

21th AC-119 Gunship Association Meeting: Oct. 9, 2021

1. Meeting Call to Order – Mike Drzyzga, President (2016-2021)
2. Pledge of Allegiance / Prayer by Association Chaplain – “Baby Huey” L. Hunter
3. Welcome All FNGs: Please stand as your name is called (XXI!!).
 - a. Videographer J. P. Mac Isaac - Schedule your interview!!!!!!
 - b. Reunion Survey – evaluation form
4. Membership Report – Everett Sprous
6. Treasurer Report – Doug Wohlgamuth
7. Website Report – Wayne Laessig / Liz Buss
8. Quartermaster Report – Gus Sininger
9. Newsletter “Firing Circle” Editor – Don Luke
10. History Book Bio’s/Stories Report – Roy Davis
11. AC-119 Gunship Facebook Page Administrators Update – Ev Sprous
12. **Association** Point of Contact (POCs)
13. **Legacy** Squadrons -- Point of Contact (POCs)
14. Stinger 850 Update – Mike D
15. Awards and Decorations -- ColMac
16. Future Reunions – 2022, Branson, MO Jerry McDonald, 2023 - ?? HI, Wash D.C.
17. Election of 2021-22 Board of Directors / Slate of Officers
18. Controlled Chaos – Questions, Comments from the floor
19. Adjourn – Benediction L. Hunter

Welcome to First Reunion Attendees

Sherlie Sininger,

Barbara Riveron, and Ed Brenner

Buck and Linda McCants, Chris Schnell (Hamman) with niece Liz Kolepp-Mayer

Mike and Mary Alice Kimmel,

Van and Dorothy Criswell

Greg and Debbie Blackmon,

Joyce and Vaughn Pelloni

Matt and Annette Robeck,

Brandon Posey

Carrie Culpepper,

Craig and Debbie Morrow

John Cootz,

Mark Beagley,

Robbie Dangler,

Jason and Brandy Rider

Membership Report -- Ev Sprou

Membership make-up & numbers

Members	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2021
Life	192	215	248	275	284	293	306	319	325	342	360	379	389	403	431	512
Annual	131	164	153	124	108	97	81	79	73	76	63	56	64	35	37	36
Honorary	12	18	18	21	21	22	25	25	28	30	32	31	34	36	19	44
Total	335	397	419	420	413	412	412	423	426	448	455	466	487	474	487	586

- We lost few Life Members in the past 2 yrs, spouses took membership.
- “Annual” memberships is leveled off!
- Total Membership is re-growing due to outreach efforts (Family members!!.)

Cost: Newsletter **snail-mailing ~\$700** E-mailing = \$0

- Keep your e-mail UPDATED; we'll have more \$\$ to fund the Association

Treasurer's Report -- Doug Wohlgamuth

A. Current Accounts Total Balances = \$37,575.20

1. General Account = \$3,727.98

2. Quartermaster Account = \$3,727.98

B. Recurring Expenses to the Association:

1. Newsletter Snail-Mail Postage = \$750.00 (2021)

2. Teleconference Line = \$283.68

3. Pay Pal = \$360.00

4. Website Maintenance Fee = \$600.00

5. Final Flight Donation: \$100.00 per Flight

6. Reunion Advertisements = \$300.00

7. Dream Host for Website = \$180.00

8. Deposit to 2021 reunion hotel = \$1,000

**IT Report-- Web site update
Wayne Laessig / Liz Buss**

Quartermaster Report – Gus Sininger

1. Using e-commerce section of web-site (YES –we have a store!!)
2. Adding new items
3. Overhead and shipping COSTs are still increasing.

Store



Challenge Coins (4)



Cups, Mugs, Water Bottles (7)



Hat Pins, Mouse Pads, License Plate Holders (14)



History Book, DVDs, CDs (5)



Lithos & Prints (5)



Patches & Decals (17)



Shirts, Ascots, Ties, Vests (13)



Squadron Hats (5)

Firing Circle – Newsletter - Don Luke

1. Summary: **Nine 2020-
Six 2021 Flashes & Firing Circles** Content –
2. You tell US (by email) what could be new or refreshing.
Provide Feedback Please.
3. Are the “Pres. Messages” informative???
4. If you send picts to us, please include descriptive info.
5. Future Plan: Same format, keep to 8 pgs or less, double sided, color and B&W
6. Thank your unit/group **POCs for excellent distribution.**
7. Questions?

FaceBook – Administrators

Jim Mattison,
Everett Sprous,
Andrea Drzyzga,
Terry Sarul
Roy Davis



“AC-119Gunships” – *Our official Facebook Group Page for the AC-119 Gunship Association.*

“AIR FORCE GUNNERS” – *We endorse this site which was initiated by our own Ev Sprous*

“U.S. Military Veterans news you can use” – *We endorse this site created by our Facebook Admins.*

Active Duty Legacy Squadron -- POCs

18th SOTS Hurlburt AFB - Gus Sininger

71st SOS Kirtland, CV-22 Osprey – Jim Alvis

17th SOS Cannon, AC-130J JAKAL George Renfroe

16th SOS Cannon, AC-130W Stinger II --
Steve MacIsaac

73rd SOS Hurlburt AFB, AC-130J Shadow --
Norm Evans

Note: 4th SOS Spooky (III) is back – Hurlburt, AC-130J

Association Points of Contacts (POCs): (Stand-Up)

- a. 71st SOS – Jim Alvis
- b. 17th SOS – David Voisey
- c. 18th SOS – Everett Sprou
- d. Maintenance Personnel – Bruce Muller
- e. KIA Families / Outreach / Honorary

– Wayne Laessig

These are your “go-to” folk to change your contact info!!

Upcoming Reunions

1. Aug. **2022** – Branson, MO Jerry MacDonald
2. FUTURE PROPOSALS –
 - 2023? Waikiki Beach, HI Daniel O’Leary
- 3 Past suggestions --
 - (NEW Volunteers needed = Boots-on-grnd!!)
 - a. Washington, DC (2024?)
 - b. Albuquerque, NM
3. Time to work with, and pay for, a professional “reunion coordinator?” _Getting Serious this year.

Awards & Decorations – Col Mac

Nominations & Election of 2019-20 Board Members

President: Mike Drzyzga

Vice President: Roy Davis

Secretary: Andrea Drzyzga

Treasurer: Doug Wohlgamuth

Prior Pres: Gus Sininger

Member-at-Large:

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NOTE to New Board: Plan to meet Sunday, for an hour or less.

AC-119 Gunship Association Charter

Why do we exist

- Old friendships
- New Friendships
- Get AC-119 into rightful place in History

How do we do that

- Web Site, FB, Db (MCL), Outreach, Legacy Squadrons
- \$\$: Merchandise, Raffles/Auctions, Reunion Dues, Annual Members dues.
- History Book, Periodicals & Videotaped sessions
- VOLUNTEERS (who can't continue to do it all)

What do we need to continue to do it well

Sincere and Dedicated people to work.