

Spectre Spotlight 2007

GUNSHIP



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ASSOCIATIONS

34th Annual Spectre Reunion
First Fixed-Wing Gunship Reunion
Sandestin, Florida



THE THURSDAY NIGHT FIRST FIXED-WING GUNSHIP REUNION PICNIC/SOCIAL

By Norm Evans and Dick Vancil



egg rolls - Paul Campbell's wife assisted with the preparations and serving.

It was a gorgeous evening after the usual Thursday night med-evac "Life Flight" allowed traffic to move on Highway 98 and the attendees cooled down from



FREE to all attendees. It took us two days to clean up the mess, but it was worth it!

Since this was an historic, one-of-a-kind, first-ever combined gunship reunion we decided to go all out on the picnic and have the affair catered by a world famous restaurant chain. So you can only imagine our surprise when the local restaurant we had been working with tried to charge us like the Ritz Carlton... or maybe even the Sandestin Hilton. Anyway, Norm kicked 'em to the curb and we made some arrangements through Larry Hickey to feed the masses. Walapha Ketros, and Nit Danner were the two gourmet cooks who prepared the outstanding pork and Jit Hickey (Larry's wife) made the delicious



the road rage getting to the Hurlburt Picnic Grounds. The food and drinks were delicious and plentiful. Stormin' Norman provided the music and everyone got reacquainted with each other, reminisced about old times and made plans for the rest of the reunion timeframe. Larry Hickey was busy taking pictures of everyone while the rest of us ate and drank WAY too much. There was one MAJOR redeeming aspect of the Thursday night "practice picnic" and that was that the whole evening's food, drink, and entertainment were



**THE FRIDAY NIGHT FIRST FIXED-WING
GUNSHIP REUNION MIXER**

Again, our “THANKS!” to Larry Hickey and friends for the great food and lots of it! The picnic set the stage for the rest of the reunion weekend. Our thanks to all who made it such a success.



By Dick Vancil, Pat Carpenter, and others

Friday evening did not start as planned and got worse from there. Friday was a great day until our faithful Spectre comrades and their significant others arrived at the registration tables early expecting to be quickly processed and welcomed to the social. By the time processing started, precisely at 5PM as scheduled, it was already too late to prevent the long lines and inevitable wait to complete the registration process. Sadly, once the name tags and goodies were issued our AC-130 attendees were left without seating, which had been mainly taken up by our AC-119 associates who had wisely registered during the preceding two days at the party hooch. So, as the evening got off to a wonderful start, the hotel staff graciously withheld the hors d'oeuvres until the bulk of the Spectre attendees were at least through the registration process. Then the fun started ... first, there were hordes of hungry, tired from standing, understandably now impatient friends and colleagues, jammed into a mostly “standing room only” situation and our hotel staff brought enough snacks in for about a third of them... well, the fortunate few that were working the reception desk at least had a place to sit and plenty of liquid libation. This whole unfortunate string of events would taint the next few days and be the topic of conversation, official minutes, and corrective action plans for months to come. Once our hosts were coerced (and paid) to put out more food and chairs, things became more civil and everyone renewed acquaintances and proceeded to socialize. The party ended on a much higher note than it started and many lessons were learned that will make future gatherings and registration processes much smoother. As part of the Spectre staff helpers that were responsible for the delay and confusion factor, I want to apologize to the attendees and assure everyone that this debacle will not be repeated while those of us who were embarrassed by it all are involved in the planning and execution of another such gathering. Having said all of that, I and others had a good time and will not let this deter us from trying again! Stuff happens ... you learn from it and move on. On a good note, no one was shooting at us ☺ and someone brought me a chicken wing and a cube of cheese. All-in-all, a good night.



THE SATURDAY MORNING SPECTRE ASSOCIATION BUSINESS MEETING

Spectre Association, Inc.

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October 6, 2007

0900, Coral Ballroom, Hilton, Sandestin, FL

The Annual Business Meeting of the AC-130 Association was called to order by President Pat Carpenter.

Board Members present were: Dick Vancil, VP; Norm Evans, Roger Betterelli, Barry Gossman, Larry Hickey, Mark Johnson, Kim Coryat, Chuck Kaczmarczyk, and PJ Cook.

The members of the organization stood and pledged allegiance to our Country's Flag.



OLD BUSINESS:

Dick Vancil, read the Minutes of the 2006 annual business meeting. It was moved and seconded that the minutes be accepted as read. Motion passed unanimously.

