



Military Vehicle Preservation Association (MVPA)
Public Board of Directors Meeting
Minutes: Thursday, August 28, 2025, 8:00pm EDT

Type: Public Board Meeting. 42 MVPA members present.
Patrick Tipton called the meeting to order at 8:00pm EDT.

1. Roll Call Secretary: Present were Patrick Tipton, John Hedges, and Robert Brough. Late were Rory Grenier and Chris Doran. Dan Wesolowski was excused. Initially there was no quorum, so the board went on with reports.

2. Officer Reports

A. President's Report. Update on organizational transition. Patrick Tipton reminded the board and the members that the office staff was let go last month. Volunteers have been staffing the phones and providing membership services. The board is in the process of interviewing association management companies to provide services. Working on developing the value proposition of the MVPA to members.

B. Vice President's Report. Working on Bylaw and policies changes. Already made one change to allow electronic voting for Bylaw changes. Discussed changing the term of directors to two years. John Schroeder and Verne Jenkinson briefed the timeline for the upcoming election.

3. Consent Calendar

A. Approve July 31, 2025, BOD meeting minutes.

B. Ratification of MVPA-Historical Archives election of officers. John Hedges-President, Dan Wesolowski-Vice President, Robert Brough-Treasurer. Motion by John Hedges, second by Patrick Tipton, passed unanimously.

4. Officer Reports (continued)

A. Treasurer's Report. Robert Brough had a question on the board minutes the Zoom recordings. Zoom recordings will be posted and the board minutes will be posted once approved. See attached slide deck for the treasures report. Jane Brough briefed the convention

finances as of today. Current loss for the convention is ~\$1,100 not including the Crown Plaza bill for ~\$31,000.

B. Secretary's Report Dan Wesolowski. No report

C. Judging Committee Chris Doran. Working on refining the motor pool class judging standards. A few more plaques to send out to past recipients. Ordering dangles for future conventions.

D. Chief Morale Official Rory Grenier. No report.

4. Editor's Report- History in Motion John Adams-Graf. See enclosed slide deck. Due to turmoil at HQ, this issue of the History in Motion will be delayed by two weeks. It will mail 1 October. Nick Ockwig has been hired on a commission basis to sell ads for History in Motion.

5. 2026 MVPA-HA Lewis & Clark Cross-Country Convoy Terry Shelswell, LC'26 Convoy. See attached slide deck. Terry briefed the U-Haul program where they will provide a truck and trailer to a convoy participant to get to and from the convoy start and finish for only the cost of the fuel and insurance.

6. Old Business

A. Virginia 2026 update John Hedges. Billy Bolton briefed the goal of 2026 was more vehicles, more participants and more members with no charges to members to attend. They will refund 50% of vendor table costs if vendors stay through the end of the show. More fun added back into the festival. Looking to break even before grants, sponsorship and auction proceeds. Looking for all MVPA members to bring a vehicle, recruit a non-MVPA member to come to the show, and solicit auction items.

B. Membership drive Zoom-a-thon; "Ring & Re-enlist Rally". Similar to the old Jerry Lewis telethon. Members will call lapsed MVPA members and ask them to renew. Tentatively scheduled for 3 September from 6:00pm to 10:00pm. Email to go out to current members to volunteer.

7. New Business

A. Texas 2027 National Bid. Scott Post President of the XXXXX Chapter. Proposing the 2027 Convention in Belton, Texas. See the attached slide deck.

B. Arizona 2027 Winter show. Sam Moore, President of the Arizona Military Vehicle Collectors Club. Proposing a winter show in February, 2027 in Buckeye, AZ. See attached slide deck. Discussed what added value the MVPA brings to a local affiliate show. AMVCC would be looking for the judging program, some live demonstrations, seminars, and affiliate workshops.

C. MVPA Historical Archives. John Hedges. Team meeting Saturday, October 25 2025, in Baltimore, OH. John Hedges is also heading to the HQ building over Labor Day to start the inventory of the material in the basement.

D. Wreaths Across America. Patrick Tipton. The MVPA is partnering with this organization to place wreaths on veteran's grave during December. Non-profits raise money for wreaths and then deliver the wreaths and receive \$5.00 per wreath.

8. Discussion items

A. Office cleanout. John Hedges. Items from the HQ need to be moved, cleaned, or disposed of in preparation for likely sale of the building in Independence.

B. Historical Archives storage and access. John Cheney briefed the history of the archives being recovered from the Victory Museum in Indiana. The material in Independence can be moved to his facility. He will facilitate the move.

9. Public Comment. Thomas Neill asked to post the link to past board meetings, Patrick posted the link in the chat. Sam Moore asked that we look into a long-term donation to a military museum.

10. Announcements

A. Upcoming events. Ring & Re-enlist Rally scheduled for 3 September from 6:00pm to 10:00pm.

B. Next board meeting will be late September, TBD.

11. Adjourned at 8:40pm EDST.