



# THE FW/C-VHPA NEWSLETTER

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

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### Message from the President

During the September meeting, which will be held on September 7, 2019, we will need to elect a vice president and possibly a president as we haven't heard from Chuck since he was elected. Chuck, if you read this please show up and fill out some paper work. We need your leadership. All will need to attend this meeting to keep from being drafted. Everyone will move up a slot and we will also need a new Jr. Member at Large. I have been asking for volunteers but haven't seen many in that group. You need to be thinking about these positions if we want to keep the organization going. All of us know how to lead.

#### Activities:

I didn't get to attend the visit to Bell because of work obligations but I heard it was a great trip. The museum building is coming along fine. Come out and check it out when they are working. Bring your own hard hat. Anyone interested in going to Fort Hood?

### Past -President Comments

On September 1st (not sure of the exact time), approximately 100 Vietnamese will be visiting the museum. Some are ex-helicopter pilots (Vietnamese helicopter pilots). Maybe a few U.S pilots as well. If you want to help talk to some or just see the crowd, feel free to come out. There'll be a couple of museum board members there.

### June 8, 2019 Meeting Minutes

#### Executive Council Meeting Minutes –

Members in attendance: President, Richard Gaurkee, Vice-President: Not Present, Past-President: Not Present, Secretary: Gerald Brazell, Treasure: Jim Messinger, Senior Member: Not Present, Midterm Member: Ed Faught, Junior Member: John Grow.

The meeting was called to order at 1107 hours.

Richard read the previous minutes. Minutes were approved as presented.

#### NEW BUSINESS

Jim Messinger provided the chapter's financial status report.

#### OLD BUSINESS

Volunteers for the chapter's leadership council are still needed, in order to ensure the ongoing

viability of the chapter.

John Grow reported that the tour at Bell is a go, John presented the final details on the two options available. Because of the short time frame. Adam will send out a group e-mail using the chapter's email system. Individuals desiring to participate will send their info directly to John.

Don Ancelin volunteered to call and verify phone numbers of those without valid emails. (Don was not in attendance – so no updates available).

The importance of having email addresses was reiterated. The tours will take place before the next meeting. If members have only the newsletter as communication with the chapter, they could potentially miss important information, or activities. It will be part the President's page in the next newsletter.

With no new or old business remaining, the meeting was adjourned at 1132 hours.

### **General Membership Meeting Minutes –**

The meeting was called to order at 1139, and began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Jim Messinger presented the financial report. Reminding all to verify their membership status. This information is provided on the mailing label on the Quarterly Newsletter, and available online at the chapter's web site.

John Grow has been successful in arranging a tour of the Bell plant. A big Thanks for John!!

It is important that the chapter has a tool available to easily communicate with its membership. The importance of electronic communication was made this June. The Bell tour was three weeks after the meeting, with information needed one week after the meeting.

Jim mentioned some of the issues with the Reunion's hosting of the Vendor room. He also reminded the membership that the Reunion's historical July dates were no longer the default dates. Plan accordingly.

There is a VNAF helicopter pilots' reunion in August in Ft Worth. No information was discussed.

The next chapter meeting will be held September 7th.

Having no new business, the meeting was adjourned at 1156.

Adam Steczko: Scribe

### **Quarterly Meeting Notice**

**Our next Chapter meeting is Saturday September 7th 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".

### **Treasurer Stuff**

As of July 31, we have \$4,737.07 in the bank

### **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@fvcvghpa.org](mailto:webmaster@fvcvghpa.org). For Newsletter questions or inputs, please contact Herb Koenig at 817-801-1649 or email to [past-president@fvcvghpa.org](mailto:past-president@fvcvghpa.org).

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