

**AC-119 Gunship Association membership meeting at Tucson, AZ  
Saturday, October 13, 2018**

The meeting was called to order by President Mike Drzyzga at about 0900 hours with those in attendance including the Board & members attending the reunion. The meeting was started with the Pledge Of Allegiance & a prayer by Chaplain Larry Hunter. MD requested everybody check the Master Contact List in the Hootch & update as needed. The total membership has gone down this year. The "annual" members are not renewing. We added 27 new members this year, 13 life & 11 annual. MD stressed the importance of e-mail verses paper mail to control costs & keeping your contact information up to date. MD used a PowerPoint presentation to go through the agenda.

Treasury report: DW explained the chart of expense, spending & balances, over the year.

Wayne Laessig brought everyone up to date on the website completion, & that is working very well for us. Now we need someone to help keep it up, a new WebMaster. He also reviewed the function of the website. MD & WL pushed using the website for storing historical information.

Gus Sininger reviewed the webs E-commerce function for handling our store of memorabilia, making it easier to buy things. Overhead costs are going up.

MD covered the Newsletter activity. We are looking for someone to help with the newsletter, if it is to be continued. Member Don Luke asked for more information, as he may be interested.

POC updates: GS is keeping in contact with the 18<sup>th</sup> that flies the new AC130J model gunship. Al Heuss reported to MD that there is not much new with the 71<sup>st</sup> flying the Osprey. Don Craig did a great job picking up contact with the 17<sup>th</sup> SOS at Kadena. Steve Mac Isaac (Col Mac) could not be heard clearly. MD reported on the many changes in the 16<sup>th</sup> & new 73<sup>rd</sup> at Hurlburt. MD introduced all the POCs to be recognized for their special efforts.

Bylaws update: MD explained the process we conducted to the change the bylaws & requested the membership's permission for the Board to be able to make those bylaw changes. A motion was made to let the Board make changes to the bylaws. It was seconded & approved unanimously.

Chuck Williams presented a summary of next year's reunion at Salt Lake City. WL said all this information will be on the website & MD said it will be in the Newsletter.

Reunion proposed locations for 2020: After much discussion, the membership voted with a large majority to go to Fort Walton Beach in 2020 with GS & LH as reunion coordinators. John Wolf is ok with this – he had offered to host a Reunion & will focus on a possible 2021 Reunion in Omaha. Time of year was the next discussion, with decision that the date was up to the coordinators & October was acceptable.

Col Mac requested any paperwork members might have that has our names from the Vietnam era. Bring it to a reunion & give it to Mac. It helps correct errors on DD214s, & helps with awards & decorations.

Election of officers: All the current officers will continue next year except two board members, Vice President Bob LaRosa & a Board Member at Large Terry Sarul. Jerry Hester was elected Vice President. John Wolff was elected Board Member at Large.

Ralph Lefarth suggested a mentoring process for prospective new Board members, perhaps by listening to Board teleconference meetings. Another suggestion was having a call-in teleconference meeting. WL proposed a discussion to consider a bylaw change to allow Associate Members to serve on the Board. It was approved.

A motion was made to adjourn; it was passed; & meeting adjourned at 1100 hrs.

Minutes submitted by Secretary Ralph Lefarth & Approved by President Mike Drzyzga