



# THE FWCA/VHPA NEWSLETTER

## FORT WOLTERS CHAPTER - VIETNAM HELICOPTER PILOTS ASSOCIATION

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### President's Message

Well, I've finished my stint as Vice-President and have now assumed the role as President of the chapter. Unfortunately, I have no great vision on how to move the chapter forward. One of my goals, however, will be to try to raise the last \$7,000 we are short for our chapter getting credit for the OH-23 display to be placed in the new museum visitor's center.

In August, my friend Jim Crigler did finish his trip in a canoe down the Mississippi from Lake Itasca, Minnesota (not New York as previously reported) to the steps at Jackson Park in New Orleans. In the process, we raised over \$70,000 for the American Huey Museum in Peru, Indiana as well as hopefully started a movement to have a Gold Star Family recognition day permanently assigned to the day before Memorial Day.

If you haven't visited the website lately, please visit it, get a password per the webmasters notes below and check your personal data for correctness.

I submitted a Fort Wolters Chapter input to the VHPA Newsletter updating chapter contact information as well as recent chapter information.

Our Speaker at the next meeting will be BJ Elliott Prior, a 40 year veteran Continental Airlines stewardess (flight attendant) who spent two of those years shuttling troops back and forth between the states and various destinations in the Pacific region including Viet Nam.

### Notes from the VP

### Notes from the Webmaster

The website now provides a "Members Access" page where members can update their profile and choose to opt for emailed newsletters, saving the chapter the cost of USPS delivery. This page replaces the old email list and will soon provide that service as well. In order to log in to the members page you will need to create an account with a user name and password. On the HOME page, select "Login" on the right side of the top toolbar. The LOGIN page is then displayed. There is a button on the login page for doing this "Create Account", which will only work if you already have an email address in the chapter database. When you enter your email address and a new user name you will be sent a temporary password by email which you will need to change the first time you use it to log in. This is the most secure way to handle accounts that I have found. Send email address updates to [webmaster@fwcvhpa.org](mailto:webmaster@fwcvhpa.org) if you have trouble creating your account. Members may also pay their dues using PayPal at the online gift shop link. **You do not need a pay pal account to do this.**

The "Email All" option available when you log in to our website is currently set up to send email to everyone in the database listed as a General, Associate or Honorary member and that has an email address. Right now that comes to 219 members. As of June 5, there are 239 entries in the database with no email address.

*Ed Faught – webmaster and database maintainer*

### **Quarterly Meeting Notice**

***Our next Chapter meeting will be Saturday, December 2th, at Logan's Roadhouse in Hurst. The Executive Council will meet at 11 AM with General Membership meeting at 11:30 (or whenever the EC finishes its meeting.) Lunch, which includes coffee, tea, or a soft drink, is \$20 per person from a special rate menu. The beer is on you. Guests eat if you or someone pays. Peanuts are free and you can throw the shells on the floor. Address is 948 NE Loop 820, Hurst, TX. Phone is 817-590-0261. GPS data: 32°49'32.43"N 97°2'03.69"W.***

### **Secretary's Stuff**

For questions or actions about membership or dues, contact Gerald Brazell at [brazell1911@aol.com](mailto:brazell1911@aol.com) or 817-267-7596. For change of address and email issues, contact [webmaster@fwcvhpa.org](mailto:webmaster@fwcvhpa.org) .

For Newsletter questions or inputs, please contact Herb Koenig at 817-801-1649 or email to [herb@fwcvhpa.org](mailto:herb@fwcvhpa.org).

### **Treasurer's Report**

As of October 31 we have 3,030.80 in savings and 1,483.92 in our CD. Total on hand 4,514.72

### **Meeting Minutes**

#### **Executive Council Meeting Minutes – September 9, 2017**

Members in Attendance: Don Ancelin, Herb Koenig, Adam Steczko, Pat Richardson, Jim Messinger, Rick Couch, Ed Faught, and John Grow.

The meeting was called to order at 1101 hours.

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

Jim presented the chapter finances.

Adam reviewed the proposed changes to the chapter by-laws with the Executive Council members. The new section was the when and how to dissolve the chapter. The final document will be posted on the chapter's web site, and included in the on-line version of the newsletter.

Herb and Ed discussed the chapter's on line membership application process. The process will be changed to notify the chapter Vice President via email of the application. The Vice President is responsible for the follow-up action.

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With no new or old business remaining, the meeting was adjourned at 1149 hours.

## General Membership Meeting Minutes – September 9, 2017

The president called the meeting to order at 1158, and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

The first order of business was the election of officers.

The chapter is pleased to announce Richard Gaurkee as the new Vice President, and Ed Faught as the newest Junior Member at Large.

John Grow is the former Senior Member at Large.

Don Ancelin is the former Chapter President.

We thank both these individuals for their support of the chapter.

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Herb Koenig discussed his attendance at the 2017 Reunion in Indianapolis. The one depressing bit of news gleaned from the reunion was that 290 of our brothers have passed since the 2016 reunion. Food for thought.

Having no new business the meeting was adjourned at 1215.

Adam Steczko - Scribe

### Fort Wolters Chapter of the VHPA Officers for 2017

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