9. Branson, MO Reunion IX Update - Jerry McDonald
10. 2009 Reunion X Proposals
11. Newsletter & Web - Bill Petrie
12. Nit Noys
 - a. Stinger Monument Update - Gus Sininger
 - b. Lithos & Brothers Raffle; Commemorative Rifle/Pistol - Wayne Laessig
13. Nominations and Election of '08 Association Officers - Vern
14. Items For the Good of the Association
15. Adjourn

Treasurer's Financial Report for 2007

NOTE: Our IRS category limits us to \$25,000 gross at the end of year

Secretary's Membership Report

As of 8-31-08

<u>Members</u>	<u>2005</u>	<u>2006</u>	<u>2007</u>	<u>2008</u>
1. Life	192	215	248	275
2. Annual	131	164	153	124
3. <u>Honorary</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>21</u>
4. Total	335	397	419	420

- a. Gained 5 AC-47 Members in 2008
- b. 8 Deceased since last year's reunion
- c. 11 annual members dropped out since last year's reunion

James Alvis

Secretary

By-Law Change Recommendations

1. Are we about three Squadrons or AC-119s?
2. Membership Clarifications
 - a. Regular
 - b. Associate (Family incorporated into this)
 - c. Honorary
3. Elected Officer Terms of Office
 - a. Appointee Terms
4. Reunion Proposals
 - a. Must have a volunteer Coordinator who can do everything on the Reunion Coordinator's Checklist
 - b. A hotel that agrees to accommodate our Hooch Needs
 - c. Proposed lodging and meal costs

History Book Project

1. 3rd Try
2. Turner vs In-house
3. Expected Costs and Products
 1. Volume I
 2. Volume II
4. We need BIOs from everyone here
5. History Room – help is available
6. Blank Bios are in in your packets

Texas Tech University (TTU)

1. What do we do with what we have?
2. Pros and Cons of Air Force or other Museums
3. Pros and Cons of TTU's Vietnam Center
 - a. Larry Fletcher & Bernie Smith comments
 - b. Dr Steve Maxner

2009 Reunion X Proposals

1. Coordinator

- a. Volunteer's name:
- b. Agreement they can & will do everything on the Reunion Coordinator's Checklist

2. Hotel

- a. Name:
- b. Proposed lodging costs
- c. Proposed meal costs
- d. Agrees to accommodate our Hooch

3. Area Attractions

4. Travel In-Out Aspects

2009 Reunion Comparisons

	ABQ 2006	Destin 2007	CA 2008
Rooms	365	450-560	530
Airfare	250+	300+	250+
Reunion	66	94	94
Breakfast	Yes	Yes	
Total	680+	795-905	874

All Hotel Prices going up;

All Airfare and travel costs going up

2006 Web Manager & Newsletter Editor's Report

1. Website valuable in preserving AC-119 history
 - a. Reunion Infon, other activities, recruiting new members
 - b. 250,000 hits to website since we started
 - c. Website hosting fees paid by donations 1998-2003. Assoc now funds, with normal yearly expenses of \$387 for website host and domain registration
2. Website management
 - a. Macromedia's Dreamweaver for HTML coding and webpage design & layout
 - b. Adobe Photoshop used for posted photos
 - c. Mail Call moved
3. Published 1 newsletter.
 - a. Save money by sending newsletters electronically

Nit Noys

1. Stinger Monument Update
2. Lithos and Brothers Raffle
3. Commemorative Rifle & Pistol Auction

Nominations & Election of Next Board Members

1. President
2. Vice-President
3. Secretary
4. Treasurer
5. Past Board Member

Board Member Transition Planning

	Who	# Yrs in '08	When Rotate?
1. President	Vern	2007 (2)	
2. Vice-President	Bill	2008 (1 + 8)	
3. Secretary	Jim	2004 (4)	
4. Treasurer	Doug	2001 (6)	
5. Past Board Member	Wayne	2002 (5)	

Items For Good of the Association

1. Do a Joint one again?
2. Finances?
3. Our By-Laws state: “Board has the authority & responsibility to act for & manage the affairs of the Association. A two-thirds vote of members in attendance at reunion membership meetings can modify or reverse decisions of the board.”