Pat Carpenter reported that he hopes to be able to turn over all of our financial books and records to Andy DeMeyer, who has graciously agreed to be our organization's Interim Treasurer, and who has also agreed to serve as the Treasurer of the association if he is elected to the Board of Directors.

Proposed Budget for FY2008:

TOTAL ESTIMATED REVENUE:

Membership Income:	\$ 2,700.00
Sales	\$13,000.00
Donations	\$ 600.00
Reunion	<u>\$ 9,500.00</u>
Sub-Total	\$11,150.00

TOTAL ESTIMATED EXPENSES:

Mail	\$ 850.00
Spotlight	\$ 800.00
Sales	\$ 5,500.00
Web Maintenance	\$ 750.00
Warehouse	\$ 1,000.00
P.O. Box Rental	<u>\$ 76.00</u>
Sub-Total	\$ 7,326.00

Current Assets totaling \$52,144.00:

CD Vanguard	\$29,670.00	Working Account	\$12,000.00
CD FNB&T	\$ 1,227.00	Inventory	\$ 7,200.00
MM FNB&T	\$ 1,297.00	Equipment	\$ 750.00

It was moved and seconded that the proposed budget for FY2008 be accepted. Motion carried.

The selection of the **POW TABLE REPRESENTATIVES** for our banquet this evening were made:

Navigator:	Jim Bennes
Sensor:	Norm Evans
Flight Engineer:	Jerry Applebee
Gunner:	Pat Carpenter
Master of Ceremony:	Bill Allen

Pat reported that only 44 members voted this past year on the proposed amendment to the By Laws to allow out-of-town members to serve on our Board of Directors. Forty (40) voted in favor of the amendment and four (4) voted against the amendment. The motion carried and our By Laws have been amended to reflect this change.

Discussion ensued about participation by our members in the business of the organization. Voting on line was suggested. Our Web Master is working on setting up on-line balloting for the membership to cast their ballot.

This year we have fourteen (14) Applicants for the Spectre Association Scholarship. This count includes two (2) sets of twins. Gunner Jack picked two (2) sealed envelopes: a Primary Recipient and a Secondary Recipient for the Association Scholarship.

The Spectre Association has received word from the State of Florida that we are formally being considered to become a Tax Exempt Military Support Organization. We are still waiting for the final approval to be received.



NEW BUSINESS:

Nominations for Board Members:

Chuck Kaczmarczyk, Board Member (Currently Serving)

Larry Hickey, Board Member (Currently Serving)

Andy DeMeyer, Treasurer

The President is appointing Tommy Montgomery as Quarter Master (Mike Skerrett, who has done the thankless job for the last three years is moving to Denver, CO, with his job—Thank You Mike)

It was moved and seconded that these nominations be presented to the membership at large for election of Board Members. Motion carried.

OUT OF TOWN REUNION: Pat reported that because of the amount of planning and work that must go into a reunion that we must begin very soon to work on our next out-of-town reunion. The following locations were suggested as possible sites for our next out-of-town reunion.

- Columbus, OH – Rickenbacker Air Base
- Nashville, TN
- Las Vegas, NV
- St. Louis, MO
- Atlantic City, NJ
- Branson, MO
- Biloxi, MS
- Reno, NV

Kim Coryat presented a Proposal to Increase our Dues. This was presented in the form of a proposed change to our By Laws. Discussion:

What we are doing now:

Annual Dues: \$ 15.00 Lifetime Dues: \$150.00 -- \$100.00 if over the age of 55

Recommendation:

1. Raise our Annual Dues to \$ 25.00
2. Raise our Lifetime rate to \$250.00 for members under the age of 55, \$200.00 for members ages 56 to 69, and \$150.00 for members ages 70 and up.
3. Members who are at least 30% disabled vets will pay the same annual dues but will pay ½ the lifetime rate when they submit qualified proof of their disability.

Discussion:

Increase in operating costs (supplies, rent, postage, etc.), web hosting, and Internet site, on-line store fees. Seven (7) military organizations with a web presence were surveyed: Air Commando Association, AC-119 Association, Combat Control Association, Special Operations Association, AFA, NCOA, Vietnam Veterans of America.

We are way behind the power curve in what we charge for our annual dues, no organization surveyed is under \$20.00 a year. We will be a little ahead of the pack with smaller organizations that were surveyed if we adopt changes but in line with larger ones when it comes to lifetime dues. New and noteworthy is a break for Disabled Vets!

