

The AC-119 Gunship Association

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Praying this FLASH message finds you all well -- dealing rationally with the crisis the world is facing, and taking all the necessary precautions to prevent the spread of COVID-19.

Change to Board of Directors

We are sad to announce that President Jerry Hester had to resign from the President position due to health and other issues. During a teleconference Board meeting, the Board understandingly accepted his resignation. Jerry did an outstanding job dealing with Association business since the previous reunion in Salt Lake City, successfully tackling some tough challenges like improving our website management, rebuilding our treasury, re-energizing our Outreach, and creating a super online repository for all our Oral History Videos. We thank him for those! The Association is in great condition, and we will continue to move forward with our goals and objectives. Following Jerry's notification, the Board took action to fill the President's position. As a result, Mike Drzyzga will step back up into the position, and Wayne Laessig will fill the Prior President's position, which was vacated by Mike. Jerry and Ellen are doing well in TX and we look forward to seeing them at Reunion XXI in Ft. Walton Beach, FL in October.

Reunion XXI Planning for FWB

This year's reunion is still a GO! By October, we are confident that the hard choices being made now will successfully win over the COVID-19 pandemic. Reunion XXI will be a very-much-needed fun time. Coordinator Gus Sininger has done a great job planning the Fort Walton Beach Reunion. The Association is working to publish a detailed **April Firing Circle** Newsletter, which will present specific information about special topics, such as: the raffle of a custom Kimber 1911 .45 ACP hand gun, the wide selection of reunion T-shirts that are available now, and several cool new items in the Association's Quartermaster web page. I encourage you to make your Reunion XXI plans now: first the on-line Reunion registration, and then book a room at the Four Points in FWB.

Everything you need to know about the Reunion and to register is easily found on the Association's web-site at: <https://www.ac119gunships.com/reunion/upcoming-reunion/>

All the best to you and your families, be smart, stay well!!! See you in October.

Michael Drzyzga

Back as President

