

ALAMO CHAPTER, VHPA



30 October 2025

Business Meeting Minutes

ARC

President Mike Law opened the meeting at 1730 hours.

Board Members Present: Mike Law, Jim Boykin, Chic Carter, Tim Worley, , Dave Sherrard, Mike Clark, and 30+ VHPA Chapter members and their spouses or partners.

Board Members Absent: Oscar Castillo

Quorum: Yes

1. **Secretary's Report.** Mike Law, on behalf of Mike Clark, informed members to notify Mike Clark if they wanted a name tag.
2. **Treasurer's Report.** Chic Carter presented the treasurer's report. There is \$8,465.53 in the account. See attached report.
3. **Old Business.**
 - a. President Law reported on the results of the Board Meeting:
 - i. Informed members of the 2026 Board to be voted on and distributed to the membership the slate of nominated officers.
 - ii. Explained the disposition of the \$400 check the chapter donated to VHPA to support funding of the VHPA Memorial at Ft. Rucker, AL. VHPA notified the chapter that the memorial was fully funded, the account closed, and that the \$400 donation was not needed. The check could not be used for the VHPA general fund as the check was specifically designated for the memorial. VHPA recommended that the check be shredded. After discussion, the Board voted to direct VHPA to shred the check. The \$400 will be "returned" to the Chapter's general fund for use during the 2026 donation funding cycle.
 - iii. The Board voted to authorize the Chapter treasurer to issue a \$853.97 check to the Texas Tech University Foundation Building Fund.
 - b. Tim Worley discussed the 8 November Veterans Day parade. Participants are to assemble at Tim's house at 08:00 to decorate the trucks and proceed to stage at the parade start point by 09:00.
 - c. Jim Boykin discussed several items:
 - i. 6 December Christmas party to be held at Hero's Hal at the ARC. No band this year but possibly a DJ.
 - ii. Provided info on chapter's website reminding members that there is lots of information available on the site.

- iii. Reminded members that the next luncheon is scheduled for 20 November at Genaro's Italian Restaurant. As seating is limited, you are encouraged to RSVP promptly upon receipt of the announcement.
- iv. Jim reminded members of the quarterly Vets burial memorial at Ft Sam Cemetery. He encouraged members to attend if possible.

4. **New Business.**

- a. Vote on the 2026 Board. Chip Brown made a motion to approve the slate of officers as presented. By acclamation, the motion was approved although there was one nay. The new Board will assume their duties on 1 January 2026. They are President, Dave Sherrard; Vice President, Oscar Castillo; Past President, Mike Law; Senior Member at Large, Tim Worley; Mid-Term Member at Large, Jim Boykin; Junior Member at Large, Bob Dillon; Secretary, Mike Clark, Treasurer, Chic Carter.
- b. President Law discussed the following:
 - i. Reported on the VHPA National Quarterly Chapter Presidents Meeting. The quarterly meeting has been reestablished by the National President. Mike briefly discussed the issue surrounding the Scholarship Committee. In summary, the committee and its responsibilities remain unchanged.
 - ii. Outlined the new, effective 1 November, parking situation at the SA airport as it relates to DV and military plate parking fees.
 - iii. Noted that there was some concern by some that VHPA was soon to run out of money. VHPA has \$1.35 M in the bank, which will allow VHPA to operate for at least 8 more years.
 - iv. VHPA is looking at attempting to identify Vietnam aviators that died after their tour but before VHPA was established.
- c. Incoming President Dave Sherrard outlined his ideas for 2026:
 - i. Expand/increase chapter membership. Dave has some thoughts on how to accomplish that. He will share details later.
 - ii. Suggested a future chapter trip to Mineral Wells/Ft Wolters with accommodation at the Baker Hotel.
- d. Dave Shelby presented an interesting possibility of partnering with Yellow Rose Realty. Yellow Rose Realty has offered to donate a percentage of sales commission on any chapter member's referral. Only closed escrow sales qualify for donation.

5. **Other.**

- a. Rex Gooch discussed his just recently published new book "Cav Hat".
- b. Marty Nelson presented information on his recent trip to Maine where he visited the national headquarters for Wreath's Across America.
- c. Chip Brown suggested that business meetings be reduced from four per year to two per year. The board will discuss it at the next board meeting.
- d. Ken McElroy presented information on the Memorial Map he developed, which identifies the location where a helicopter was shot down in Vietnam. It also contains the name of the crews that were involved, etc.

6. **Adjournment.** There being no further business before the chapter, following a break for dinner, President Law adjourned the meeting at 1922 hours.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Clark

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Secretary