Norm Evans moved that we accept the proposal to the By Laws as it is written and that it be sent to the membership at large for a vote. The motion was seconded and motion passed.

Pat Carpenter proposed a change to Scholarship eligibility---Discussion
Current By-Law Article for Scholarship Eligibility

Article XIII

3. The association will sponsor a minimum of one (1) scholarship for higher education each year for dependent children of members in good standing. The selection will be from a blind draw of eligible dependent children who have been submitted prior to each yearly reunion. Eligibility shall remain in compliance with the IRS definition of dependency and the dependent shall be enrolled or accepted at an accredited University, College, Junior College or Trade School. The student must be enrolled for a minimum of three quarter time as defined by current Veterans Administration standards. As funds allow, the association may award more than one scholarship each year. Upon selection, the member and student must notify the association secretary of the school address. Moneys will be transmitted to the school no later than January 15 in the name of the student.

Proposed Amendment to the By-Laws for Scholarship Eligibility

Article XIII

Proposed Change

- First sentence to read – The association will sponsor a minimum of one (1) scholarship for higher education each year for dependent children or dependent grandchildren of members in good standing, with lineage to the grandchild of a member provided on the scholarship application.
- Remaining definition remains unchanged.

Rationale

- The average age of the membership.
- Members who have children of college age vs. those with grandchildren of college age.

After a great deal of discussion, the proposal died for lack of a motion.

MEMBERSHIP OPEN FORUM:

It was noted that the AC-119 Association has many more members in their organization than we have, and more of their members are attending the reunion than we have. We have about 385 total persons representing all of the organizations pre-registered for this reunion.

Dr. Steve Maxner, Ph.D. and Director of The Vietnam Center at Texas Tech University in Lubbock, TX, shared with us what his program is doing to promote the study of the Vietnam War. They have raised over \$10 Million in memberships and donations plus have received \$2.3 Million from the federal government in grant monies. They have collected over 20 million pages of material about the War to include paper documents, microfilm, microfiche, photographs, slides, maps, audio, and video recordings, periodicals, books, oral history interviews, and more. They want to preserve the memories of the War, and they lead the world in online archival resources in their Virtual Vietnam Archive on their web site. All of their information is free to any one with Internet access. If anyone donates printed material to The Vietnam Center it does not sit on a shelf. It is uploaded onto their Web Site in a timely manner. They also have a Vietnam Oral History Project whereby they can preserve the voices of the past. Anyone who is interested in participating in any of the programs of The Vietnam Center can visit their website at <http://vietnam.ttu.edu> or telephone them at 806-742-3742.

Bill Allen asked to reopen the discussion about the proposed Amendment concerning allowing dependent grandchildren to be eligible for our annual scholarship. Pat opened this item for further discussion after which Bill Allen moved that we accept this Amendment with the change of removing the word

DEPENDENT. The Motion was seconded, and the vote was taken. Eight (8) members voted IN FAVOR of sending the proposed Amendment to the membership at large for a vote and twenty-six (26) members voted against sending the proposed Amendment to the membership at large for a vote to change our By Laws.

People were upset about the situation at the Friday night mixer and a lengthy discussion ensued. Many of our Membership believe that the hotel owes the organization a BIG refund because of the food that was *not* supplied. Further, the Hotel also opened doors at least an hour before appointed time.

Chuck Kaczmarczyk talked about the high prices that were charged for this year's reunion and the fact that he has heard from quite a number of our members complaining about this. A significant portion of our membership has retired and moved away from the Fort Walton area and people feel that the By Laws should be changed to allow the Reunion to be held in different parts of the country more frequently than once every four (4) years. Pat said they definitely had a problem with rooms this year and finding a place large enough to serve 400+ people for the meals. It was noted that prices are steadily going up in Ft. Walton.

The 16th SOS is moving to New Mexico. It was asked, "How will this affect us?" Pat said that he is searching for new blood to work on the Board of Directors and on different Organization committees.

Their being no further business and no further comments to be made, it was moved and seconded to adjourn at 1020 hours. Motion carried unanimously.

MarthaAnn Kaczmarczyk
Recording Secretary

MEMORIAL SERVICE

By Chuck Kaczmarczyk

The Fixed Wing Gunship Memorial Service was held at the Hurlburt Field Memorial Airpark after the Spectre Association business meeting on Saturday, October 6, 2007. Although it was difficult to guess actual attendance, the number of people to show their respect was heartwarming. The ceremony began by the posting of the colors by a local high school JROTC unit. Larry (Baby Huey) Hunter gave the invocation as Chaplain of the AC-119 Organization; and the posting of memorial wreaths at the AC-47, AC-119, and AC-130 aircraft followed.



