

SPECTRE BOARD MEETING  
Tuesday, 01 April, 2008, 1830 CST



Pat Carpenter, President  
Dick Vancil, Vice President  
Andy DeMeyer, Treasurer  
Roger Betterelli  
Norm Evans  
Larry Hickey  
P. J. Cook, teleconference  
Chuck Kaczmarczyk, teleconference  
MarthaAnn Kaczmarczyk, Recording Secretary, teleconference

### **CALL TO ORDER**

President Pat Carpenter called the meeting to order with the above-listed Board Members present, either in person or via teleconference.

### **TREASURER'S REPORT**

Andy DeMeyer said the Treasurer's Report as of 31 March 2008, was e-mailed to all Board members this week. It shows total funds of \$32,704.75 broken down as follows:

\$ 2,329.95-- Checking Account  
1,245.12 – CD  
29,129.68 -- Vanguard Bank CD

Also included is a break-down of Web Store sales for the month of March 2008 which totaled \$648.50. Additionally, another member paid their annual dues via the web site.

Andy reported that he has received no word yet on our Tax Exempt status with the federal government. We can do nothing with the State of FL until we hear from the federal government.

### **AMENDMENT VOTING**

The post card ballots concerning the dues increase amendment have all been mailed. So far, we have received about 100 votes for and about 11 votes against the amendment. If the amendment passes, the new dues will become effective 15 May. To date, only about 15 people have asked for a mailed copy of the Spectre Spotlight.

### **QUARTERMASTER'S REPORT**

Tommy Montgomery is still TDY, and Pat Carpenter and Larry Hickey are still doing the Quarter Master job. Pat reported that Gunner License Plates are still on order.

Pat is in contact with the rep from Zippo that supplies the Spectre Money Clips, which are out of stock at this time. All other items have been restocked.

### **REUNION 2008 INFO**

Rooms are already being booked for this year's reunion at the Sheraton Four Points, both by telephone and by their web site at [www.fourpoints.com/destinfb](http://www.fourpoints.com/destinfb). Room rates are: Suites -- \$125 per night; Beach view -- \$100 per night; Courtyard -- \$85 per night; King -- \$80 per night.

Andy DeMeyer said that he e-mailed to all of the Board Members suggested menus from The Sheraton Four Points, but he has had no response from any of the Board Members. Andy will re-send the e-mail. He will appreciate each of us reviewing the menus and responding in writing to him with our thoughts.

Thomas R. Norris, the former Navy Seal and CIA Operative who rescued Lt. Col. Hambelton, has confirmed to President Pat that he will be our banquet speaker.

President Pat said that we will need to redraw the design of the fourteen (14) original gunships, the artwork which is the property of Spectre member Worm Warner and have new plates made of the artwork. It is going to cost \$550 for the plates or die for the design. Andy DeMeyer suggested that we make it known up front to any company who will make the tee shirts that we own the die.

### **PROPOSED MINI REUNION 2008**

Roger Betterilli announced he has an appointment with the 16<sup>th</sup> SOS Commander tomorrow morning, 2 April at 0900. He will also meet with the 4<sup>th</sup> SOS Commander on Thursday, 4 April at 1430. Several other Board Members are going to join the meeting and find out if the Commanders will commit to financial support for food for the Mini Reunion. Roger is hoping for at least \$300.00 from each Commander. The target date for the Mini Reunion is Sunday, 18 May at the VFW at 1400. Suggested menu is hamburgers and hot dogs and possibly chicken nuggets.

### **MEMBERSHIP DRIVE**

Andy DeMeyer is beginning work on a Membership Drive. He has sent a proposed letter to Pat and Dick for their thoughts. Pat said he likes the letter and asked Andy to e-mail it to the rest of the Board Members for their consideration.

### **PROPOSED SPECTRE CALENDAR**

We have received no pictures from Tommy Montgomery or Mark Johnson. Pat encouraged the Board Members to submit any photos they feel appropriate for use in a calendar to be sold at this year's reunion and thereafter on the Web Store.

### **16<sup>TH</sup> SOS RELOCATION**

The official move date for the 16<sup>th</sup> SOS to Cannon AFB, New Mexico is October 2008. Norm Evans asked if the Spectre Association will have a liaison with the 16<sup>th</sup> SOS after they move. Pat said that the 16<sup>th</sup> SOS is the parent squadron of the

Spectre Association. He hopes that some of the squadron members will become members of the Association and will keep us informed of squadron activities.

### **BUILDING FUND**

We have a small Building Fund that was started many years ago, but we need additional donations in order to increase this fund and, hopefully, be able to build our own Association facility. Andy DeMeyer suggested putting a link, specifically for the Building Fund, on the Spectre web site. Pat is going to write up a proposal for the web site link and send it to all of the Board Members.

### **POST-COMBAT SPECTRE DEATHS**

Chuck Kaczmarczyk reported that he and Dave Burns have completed their work on the list of post-combat deceased Spectres. It was e-mailed to P.J. Cook, who promptly posted it on the web site. Chuck is going to be the POC for updates to the In Memory Page and pictures. Chuck recently made pictures of the sign for the James May Memorial Bridge in Jonesborough, TN. P.J. Cook has already posted these on our web site.

### **ACFT 044 MEMORIAL SERVICE**

A Memorial Service is being planned by the Air Force for members of Aircraft 044 that was lost over Laos on 29 March 1972. This Service will be held at Arlington National Cemetery, and the projected date is around Memorial Day in May. However, this has not been confirmed as yet. Several Board Members voiced that we need to have a contingent from the Spectre Board attend this Memorial Service. Because our current Spectre Flag is starting to show its age, President Pat recommended we purchase a new Spectre Flag; and have it ready to take to the Memorial Service. It was moved and seconded that any Board Members who can attend this Service be given gasoline money. Motion carried.

### **2010 REUNION**

Pat reminded all Board Members that we need to have the information for the proposed 2010 off-site reunion by the May Board meeting.

### **WEB SITE**

P.J. Cook was thanked once again for the wonderful job he is doing with the Spectre Web Site. Several members expressed on their mail-in ballots the wonderful progress that has been made on the web site. We finally have a site that all Spectres can be proud of. Not only do we have a SUPER Web Store, but we have a fantastic site to view historical data.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to discuss, it was moved and seconded that the meeting be adjourned. Meeting adjourned at 1918 CST.