

ALAMO CHAPTER, VHPA



6 June 2025

Business Meeting Minutes

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President Mike Law opened the meeting at 1710 hours.

Executive Council Members Present: Mike Law, Jim Boykin, Chic Carter, Tim Worley, Oscar Castillo, Dave Sherrard, Dale Stout, Mike Clark, and 30+ VHPA Chapter members and their spouses or partners.

Quorum: Yes

1. **Secretary's Report.** Mike Clark informed members to notify him if they wanted a name tag. Also informed members of the opportunity to receive a Quilt of Honor and how to make that happen.
2. **Treasurer's Report.** Chic Carter presented the treasurer's report. There is \$8,903.76 in the account.
3. **Other Reports.**
 - a. Tim Worley discussed the opportunity to purchase chapter polo shirts. Tim also the upcoming Veterans Day Parade. Members agreed to participate again this year. More info to follow as it becomes available.
 - b. Jim Boykin informed members of the upcoming July luncheon. More info to follow.
 - c. Mike Law discussed banquet seating at the August VHPA Reunion. He and Diane arrange the table and seating chart. Mike noted that if a member wanted to sit at a specific table, they need to make that known when they register for the reunion. He also introduced the 2026 VHPA calendar and options to purchase same.
 - d. Oscar Castillo informed the members of the opportunity to serve as volunteers at the Ft. Sam Houston National Cemetery. He also discussed eligibility criteria for burial or internment at the cemetery.
4. **New Business.**
 - a. VHPA Monument at Ft. Novosel, AL.
 - i. Mike Law presented information about the proposed monument to be installed at Ft. Novosel. National is requesting financial support from each chapter.
 - ii. After discussion, a motion was made by Oscar Castillo to approve \$300 to be donated from chapter funds to the program and include any individual donations. Seconded by Tim Worley. Motion passed. The treasurer will send the donations to national.
5. **Other.** Jim Boykin introduced Scott Delpia, Bexar County VSO. Scott presented information of his responsibilities as a VSO and the process to submit a disability claim to the VA. He also discussed dependent and survivor benefits and options.

6. **Adjournment.** There being no further business before the chapter, President Law adjourned the meeting at 1743 hours.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Clark

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Secretary

The Alamo Chapter plans to support the VHPA's Monument at Fort (Rucker) Novosel

At the 4 June 2025 general business meeting, the Chapter membership voted to financially support the VHPA's planned acquisition and installation of a new stone monument in the Memorial Park at Fort (Rucker) Novosel. In April, as part of the VHPA's Quarterly Zoom meeting with Chapter Presidents, Mike Law learned that the VHPA Executive Council (EC) approved the Monument at a cost of about \$25K. Previously collected donations total about \$5K, leaving a balance of about \$20K. Rather than pay for the Monument from the VHPA's reserve funds, the EC decided to ask the VHPA Chapters to contribute about \$1.5K each. If Mike understands things correctly, at least two Chapters immediately put in much more than their \$1.5K while at least two Chapters said no thanks. This opportunity was discussed by the Chapter Board which concluded that: (1) we should support the Monument financially even though several Board members would rather support the Viet Nam Center and Archive's future Museum building effort. (2) we should put a recommended proposal to the membership for the vote at the June 4th meeting.

The proposal was: (1) That the Chapter will contribute \$300 from its General Fund to the VHPA's General Fund clearly stating that these funds are for the Monument. (2) That Chapter members can donate to this effort as they wish by giving cash or a check to the Chapter Treasurer, Chic Charter, clearly stating that it is for the Monument. (3) That Chic will see that an Alamo Chapter check for all moneys collected plus the \$300 is given to the VHPA at the August 2025 VHPA Reunion in St Louis.

To the best of my knowledge, the membership voted to sustain this proposal unanimously ~ at least there were no votes to the contrary.

Respectively documented by Mike Law, current Chapter President

**The following appeared on page 6 of the May/June 2025 ARMY
AVIATION magazine**

The following appeared on page 3 of the Jan-Feb-Mar 2025 VHPA
AVIATOR magazine

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

ATTENTION FELLOW AVIATORS,
we need your donations to continue
our effort to dedicate our Vietnam
Monument at Fort Novosel.