LTC Bellinghausen, 4th SOS, offered remarks regarding the sacrifice of those that had gone before us, those that served with us, and those that are serving in harm's way today. MGEN Patterson spoke about the evolution of Special Operations from the original "Air Commandos" to present day "Special Operators" and the ultimate sacrifice that many had given.

The Memorial Service was ended as representatives of all Fixed Wing Gunship organizations read the names of all fallen heroes who died in combat operations. The Spectre Association also included our departed

members who have died in peacetime. Kim Coryat and Dick Vancil represented the Spectre Association in reading the names of our fallen heroes and to remind us that...

All gave some...some gave All.

THE SATURDAY NIGHT FIRST FIXED-WING GUNSHIP REUNION BANQUET

By Kim Coryat

I hear that in some cultures it is a sign of good luck for rain to fall during a ceremony or significant event. If this is true then the banquet on Saturday night certainly got a ton of blessings! Just as folks were gathering the skies opened up and it **POURED**. Still, everyone looked great in their slightly damp finery and there was plenty of camaraderie and cheer to warm us all.

The POW/MIA table of honor's crew positions were shared equally with the other airframes for this joint reunion. As Wild Bill recited the POW/MIA litany of remembrance, I'm sure many a thought turned to our absent friend Clyde Gowdy who had done it so many times in the past.



Just as the meal was getting started a cowboy named Donnie Foster requested permission to address the gathering from the podium. His father was Donald Foster Sr. of the 119th. Young Don just wanted to let everyone know how much kids look up to their fathers and when the fathers aren't there how much they are missed. As he spoke people gradually stopped eating and sat listening quietly. There wasn't a dry eye in the house as he stepped down and we gave him a standing ovation.

The dinner was wonderful. The food was hot and tasty and the service was swift. In fact, I think this meal was the only thing I heard no real complaints about all weekend! Our thanks to the banquet crew from the Hilton who plated and served close to 400 meals in a matter of just a few minutes and were very responsive to the guests.

Major General Bob Patterson, a 33 year veteran of the USAF, life member of Spectre and former 16 SOS pilot, did us a huge last-minute favor and stood in as our guest speaker when a scheduling glitch caused the original key note speaker to cancel. He presented an interesting take on world affairs from the perspective of an insider. Thanks again to him for stepping up to the plate, he saved us from having to listen to any more of Pat's lame jokes.

After the raffle drawings it was time for selection of the assignment of this year's host of the Promiscuous Pachyderms. I know this will be hard to believe but there **WAS NO FIX!!!** When the name was pulled no one was more surprised than Roger Betterelli who accepted the duty with good grace. Al Cinko was more than happy to get rid of the elephants as he said they kept him up at night doing the 'wild thing.'

THE SUNDAY MORNING FIRST FIXED WING GUNSHIP GOLF TOURNAMENT

By Barry Gossman

Things weren't looking good the night before the golf tournament. Where the tropical storm like conditions came from I don't know. It had the hotel staff fooled too because they just got done setting up for a wedding reception by the hotel swimming pool. All I could hear is the wind blowing and the sounds of dishes breaking in the distance. I felt sorry for them as I watched them run around like a bunch of pack rats tearing down what they just worked so hard on, to look so perfect. Well actually, I was quite amused watching all this turmoil, standing on my balcony, drinking a cold one until I finally realized that this could put a real hurting on the golf tournament tomorrow morning. I immediately started praying to the golf Gods.



When I woke up early the next morning, the first thing I did was look outside for the current weather conditions. Hell, I couldn't see a thing, it was still dark outside. We had a 0700 hr show for a 0800 hr shotgun start. I just hoped the prayers worked from the night before. I woke Debbie and told her to start getting ready to go play golf. I told her to be prepared for any weather conditions because we play in anything. Well at least I do.

On the way to the course we stopped at the local Tom Thumb to pick up snacks. By the way, the trip to the course this year was quite pleasant. I had my own car and didn't have to ride with Pat Carpenter. I watched the wife real close because I started having flashbacks of Vegas when she tried to feed the entire ground squirrel population on the golf course.

