



# THE FWC-VHPA NEWSLETTER

**FORT WOLTERS CHAPTER - VIETNAM HELICOPTER PILOTS ASSOCIATION**

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## President's Report

The December 5 meeting was a good social event and well attended. The minutes are elsewhere in this newsletter.

We will have a special guest speaker at the March 6 quarterly meeting. State Senator Wendy Davis of Fort Worth is on the Senate Veterans Affairs and Military Installations Committee. It is not often that there is someone local who is concerned with veterans issues in Austin. Even though she is an elected official, she understands that we like short speeches and she will try to avoid any partisan discussions. We have had previous speakers tell us of what state services are available to veterans. Senator Davis is involved with setting the policies and laws that affect Texas veterans. This will be an opportunity for us to get insight on the processes that control those policies and laws.

There is another meeting in March that we should all attend and support. The Friends of the National Vietnam War Museum will be having the 9th Annual Fundraiser in Fort Worth. See the last page of this newsletter for the flier.

The June 5 meeting will be at the museum site in Mineral Wells. I'm sure the museum directors will discuss this at the March meeting.

The survey on distribution of the FWC-VHPA Newsletter was inconclusive. For now, we will continue snail mail plus post to the website at <http://www.fwcvhpa.org>.

Due to space constraints, the usual list of chapter officers will not be in this newsletter. However, we did find our Junior Member at Large. Charles Moffitt is now on board and the records are straight.

Hope to see all of you March 6 at Logan's.

Pat Richardson  
President

### Notes from the Vice President

The VP has been quiet lately.

### Notes from the other EC members

They be quiet, too.

## FWC-VHPA Quarterly Meeting 5 December 2009

The quarterly meeting of the Chapter was held on the above date at Logan's Steakhouse in Hurst, TX.

The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance

A moment of silence was observed for those who have passed.

The June 5<sup>th</sup> meeting will be held at the Museum site in Mineral Wells. The meeting will be used for the ceremony to update the Wall. This is intended to be an annual event. BBQ will be available for chapter members after the event.

Attendees will need to bring - BYOB, & seats.

Ceremony to start at 11:00 AM.

The EC will hold a short meeting after the ceremony.

The treasurer's report, as of 12/4/2009 was presented.

If anyone becomes aware of a Vietnam helicopter pilot passing, please alert the VHPA HQ and the Chapter.

Call a friend- use of the VHPA on line directory was discussed as a method of increasing meeting participation. Emphasize that the meetings are in a smoke free environment. Angelo provided an update on the AAAA Christmas party. Pat provided the results of the newsletter survey. The results were inconclusive. Further research into the options will be required. Lee discussed new changes to the Army's Dress Regulations. Dec 11<sup>th</sup>, the 170<sup>th</sup> Avn Co will dedicate a monument at the Museum site. The ceremony will start at 10 AM. Edd announced a Museum tie-in with the Belk store chain. More details will be forthcoming.

Meeting was adjourned at noon.

Adam Steczko, scribe

### Very Short Form Treasurer's Report

We still have money. The treasurer will give a detailed report at the March 6 meeting.

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### PARAPHERNALIA STUFF

Chapter paraphernalia can be purchased by contacting **Bobby Bateman** (940-325-8427 or e-mail him [bbman@att.net](mailto:bbman@att.net)). Patches (\$5), an audio tape of Vietnam-era music (\$10), T-shirts -- available in two colors (\$15), caps (\$15), museum bricks (\$100). The patch graphic is in the newsletter masthead.

We still have some Ft Wolters patches (*at the insistence of some VHPA members*), so if you lost yours, you can get one at the airport. \$3.00 for the Primary Helicopter rocker and \$3.00 for the patch or if you prefer both for only \$5.00. See Bobby Bateman at the Mineral Wells airport, or call him at

### MEETING NOTICE

The next Quarterly Meeting will be on Saturday, March 6, at Logan's Roadhouse in Hurst. For those who are getting older and may not remember from last time, the address is 948 N.E. Loop 820. If you get lost (again), the phone number is 817-590-0261.

The EC meets at 1100 with the general membership meeting at 1130. Spouses, significant others, dates and guests are welcome. The Chapter pays for nothing; you are on you own for food and drinks. Logan's furnishes free peanuts.

### MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

#### PAY YOUR DUES!

The number after your name is the year that your membership expires. We are trying to simplify our mailing by deleting the extra line for the expiration date, which is January, regardless of the year. Send more money and you can extend your membership for as many years as you like. If it is **10** or lower, you have expired. Well, maybe not *YOU*, but your membership has.

### Fort Wolters VHPA Chapter web site <http://www.fwcvhpa.org>

You can now join the *Chapter*, pay your dues, buy *Chapter* paraphernalia, join "Friends of the Museum" and buy *Museum* bricks using MasterCard or Visa via our secure server connection.

### VHPA 2010 REUNION

2010 (27th Reunion) - San Diego Marriott  
 Hotel & Marina, San Diego, CA  
 30 June-4 July 2010

Details are posted at [vhpa.org](http://vhpa.org) under Reunion Information

Saturday, March 27, 2008

# Friends of the National Vietnam War Museum 9th Annual Spring Fundraiser!

Enjoy a real musical treat –the 50–member German Band of North Texas! Find lots of interesting and truly unique items in the Silent Auction. Take part in the always–fun Live Auction led by Paul Wibbeler of Hoot's Auction Company, the auctioneer everyone has enjoyed at several of our other fundraisers.

This year, the bash will be at the increasingly famous Rahr Brewery located at 701 W. Galveston in Fort Worth (Fort Worth Mapsco 77-E).

## ***Schedule of Events:***

Brewery tours from 5:30 to 6:00 p.m.

Free Beer from 6 to 9 p.m.

Buffet Dinner begins at 6:30 p.m.

Entertainment begins at 7:15 p.m.

Hear about the exciting things happening at the museum site this year, including the new garden, the Visitor Center, dedication of the new sculpture and the new panel on the Vietnam Memorial Wall, the new digital kiosk and much more.

Tickets Available Now! \$45 in advance –\$55 at the door

Purchase tickets at the Chambers of Commerce in Mineral Wells and Weatherford, or order by mail, with check, from the Friends of the Museum, P.O. Box 146, Mineral Wells, TX 76068.

## **Sponsorships Available!**

***Braulehrling (includes 2 tickets) \$ 125 Brauer (includes 4 tickets) \$ 250***

***Diplom Braumeister (includes 6 tickets) \$ 500 Diplom Ingenieur (includes 8 tickets) \$1000***

Sponsors receive preferred, reserved seating & recognition at the event.

To order tickets, or for information, contact Jim Messinger at 940-664-3918 or email [messinger@wc.edu](mailto:messinger@wc.edu).

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