

ALAMO CHAPTER, VHPA



10 September 2021

Executive Board Meeting Minutes

Barn Door

President Ray Vaske opened the meeting at 1700 hours.

Executive Council Members Present: Mike Law, Jim Boykin, Chic Carter, Ray Vaske, Dale Stout and Chip Brown.

Absent: Mike Clark

Visitors: None

Quorum: Yes

1. **Treasurer's Report** - Chic Carter, the treasurer - reported that there is currently \$8,726.47 in the account, of which \$1,445 will be donated to The Vietnam Archive and Museum at Texas Tech, leaving a balance of \$7,280.47. Previously the chapter donated \$1,000 to the Huey 369 project
2. **Old Business.**
 - a. Wreaths Across America. Chapter participation in the Wreaths Across America program at the Fort Sam National Cemetery was discussed as a worthy project. The next scheduled program will be on Saturday – 11:00 AM on December 18th. Ray Vaske will contact the Lady in charge of the program in San Antonio to see how we can best support. Mike Law moved, and Chip Brown seconded that the Chapter Treasury should donate \$150 for 10 wreaths. Ray said he would draft a letter asking for members to donate the cost of \$15.00 for at least one wreath, and also ask for volunteers to help the laying of wreaths at the grave sites. The point was brought up that we should honor former Alamo Chapter VHPA helicopter pilot members who are buried there. Jim and Ray will be checking past Chapter Rosters, and research the Fort Houston National Cemetery records to identify their grave locations.
 - b. Membership Status. Jim Boykin provided a current 2021 Alamo Chapter Roster, and defined the listed 96 names as Honorary/Life Members, Active Members, Inactive Members, and Potential Members. The September 2021 Roster number was down from the December 2020 Roster which had a total of 112 names listed. The reduction was due to the elimination of Inactive and Potential individuals who had been carried over 3 years without any contact or participation prior to January 2021. On the plus side for 2021, we have had an increase in new membership - especially in the number of Life Members. Jim indicated that effective January 2022, he will further scrub the Roster by removing names who still do not respond to any e-mails, and have not paid their dues in over 2 years. Notices will be posted on the website, and will be e-mailed - - giving all delinquent individuals a chance to identify themselves, and/or correct their status before the end of 2021.

3. **New Business**

- a. Affirmation of the 2022 Executive Board. The following members were affirmed to fill the 2022 Executive Board Officer positions:
 - i. President: Dale Stout
 - ii. Vice President: Chip Brown
 - iii. Treasurer: Chic Carter
 - iv. Secretary: Mike Clark
 - v. Senior Member at Large: Tim Worley
 - vi. Mid-Term Member at Large: Jim Boykin
 - vii. Junior Member at Large: Ron Spearman
 - viii. Immediate Past President: Ray Vaske

- b. Support of the 2023 VHPA Reunion in San Antonio. As the host chapter, the board discussed the need to begin planning to support the reunion. Jim asked Mike how National VHPA goes about organizing special activities associated with the annual conventions. Mike then led the discussion concerning the VHPA Reunion to be held in San Antonio in 2023. There is a significant need for volunteers to man the positions to support National. Ashleigh, from National has asked for input from Alamo Chapter members concerning activities to do in San Antonio during the reunion. The thought is that the tours need to be close, but also interesting or rewarding. The Toyota Plant tour was mentioned as very interesting. Some chapter members have ties with wineries near Fredericksburg and could support wine tours. Chic mentioned maybe a tour to the Lewis aircraft hangers at the airport. All these ideas can be input to the National VHPA planners in January - as well as ideas other members come up with. National VHPA will develop the ideas as appropriate, and set up the activities.

- c. Christmas Party. Jim indicated that the Christmas Party will probably not be at the ARC this year because of COVID related changes. No social events are permitted there at present. So, the gathering will probably be scheduled at the Barn Door or another alternate location on Saturday – December the 4th. Jim discussed possibly compensating members for the alcohol since it must be purchased and served through the restaurant, but Chip Brown thought that members understood the situation and did not think that would be necessary. The topic is still open for discussion.

- d. The council received and approved new Life Member Ron Richtsmeier's application for membership.

- e. Jim Boykin was recognized for his dedication and organizing the luncheons and dinners for the membership.

5. **ADJOURNMENT**. There being no further business before the board President Ray Vaske adjourned the meeting at 1740 hours.