

**Super Sabre Society (SSS)**  
**Board of Directors**  
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Minutes of the 6<sup>th</sup> Biennial Membership Meeting  
Super Sabre Society Reunion  
27 April 2017 in Las Vegas, Nevada, 1530 Local

A Membership Meeting of the **Super Sabre Society** was held on 27 April 2017 in conjunction with the reunion.

1. **Call to Order.** The meeting was called to order by the SSS President, Don Shepperd at 1536 hours on 27 April 2017.
  - a. Board Members Present
    - i. Don Shepperd, President/ Chairman
    - ii. Eddie Bracken, Vice President/Vice Chairman
    - iii. Robert Hoppy Hopkins, Executive Director/CEO
    - iv. Dick Pietro, Director at Large
    - v. Jim Williford, Secretary
  - b. Officers Present
    - i. R. Medley Gatewood, Publisher and “Editor Emeritus” of the *Intake*
    - ii. JJ Schulz, Editor of the *Intake*
    - iii. Win Reither, Chief Information Officer
    - iv. Dewey Clawson, Membership Committee and Election Committee Chair
    - v. Pete Collins, Legal Advisor
    - vi. Dave Hatten, Treasurer
2. **President’s Opening Remarks.** Don Shepperd welcomed everyone and thanked them for their continued support of our Super Sabre Society. He then presented a series of slides giving everyone an update on the status of our organization: We have 1,400 members, average age 77 and aging, around 70 of our members fly west each year, our finances are good. Our “flagship” deliverable to our members is the *Intake* – thanks to Medley and JJ – which we will continue to produce. Our Web site is transitioning to a more modern 3G and will support our “legacy” initiative in future years. Additional legacy initiatives are ongoing with support of MAPS and the FSS. We are actively planning for our reunion in 2019.
3. **Introduction of Ken Ramsay:** Ken is an interlocking member of each of our F-100 organizations. He pointed out that the MAPS was restoring an F-100 and would keep all artifacts and memorabilia that your wife wants you to toss. He gave an update on the formalized Memo of Understanding between the Friends of the Super Saber (FSS), the Military Aircraft Preservation Society (MAPS) and the Super Sabre Society (SSS) saying it was being finalized.
4. **Win Reither, Chief Information Officer:** Win introduced Jack Paddock as our Web Master. Jack is a highly talented computer expert and an avid support of the F-100. He is doing a masterful job of updating and

maintaining our Web site. He is working hard to index the site so that biographies, stories, *Intake* articles, and anything to do with an individual are easily accessed and cross-referenced. This will be a key to sustaining our legacy for our children and grandkids.

5. **Hoppy Hopkins, Executive Director and CEO:** Hoppy announced that we were looking at another opportunity to fly the F-100 at Fort Wayne in May of next year. The 17 SSS'ers who flew it last year loved it. Dean Cutshall who owns the aircraft has agreed to the flights and 21 of our members have already shown interest. More to follow as details are worked out. Hoppy then discussed the Keith Ferris lithos. These lithos will depict an F-100 (#440 which is currently in the Udvar Hazy Museum outside of Washington DC) taking off from Bien Hoa, Republic of Vietnam during the Tet Offensive in January 1968. There will be 300 signed and numbered lithos made for sale to our members.
  
6. **Comments from the floor:**
  - a. Bill Barnitz, from Academics at Tucson, is looking for a set of tapes of the hun checkout program.
  - b. Jay Closner advocated for including F-100 crew chiefs in the SSS saying they were often more passionate about the F-100 than were the pilots. Vice President, Eddie Bracken said that this item had been discussed previously and it would only dilute our membership and move us away from our stated mission. A show of hands indicated the measure would be disapproved – the way it was 2 years ago and 4 years ago.
  - c. Bob Weston indicated that the Friends of the Super Saber (FSS) was more appropriate for crew chief membership and would gladly accommodate any who were interested.
  - d. “Doc” Gold suggested that member endowments would contribute to continuing our legacy. There was wide agreement with his idea.
  
7. **Closing Remarks:** Don Shepperd said we were looking at sometime in early April 2019 for our next reunion and would be working on more specifics. He thanked everyone for attending and adjourned to get ready for the evening's activities.