In 2025, 10 September, the
VHPA will dedicate a monument
similar to our Arlington monument
in the Memorial Park just outside the
Army Aviation Museum at "our" old Fort
Rucker (Novosel). It will mark the 50th anniversary
of the end of the Vietnam War, and you and your fel-
low aviators will not want to miss this important and
auspicious occasion.

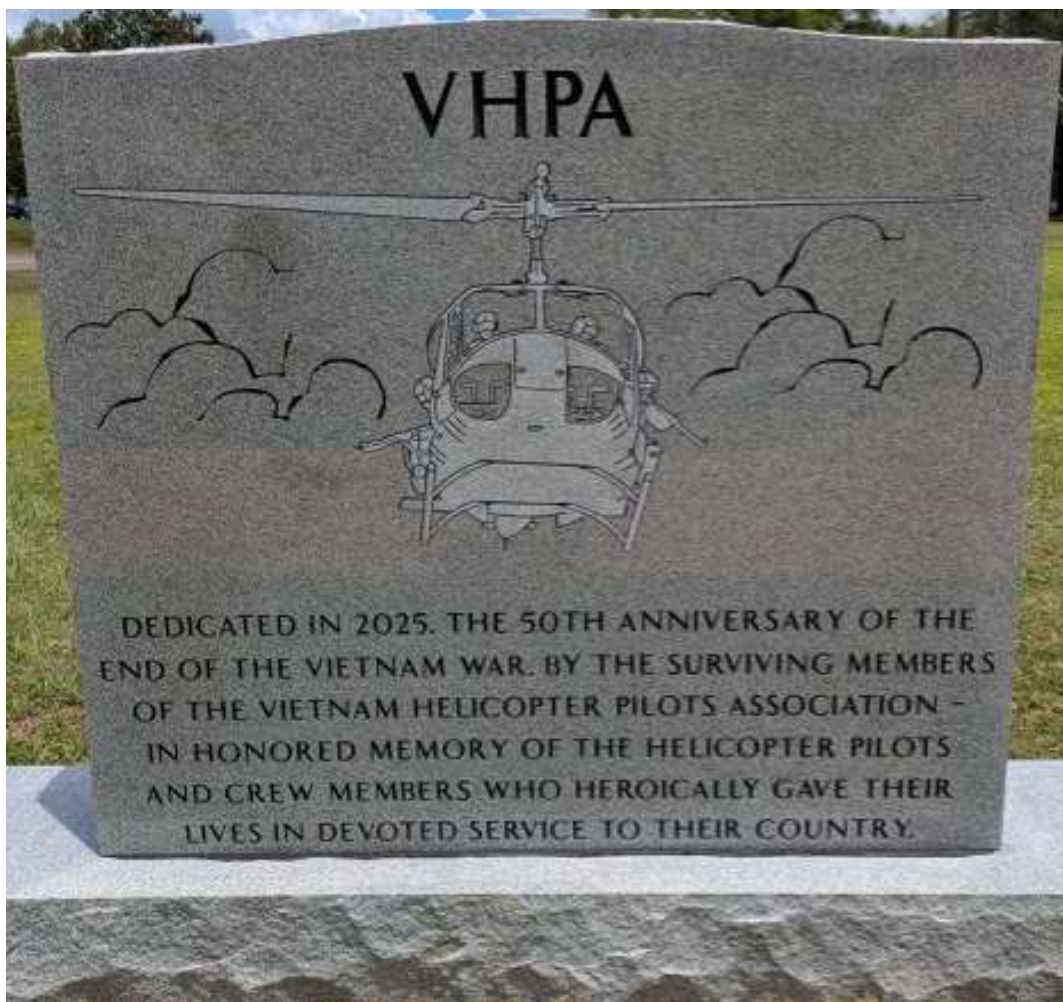


Ask your Chapter Presidents/Members
to donate and make a motion to donate
from the chapter treasury.

Mark your donations for the VHPA
"General Fund" ~We want to ensure
that this historic day is planned and
executed in a manner in keeping with the
unique contribution Vietnam helicopter
crews made in serving our country in combat and
in shaping the future doctrine of Army Aviation. We
look forward to seeing you there.

~ Frosty Price

Please note the additional message



**Monument already installed, and Ceremony scheduled for
September 10th, 2025**