



# THE FWCA/HPA NEWSLETTER

## FORT WOLTERS CHAPTER - VIETNAM HELICOPTER PILOTS ASSOCIATION

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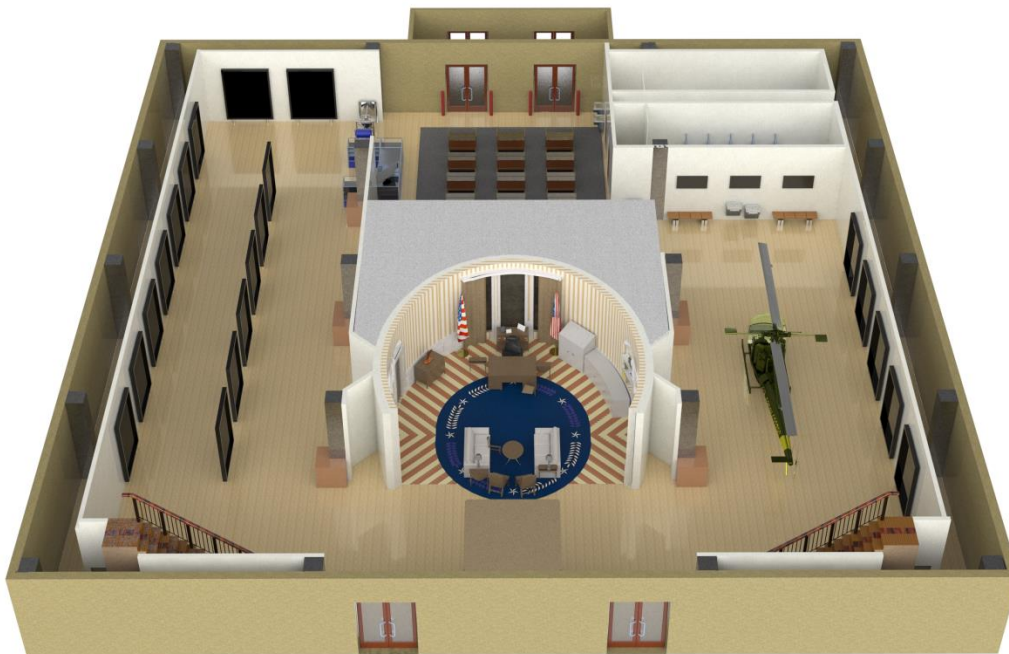
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### President's Message

The next meeting is an important meeting for the Chapter. During the meeting, we will nominate and elect officers for the coming year. We have at least two offices to fill, more if other office holders no longer want to participate. We especially need a candidate for Vice-President who automatically becomes President the following Year. Additionally, we need a candidate for Junior Member at Large which is a three year term moving to Midterm Member and then Senior Member. Please consider running or volunteering for an office so the Chapter remains viable.

Donations for the OH-23 sponsorship have reached our goal of \$25,000 so we will be the sponsors of the helicopter. I would like to thank all those who donated to make this sponsorship possible. The building of Phase 1 of the museum is progressing nicely. Attached is an artist drawing of the planned layout of the first three galleries.



If you haven't done it already, please consider following the process under "Notes from the Webmaster" for getting access to the website. You will need an email account so if you don't have one already, consider opening one up with a free service like gmail.com. If you have an email account but aren't sure it's in the database or an old email is on record, call me at 817-801-1649 and I'll coordinate with Ed to

get the email address entered correctly. We would like to get away from having to mail copies of the newsletter to members and instead email the newsletter. We can include other information and pictures in the email version since there are no page limitations. Also, we can contact you with information pertaining to the chapter between newsletters.

## Meeting Minutes

### Executive Council Meeting Minutes – June 2, 2018

Members in Attendance: Herb Koenig, Pat Richardson, Jim Messinger, Ed Faught and Don Ancelin.

The meeting was called to order at 1115 hours.

Jim gave a financial report of \$4,323.62 in the bank.

No other officers had business to discuss. With no new or old business remaining, the meeting was adjourned at 1125 hours.

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

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

Don Ancelin gave a description of Rick Couch and his flight in the Cavanaugh Flight Museum’s recently acquired UH-1H.

Jim Messinger gave a brief description of the Museum’s plans for carrying on the Vietnam Legacy at the museum through veteran’s children, grandchildren, etc.

The current paid membership is 40. There are over 400 expired memberships in our database. Please renew your membership which is only \$20 per year.

C-SPAN3 is still occasionally playing the “Vietnam Helicopter Pilot and Crewmember Memorial Dedication” on TV.

Don Ancelin introduced the guest speaker, John Bickel, who spoke on his efforts to raise money to help curb the 22 ex-military personnel who commit suicide every day through his “Campaign 22” program. The largest group of veterans currently committing suicide are Vietnam Veterans.

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

Herb Koenig  
President

### Treasurer's Report

07/31/18 Profit & Loss Jan - Jul 18

Ordinary Income/Expense	
Income - Dues	200.00
Total Income	200.00
Expense - Newsletters - Mailing	101.80
Total Expense	101.80
Net Income	98.20

07/31/18Balance Sheet

ASSETS

Current Assets - Checking/Savings 4,723.62

LIABILITIES & EQUITY

Equity

Opening Bal Equity 3,508.82

Retained Earnings 1,116.60

Net Income 98.20

TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY 4,723.62

### 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.

Everyone's membership expiration date has been changed by moving it back one day, so that expiration dates are now December 31 instead of January 1. This is the same way motor vehicle registrations are shown and should eliminate some confusion. Your own expiration date will be printed next to your name on the newsletter address as 12-18 if you are current or as 12-17 if your membership is not up to date.

Ed Faught – webmaster and database maintainer

### Quarterly Meeting Notice

**Because of the Labor Day holiday, our next Chapter meeting will be the second Saturday in September, September 11<sup>th</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 [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 [president@fwcvhpa.org](mailto:president@fwcvhpa.org).

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