

ALAMO CHAPTER, VHPA

Executive Board Meeting Minutes



1 Nov 2022 Carrabba's Italian Grill

President, Dale Stout, convened the board meeting at 12:08 pm.

Executive Council Members Present:

Dale Stout – President

Chip Brown – Vice President

Chic Carter – Treasurer

Tim Worley – Senior Member at Large

Jim Boykin – Mid-term Member at Large

Absent: Mike Clark, Ron Spearman, and Ray Vaske.

Visitors: None

Quorum: Yes

1. **Treasurer's Report** – Chic Carter.

- a. The Treasurer reported that at the end of 2020 the Chapter had a balance of \$8,045.00
- b. At the end of 2021 the Chapter had a balance of \$8,452.00
- c. The Chapter has a current balance of \$8,897.94
- d. New Life Members: Ed Lynch, David Sherrard, and Mike Foster
- e. During discussion of the Chapter Budget, Chip Brown suggested a safety savings fund be established to prevent depletion of Chapter funds. This will be an interest-based Savings Account as the savings fund. Initial seed money proposed was \$880.00 (\$20.00 from each current Life Member already paid dues). Each successive year the Chapter board will determine the amount to be transferred to this savings account but not more than 50% of the Chapter's funds balance. Tabled pending information to pattern it after National's program. Chic to check with Mike Law on how National does this.

2. **Old Business.**

- a. Reunion preparation.
President's ZOOM call With VHPA National – Dale Stout. Reunion Coordination and Planning discussed with Thomas Payne at National. The 2023 VHPA Reunion is believed to be going well in planning and coordination; mostly being completed by National staff. Other chapters gave brief summaries of their activities for the last few months.
- b. 2023 Reunion Activities - All
Ron Spearman, Alamo Chapter Junior Member at Large, will be serving as Chapter Volunteer Coordinator. Ron has the paperwork and schedule, which he will present and develop, as we get closer to the Reunion in July 2023. The Chapter will need a good number of members (about 25 members and or spouses) to fulfill National Reunion duties.
- c. Luncheons, Chapter Meetings, Christmas Party – Jim Boykin
 - i. Monthly Luncheons and Quarterly Board Meetings/luncheons will continue except for months when there is a Chapter Meeting in the evening.
 - ii. Next Quarterly Meeting will be 9 Nov at the Little Italy Restaurant in San Antonio at 5pm. Have

- members forward to Jim the number attending and desired menu item ASAP.
- iii. The Alamo Chapter Christmas Party will be on 3 Dec at the ARC. Each active member will pay \$47 for themselves and for one guest. The price for additional guests and other non-current members will be \$57 per person. Notify Jim Boykin of attendees, and pay the fee ASAP by check to Chic Carter.
 - c. Chapter Logo Polo Shirts – Tim Worley
The pandemic has caused transportation problems and availability shortages. My vender is working with several suppliers to get quality shirts in the colors requested. He can't always make it happen. The price of the shirts will increase. This is due to the new logo and the time, effort, and thread required, which is more than the old logo. The new price has risen from \$30.00 per shirt to \$35.00 per shirt (actual cost to the Chapter). This is the first increase in price. Presently, members will continue paying \$45 for the shirts unless the cost increase from the vendor causes the Chapter to have to raise the overall price. Good working relationship continues with the vendor.
 - d. Chapter Legacy _ All
The legacy of the VHPA is a last man standing legacy. In order to preserve the VHPA legacy, Chip Brown brought up the idea of joining with the Combat Helicopter Pilots Association (CHPA) to which many Chapter members already belong. The CHPA incorporates all combat helicopter pilots from later conflicts and has a continuing membership of new, younger combat pilots. We would not join them but work with them to extend the legacy of the VHPA, whose members are aging. This possibly would preserve the memory of the VHPA from the Viet Nam era and extend the life and Legacy of the VHPA. To be discussed further by Chapter membership.
 - e. Worthy causes discussed - All
Wreaths Across America - \$150.00 donation last December 2021. Is it possible for the Chapter to purchase wreaths for graves not serviced by Wreaths across America? Ray Vaske is researching the program and will recommend the chapter at least contribute to the program the same amount as last year. More than \$2000.00 were also raised by individual member contributions from the Alamo Chapter and donated to the program. To be presented and voted on at next Chapter meeting 9 Nov and members wanting to contribute this year will have an opportunity to do so, either at the next meeting or during the remaining days until the deadline in December.

Other programs supported by the Chapter are: the Huey 369 that endeavors to keep the Bell UH-1 Iroquois (Huey) flying as an icon of the War in Viet Nam, Quad A (AAAA) that gives scholarships to worthy family members of our program and other Army descendants, The Texas Tech University Viet Nam Archives and Museum that archives oral histories, photographs and other items for historic record of VHPA members contributions to the Viet Nam conflict. Contribution to these organizations will be presented to the general membership and funds raised for contribution, as the membership desires. The discussion tabled until presented to the Chapter.

3. New Business

- a. Nomination of new Officers - All
Each year the Chapter asks for volunteers to serve on the Board of the Chapter to conduct business and provide continuity. The members to date who have volunteered are listed as follows: Vice President – Tim Worley (present Senior Member at Large). Junior Member at Large – Mike Law (prior Chapter president and continuing member of the VHPA National staff).
- b. The nomination and confirmation of Alamo Chapter Board members for 2023 will be conducted on November 9, 2022 at the next general membership meeting.

4. ADJOURNMENT. There being no further business before the Council, President Stout adjourned the meeting at 1305 hours.