I felt pretty safe because there are no ground squirrels in Florida. After picking up a few packs of pretzels, chips, crackers, and doughnuts we were ready to go. When we came out of the Tom Thumb the clouds were breaking up and the sun was coming through. My prayers to the golf Gods had been answered.

We were only five minutes from our target, the Seascope Golf and Beach Resort. As we pulled up to the Pro Shop, I could see Roger Betterelli preflighting the golf carts. They were lined up in rows of two ready to hit the course. They even had our names on the front of the carts so we would know which ones to take. Free gift bags were placed so neatly on the seats. We had the pleasure of going off on hole number one. Debbie and I also had the pleasure of playing with our old friends Roger and Chris Betterelli. Well anyway our tee time was getting close, so I thought I better go get the important things done first. I went and got a full combat load of beer, ice, and Bloody Marys. I was ready for a full day of Combat Golf.

It was 0750 hrs and all the teams were in their assigned golf carts heading to their assigned starting holes. When we got to our hole I noticed a young lady standing there with a camera in her hand. I thought maybe somebody called the newspapers to take a picture of the winning team, but we haven't even played yet! No, she was there to take pictures of all the teams and also pictures of your golf swing. Great, this was all I needed, like I already didn't have enough pressure on me. It was the first hole, the one for the longest drive completion, and on top of that I had to look good because some girl was going to take a picture of me at the same time. Holy Crap!!!!!! And top it off I was the first one up on the tee box. Well all these things went through my mind as I tried to make the perfect golf swing. Bend slightly over at the waist, knees slightly bent, keep the head still, bring my arms back straight without bending at the elbow and make a full turn, start forward keeping my eyes on the ball and smack that baby with the club head. Yea, I did it!!! I looked up, saw my ball dive into the ground, and didn't even make it past the ladies' tee. Good job, Gossman, you idiot! Well thank goodness that was my worse drive of the day. Well-one of the worse drives-I should say.

It turned out to be a beautiful golf day. Debbie did see Roger and Chris feeding a rabbit, but I drove the cart as far away from it as possible. I did not want any repeats of Vegas. I didn't need a herd of rabbits following us.

My team did play well but not good enough to get into the winnings. The winners were Pat Carpenter (AKA) the Commie Hater, Dick Vancil (AKA) Dancing Bear, and Gary Cuellar (AKA) the Postman. Gary is the son of an AC-119 gunner. Second place went to a team composed of AC-119 attendees, Steve McLssaac, Nancy McLssaac, Bob Dydo, and Steve Meleen. Who had third? Nobody seems to remember. Longest drive went to Mike Bennes, and closest to the pin was Snake Liles.

Many thanks to Roger Betterelli and Jim Bennes for doing an excellent job organizing this event ... and also to the staff of the Seascope Golf and Beach Resort for making it a most enjoyable and relaxing day. Oh, by the way, the pictures turned out great.

THE SUNDAY EVENING FIRST FIXED WING GUNSHIP BAR-B-QUE

By Pat Carpenter

The Sunday evening Bar-B-Que was one of the better meals provided by the Hilton. A decision had to be made while we were golfing as to whether we should have it by the pool or indoors due to the weather. I made the decision in concert with Gus Sininger from the AC-119 Association to have it inside as we could not wait and risk the hotel staff having to move the settings back inside in the type winds we had experienced the night before.

The meal was great and there was enough for people to have seconds if they desired. One thing I noticed during the meal was that at almost every table we had people from the various organizations together and getting to know their counterparts better and trying to one-up each other with hair-raising war stories. For example, at our table was a couple from the AC-119 Association, another single who was an AC-47 crewmember, and a couple of Spectres. I know this for certain because we had another fellow who sat down and asked who we were representing. After explaining that I was from AC-130s, the couple next to us was from AC-119s, another guy was from AC-47s, and another couple was from the AC-130s, the guy asked if this was the Tax Collectors' buffet and we had to inform him that he owed us \$35 for eating at the wrong party. He left rapidly.

Music for the evening was provided by Stormin' Norman. We had approximately 200 people attending and we were able to help Chuck and Martha Ann celebrate their first Wedding Anniversary.

Things slowed down and goodbyes were made as we dispersed. The general sentiment was about 50-50 that it was a good idea to have a combined reunion every so often. Those who were not in favor said that we ought to combine the reunions every 50 years. My personal feeling is that it was a great reunion and should be combined every few years to renew old friendships and ensure we maintain a link with our heritage.

As we left the ballroom we meandered over to the hooch bar to enjoy some more beverages and continue with our war stories that had now been going for over two hours. WHO KNEW OUR MEMORIES WERE THAT GOOD.

