

12th AC-119 Gunship Association Meeting Oct 1st, 2011

1. Opening Invocation & Pledge of Allegiance – Baby Huey & Gus
2. Secretary, Treasurer, Website Reports – Mike, Doug, Bill

Old Business

3. Active Duty connections – Gus
4. Videotapes & Interviews
5. Stinger AC-119 #850 – Wayne & Bruce
6. Advertising to locate more AC-119ers: Military Times, American Legion, VFW
8. 2012 Reunion – Gus

New Business

9. 2013 Reunion location proposals
 - Still Interested? Jerry Hester: San Antonio? Dick Pollmann: Dallas? Mac Mac Isaac: Albuquerque?
 - Rogers and Ron – Washington DC?
10. Website proposal to publish Names, Squadron, roles – Mike, Bill, & Wayne
 - Board Policy on “contact” information use and access
 - Ladies & Other Volunteers: try to find some contact info
 - POC roles?
11. Merchandise Sales on E-Bay – Ev & Mike
 - Lithos donated to Museums
12. AC-47 Reunion – anyone attend? How did it go?
13. Nominations and Election of 2012 Association Officers - Gus

Adjourn → PHOTOS!

Secretary's Report – Mike Drzyzga

- Approve minutes
- Review membership make-up & numbers

<u>Members</u>	<u>2005</u>	<u>2006</u>	<u>2007</u>	<u>2008</u>	<u>2009</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>2011</u>
Life	192	215	248	275	284	293	306
Annual	131	164	153	124	108	97	81
<u>Honorary</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>21</u>	<u>21</u>	<u>22</u>	<u>25</u>
Total	335	397	419	420	413	412	412

Annual memberships continue to decrease as Life members increase

Initially AC-47 gains; offset by AC-47 Reunions

Contacts (e-mail/snail mail)

- Newsletter snail-mailing = (\$1,039 annually – 5 issues)
- Newsletter E-mailing = \$0

If you keep your e-mail up to date we have more money to run the Association

Membership renewals – three strikes you are out

Treasurer's Report

- Account Balance after last Reunion \$11,600
- Annual Operating Costs:
 - Mailings, Newsletter, Reunion Advertising, web \$ 1,350
 - “In Memory of” donations \$ 100
 - Association Awards \$ 160
- Revenue
 - Dues \$ 1,940
 - Reunion Fees \$ 4,225
 - Hootch, videography, patches, etc. \$ 2,500
 - T-Shirts \$ 3,000
- Inventory: History Books, lithos ???
- *Expected Account Balance after Reunion* \$12,000

Reunion Cost Comparisons

	ABQ	Destin	Branson	St Aug	CA	SC
	<u>2006</u>	<u>2007</u>	<u>2008</u>	<u>2009</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>2011</u>
Rooms (3 nites) *	274	480	324	327	384	402
Airfare (avg est)	300	300	325	300	275	350
3 Reunion Events	66	105	86	75	93	95
Buffet Breakfast	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes**
Total	640	885	735	702	752	797

* Room rates include tax (actual cost)

** Can not EXPECT this in the future – getting harder & harder to get meals as part of the hotel fee

All Hotel Prices going up;

You guys eat & drink a LOT in M&G and Hootch

Airfare and travel costs going up

WebMeister Report

1. Website valuable in preserving AC-119 history
 - a. Reunion Info, other activities, recruiting new members
 - b. Website management: need “contact” info page (R XI Vote)
 - c. New “look”

2. Options:
 - a. Continue & update with new look over the next year
 - b. Volunteers & new technology
 - c. Costs - set aside money for future cost increases

Active Duty Squadron Connections

1. 18th FLTS; Hurlburt - Gus
 - a. Lt Col Kent Landreth has been replaced
2. 71st SOS; Kirtland CV-22 Ospreys - Jim Alvis & Al Heuss
 - a. Lt Col Gray Riddick
 - b. Col Cardoso (prior 71st SOS Commander) now 58th SOW Wing Commander at Kirtland
3. 17th SOS; Kadena MC-130 Combat Shadows - John Morrow
 - a. Lt Col Brandenburg PCS'd to AWC
 - b. Now Lt Col Zimmerman
4. AC-47s & AD 3rd & 4th Squadrons - Norm Evans

