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# THE FW/C-VHPA NEWSLETTER

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

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Howdy! Some of you, I hope, are planning to attend the National VHPA Reunion in Indianapolis this July. It seems to me, the VHPA will continue on as a viable organization for much longer than I will be around. It is not too late to recruit new members for our Fort Wolter's Chapter. Please send any suggestions you have to revive interest in the Chapter. Some of you younger Vets surely would like to see a more active Chapter. Come out to our next meeting on June 3<sup>rd</sup> at Logan's Roadhouse in Hurst. We would like to have a speaker at each of our quarterly meetings. Do you know someone with an interesting story,--- give us a heads up?

Approval has been successfully achieved to place a tree marker, stone monument for the Vietnam Helicopter Pilot and Crew Member Monument within Arlington National Cemetery (ANC). It is expected to possibly happen on Veterans Day, 11 November or Memorial Day weekend 26—28 May 2018. When you are up that way, visit the marker. See ya'll at the next meeting. - Chopperdon

## **Notes from the VP**

It has come to our attention that there has been very little activity by members on the website since few have followed Ed's directions for receiving a password that will permit access to member's personal data. Please follows Ed's directions provided in this newsletter for receiving a password and review your contact information and correct it as necessary.

For those of you who may not be aware, the National Vietnam War Museum in Mineral Wells is the legacy of the Fort Walters Chapter. The Fort Wolter's Chapter formed the first committee to begin investigating the possibility of establishing a museum in the 1990's. The first name on the corporation was: Fort Wolters/Vietnam Helicopter Pilots Association Museum, Inc. Since then, the task became too big for the chapter to manage and responsibility for the museum has been handed off. As our chapter begins to wind down as age takes its toll, the chapter is trying to raise \$25,000 to give our chapter credit for the OH-23 display to be placed at the Museum. To date, the chapter has raised \$18,000 toward this goal. I know many organizations are vying for your donation dollars but I would ask that you consider a donation to this cause to keep our organization's name prominent in the museum. Many have made a one-time donation of \$1,000 toward this goal but any contribution would be appreciated. If you would like to make a contribution, please contact Jim Messinger: [jmessinger@wc.edu](mailto:jmessinger@wc.edu). Please help us keep our legacy alive.

I will not be at the next meeting. I have had some heart problems but they currently seem to be under control. Hence, I will be supporting my friend Jim Crigler (VHPA member) as he paddles the

Mississippi river (approx. 2500 miles). He's doing this I'm sure partly for his own ego but also to raise funds for the National American Huey History Museum in Peru, Indiana which does work with Gold Star Families. This is the group that provided the Helicopter demo at the Louisville VHPA reunion and is one of the events that is available at the Indianapolis reunion. You can follow this trip at **[missionofhonor.org](http://missionofhonor.org)**.

## 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.

*Ed Faught – webmaster and database maintainer*

### Quarterly Meeting Notice

*The next Chapter meeting will be Saturday, June 3rd, 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 [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).

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

### Treasurer's Report

Checking \$3,292.30  
CD 1,483.93  
Total 4,776.23

Museum funds raised over \$500,000 now; still need help

### Executive Council Meeting Minutes, March 4, 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 1100 hours.
- Jim presented the chapter finances. Jim reminded the membership of the Museum Spring Fundraiser, to be held on April 1<sup>st</sup>. Cost is \$65 per person. Details may be found on the Museum web site.

- Pat mentioned that the IRS may require the chapter to post its form 990 on the web site.
- Adam indicated that he would provide Ed with a copy of the proposed updates the Chapter by-laws for membership review and comments. Please direct your feedback to one800adam@gmail.com
- At the previous meeting, it was agreed to honor active Chapter members passing member with a brick at the Museum site. We do not have records of those departed in the past, so, it was agreed to only provide this memorial to those passing in 2017 and beyond. If anyone knows of a membership current that has passed in the previous two years, please contact the Chapter President.
- The traditional June meeting, held at the Mineral Wells Museum site has changed for this year. The update to the wall, held at the Museum, is now scheduled on Saturday, May 27<sup>th</sup>. June's Chapter meeting, will be held on June 3<sup>rd</sup>, at the usual location – Logan's Roadhouse, in Hurst, at the usual time.
- With no new or old business remaining, the meeting was adjourned at 1132 hours.

### **General Membership Minutes, March 4, 2017**

- The meeting was called to order at 1139 hours.
- The president called the meeting to order, and led the Pledge of Allegiance.
- The treasurer presented the chapter finances. The Museum spring fundraiser will be held on April 1, in North Richland Hills. The cost is \$65 per person. Details available on the Museum web site.
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- Gerald informed the group of the Outlaws reunion being held on March 22d.
- Our guest speaker, Gordon, told us of the manner in which the Army's Caribou aircraft self deployed to Viet Nam. All I can say is, that I'm glad that helicopters of the day couldn't make that trip. I always envied our starch wingers, but not for that!
- Having no new business the meeting was adjourned at 1214.

Minutes compliment of Adam Steczko: Scribe

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

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