



# THE FWCA/VHPA NEWSLETTER

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

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## **Past President Comments**

I would like to thank everyone for the support I received over the past year as I served as your President. It was a new experience for me and it was made more difficult having suffered a stroke last Thanksgiving but we made it through. Please give your continued support to Richard Gaurkee, your new President. We are still looking for a candidate, volunteer or otherwise, to assume the role of Vice-President.

With the raising of one million dollars and the ground breaking last December, I have steadily watched, in my capacity as a member of the ground crew, the progress of the first phase of the museum. They have completed the first floor walls, the framing of the first floor ceiling and have started the second floor wall supports. The following picture shows the current state of the museum.



## **Meeting Minutes**

### **Executive Council Meeting Minutes – June 2 September 8, 2018**

Members in Attendance: Herb Koenig, Pat Richardson, Jim Messinger, Gerald Brazell and Richard Gaurkee.

The meeting was called to order at 1115 hours.

Herb Koenig opened up with the fact our 990 tax filing is due with the IRS. Jim was going to look into this. Herb suggested we file a simple 990-N on line since we are an organization which does less than \$50,000 a year in business.

Jim gave a report on finances and we have \$4117.32 in the bank.

Gerald said we had to do more to get information on the Museum out to VHPA members. He suggested someone write an article on the museum for the VHPA Aviator and provide regular updates which we all thought was a good idea.

Do to the difficulty we are having getting members to volunteer for offices, we discussed changing the elections of officials to a round table approach where everyone changes office every year or two and we cycle through the offices. Anyone who desires to get on the Executive board could join. This is similar to the Museum's approach.

No other officers had business to discuss. With no new or old business remaining, the meeting was adjourned at 1140 hours.

### **General Membership Meeting Minutes – June 2, 2018**

The meeting was called to order at 1145, and began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Herb said that the turnout for the Atlanta Reunion was approximately 700 pilots which continues our downward trend in attendance.

There was a Chapter Presidents Conference call on August 7<sup>th</sup> which Herb called in on. In the call, it was suggested that we put forth effort in our communities to get things named or renamed for Vietnam Veterans. This could be things like a park, streets, or other such enterprises. Also, it was stated that the format of the Taps section in the Aviator is going to change to a simplified short format due to page restrictions.

It was brought to the attention of everyone that we achieved our goal of \$25,000 for sponsorship of the OH-23 in the museum.

Lastly, volunteers were solicited for the offices of Vice-President and Junior Member at Large. No one volunteered for Vice-President but John Grow volunteered for Junior Member at Large. Since the turnout was less than expected, probably due to the bad weather, this topic will be brought up in earnest at the next meeting. There is the possibility that the chapter, the oldest chapter in the VHPA, could be dissolved. Please come out and support your Chapter at the next meeting in December.

Having no new business, the meeting was adjourned at 1215 hours.

Herb Koenig - Outgoing President

### Notes from the Webmaster

Any member with an email address already registered in the database can create an account at our website in order to update their own information and read other members' information in the database. This is also the way to opt in to receiving the chapter newsletter by email instead of snail mail. To create an account go to the website home page” <http://fwcvhpa.org>” and click on the “Login” menu item at the top right of the page. When the Login page appears click on the “Create Account” button and follow the screen prompts.

Ed Faught – webmaster and database maintainer

### Quarterly Meeting Notice

**Our next Chapter meeting will be Saturday December 1<sup>st</sup> 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. 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: N 32°49'32.43”: W 97°2'03.69”.**

### Secretary's Stuff

For questions or actions about membership or dues, contact Gerald Brazell at [brazell911@aol.com](mailto:brazell911@aol.com) or 817-267-7596. For change of address and email issues, contact [webmaster@fwcvhpa.org](mailto:webmaster@fwcvhpa.org) .

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