Thank You

By Pat Carpenter

We owe a 'Thank You' to some special people and organizations that made this operation memorable and somewhat less expensive than it could have been for both the AC-119 Association and the Spectre Association.

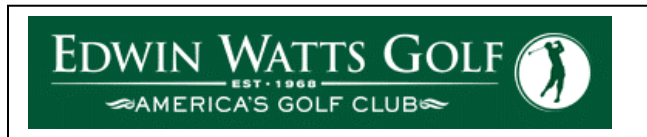
First and of special note is the fact that prior to the reunion the Spectre Association lost one of its Special Members, who happened to be a critical cog in our operation, CLYDE (BUCKO) GOWDY. To say it was a shock is an understatement, not to mention the fact that we could only mourn for a short time and had to jump back into our reunion preparations. The reunion lacked the friendly smile and usual --- "*Hey guy, how you doing*" --- banter that was ever present when Clyde was around. Not only did we lose a critical board member, but we lost a dear friend who will be missed for a long, long time. A special thank you goes out to Jeri Gowdy, Clyde's wife, for donating the 'Gomer Grinder' for silent auction, which brought in enough funds to sponsor a second scholarship next year, Thank you Jeri.



Prior to the reunion I developed a letter asking for donations that Roger said he needed to get a special rate at the Golf course. One of our enterprising board members looked at it and decided that it was good enough to go to some different corporate entities and through that we received over a \$1000 in monetary contributions and in-kind support from three corporations for the reunion. Several AC-119 and Spectre Association members work for these corporations and were instrumental in securing the donations. The three major corporations that donated so graciously were: Raytheon, Lockheed Martin, and Spectrum.



We also had several nice gifts that were donated by corporate sponsors for our golf tournament and the reunion and these were corporations that always step up when asked.



A special thank you goes out to the Ladies Auxiliary of Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 7674, for their donation of flags that were used during our memorial service and

the Junior ROTC units from Choctaw High School and Fort Walton Beach High School for their participation at the Memorial Service and the Banquet.

We requested a static display of the gunship after the memorial service and were supported by the active Gunship squadrons and Maintenance squadrons with both an H and U model Gunship. Additionally, each squadron manned the aircraft with crew members to discuss some of the new equipment and what their recent activity had entailed. Since they were parked near the 4th Ops building, a significant number of people were able to view some of the paraphernalia displayed in the squadron that enumerated the lineage back to the original 4th SOS. Mark Johnson spent a lot of time discussing the importance of that lineage to the new 4th SOS members. Thank you to the squadrons for their support.

Our last thank you goes out to the former 16th SOS Commanders, led by Jim Conners, who donated a keg of beer for Saturday evening. I think that they also helped consume a certain portion of that beer. We also received a letter from one of our Life members who was unable to attend, Brian P. Morrison. He donated some of his spoils from a recent visit to Ubon and the 'Okay-Hat' shop to our Quartermaster inventory. Thank you Brian. We also received donations from Gary Carter and Kim Coryat for our raffle.

Needless to say, a lot of special people and organizations made this a memorable Inaugural Fixed Wing Gunship Reunion. My only hope is that we do it again in the not too distant future.

Your New Board Members

By Pat Carpenter

We asked Larry Hickey and Chuck both agreed to support the organization with one more term. What can I say, they are gunners and will volunteer for anything. I think they thought there was going to be a TDY.

The passing of Clyde created a significant workload upon myself and caused some minor problems. I started searching for someone to help in our situation and called my "old" NOD, Andy Demeyer and yelled help. He jumped in to serve in the interim and has agreed to serve as our treasurer for the next three years.

Mike Skerrett, who had served as our Quartermaster for the last few years, was asked to move to Denver, Colorado by the company he works for. We canvassed the area and found Tommy Montgomery, who is retiring from active duty in the near future. The only problem is that he's been TDY for the last month. Mike did a yeoman's job for someone who was volunteered as an assistant. Thanks, Mike for all your hard work.



Next Year's Reunion (#35)

We are going back to the Sheraton Four Points. We have already secured the hotel and banquet facilities and are looking forward to posting information on the web in the near future. Due to the cost of printing and postage, we are aiming toward providing all our information on the Internet. If someone doesn't have a computer, they can get access at any public library and use that computer; or you as a friend and fellow Spectre can alert them to what they need to do. Hope to see you at the reunion.