Old Business

1. Videotaped sessions – DO one if you haven't!
 - a. Over 140 done including some spouses and children
 - b. Supplements History Book with the human & emotional factors

2. Libraries & History Book
 1. Ralph Lefarth investigated e-books – technology not yet there for most libraries
 2. Larry Fletcher completed Certificate of Copyright
 3. LOTS of donations to Libraries & Museums
 4. What will it take for YOU to donate one to your local, or county, or university, or base library?
 1. For those donations price is reduced to \$20

Old Business: the Last AC-119 Update

- 2009: Reunion Vote on Tail # 850 located at Tan Son Nhut:
 - Do not spend Association money; use Air Attaché to determine whether any of it is recoverable
 - Rationale: airframe too corroded & will fall apart if we try to take it apart; it will be too expensive to restore; & there are other Stinger aircraft in Taiwan, China, or somewhere we can get

NOTE: project team did not propose restoration to flyable; just display
- 2010-2011: No Association money spent; no other action
 - No Air Attaches for Vietnam anymore; therefore no determination of recoverability
 - No other AC-119 aircraft exist (HQ DoD-wide & Pentagon answer)
- Currently: jacked & towed last year to another location
 - Risk of destruction or inclusion in Vietnam “American War” Museum
- We will continue to try stay updated on 850’s status

2012 Reunion XIII Plan

1. Coordinators: Gus & Norm
2. Fort Walton, FL
3. Sheraton Four Points: rate \$119 with breakfast
 1. Hootch, M&G, & BBQ in the hotel
 2. Banquet nearby (by car Elks Lodge)
 3. Tours or Events - On your own
4. Sept 26th – 30th

2013 Reunion XIV Location Proposals

1. Coordinator Volunteer's Name _____
(If there isn't one, the buck stops on that location)
2. Hotel agreement on Hootch where we serve our own beer, other beverages, etc (and NOT at hotel rates)
(If there isn't one, the buck stops again on that location)
3. Several had previously expressed interest:
 - a. Jerry Hester: San Antonio?
 - b. Dick Pollmann: Dallas?
 - c. Mac Mac Isaac: Albuquerque?
 - d. Ron Julian / Rogers Stevens – Washington DC?
4. Is it time to go contractor support?

New Business: Communication & Contacts

1. Published FIVE (Yes – 5) newsletters – great work Tony!
 - a. We save beaucoup \$\$ by sending newsletters electronically
 - b. Bill P Editor for 2012
 - c. We are planning 3 for 2012
 2. Website Proposal: post names, maybe Squadron, location, position/role but **NO CONTACT** info.
 - a. Board Policy on contact info release & access = **NOT**
 - b. Ladies & anyone else willing to try to contact the guys we don't have any contact info on (there are several hundred)?
 3. Points of Contact (POCs)
 - a. 18th (Ev Sprous & Bill Reffner)
 - b. 17th (John Morrow)
 - c. 71st (Jim Alvis)
 - d. AC-47s (Al Sproul)
 - e. Family of those we lost in SEA & other deceased (Wayne Laessig)
- NOTE: Maintenance & others included in Squadron POC Lists
- POC Roles: Newsletters & Messages

Other New Business

1. Proposal to sell Merchandise on E-Bay – Ev & Mike
2. Lithos donated to Museum by Jim Alvis
 - a. Price is \$35
 - b. What will it take to have EVERYONE buy one & donate it to a nearby Museum?!?
 - c. Donation item - \$20
3. AC-47s
 1. Reunion a few weeks ago
 2. Anyone attend?
 3. Norm quick update

Nominations & Election of 2012 Board Members

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

**NOTE to New Board: plan to meet before you leave
Sunday – 8AM in the Edisto RM 1st floor lobby**

PHOTOGRAPHS

1. AKA “pitchers” for the Shadows & Navs
2. When: AS SOON AS WE ADJOURN
3. Who: EVERYONE, then Squadrons, Maintainers, and Ladies
4. On-Site Printing will be available at the Saturday Night Banquet