



Military Vehicle Preservation Association (MVPA)  
Joint Meeting of MVPA Board of Directors and Board of MVPA-Historical Archives  
Minutes: Thursday, December 4<sup>th</sup>, 2025, 7:00pm EST

Type: Public Board Meeting. 52 MVPA members present.

Patrick Tipton called the meeting to order at 7:02pm EST.

1. Roll Call. All board members present.

2. Consent Calendar Consent calendar items may be pulled for separate discussion and vote by any Director.

A. Approve November 6, 2025, BOD meeting minutes.

B. Establish the MVPA Board as Committee of the Whole to develop proposed revised MVPA Bylaws, MVPA-HA Bylaws and Board Policy to be presented for discussion at the February Board meetings. Motion by John Hedges, seconded by Robert Brough. Unanimous consent.

3. Board of Directors Election Results John Schroeder and Verne Jenkinson, Nomination Committee. Results of the election were sent by email to all MVPA members. Election AAR sent to all candidates and the board for posting. Board acceptance and certification of election results. Motion by John Hedges, seconded by Dan Wesolowski. Passed unanimously.

4. Board Member Terms Newly-elected Directors: The 2025 regular election would typically have been scheduled to fill three Board seats (the standard number for a regular election cycle, per the Board's staggered terms). In light of the Special Election and the interim Board's prospective resignations—delivered upon their swearing-in following the April 15, 2025, Special Election—all six seats needed to be filled. To maximize member choice, the Board opened all six positions in this election. With the results now in, the Board must assign terms to maintain the intended staggered terms with three directors serving a four-year term (ending 2029) and three directors serving a two-year term (ending 2027). The Board will determine the assignments (typically by lot or vote order). Discussion. Who is interested in four versus two-year terms. Consensus top vote getters get 4-year terms, remainder get 2-year terms. Motion by John Hedges, seconded by Chris Doran. Passed unanimously.

5. Remarks by newly elected Directors:

A. Bob Brough: The election was validation of the work that he and Jane have done with the finances. Looking to put the MVPA on a better financial footing in 2026.

B. Rory Grenier: Looking at a bi-monthly virtual seminar on tools, canvas, techniques etc.

- C. Dan Wesolowski: Addressing the difficulties of navigating the website and renewing memberships. Help forge relationships with historical activities, museums, and associations.
- D. Chris Doran: Solidify the judging program in 2026 and recruit more judges. Recognize those members that do not support the current board and make sure their opinions are heard. Put in place better processes in place to manage the MVPA (i.e. convention registration).
- E. John Hedges: Make administrative processes easier for members. Spend some time on the historical archives. Develop a legacy program that provides new members a vehicle from legacy members. Update the policies and by-laws. Focus on 2026 Festival in Virginia. Keep the hobby fun.

6. Officer Reports

- A. President's Report, Patrick Tipton. Thanks to everyone who has volunteered with the MVPA. 2026 is our 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary, a lot has changed. Develop the value proposition for the MVPA in 2026. Stress our subject matter experts and the knowledge of members. This is an international club that happens on a local basis. Need to support the affiliates better. Each director will be assigned a number of affiliates and conduct quarterly meetings. Thanks to those affiliates supporting Wreaths Across America.
- B. Vice President's Report, John Hedges. Festival planning is going well. Directors are helping out but looking for volunteers to help. Looking to develop a mentorship program.
- C. Treasurer's Report: Robert Brough and Assistant Treasurer Jane Brough. See treasurer's report.
- D. Secretary's Report Dan Wesolowski. Continuing to work the phones and post meeting minutes.
- E. Judging Committee Chris Doran. Next magazine will better define what the motor pool class is and how it is judged. Will introduce a new category of judging.
- F. Chief Morale Official Rory Grenier. Affiliate membership contest. \$600 donated by members to award the most active affiliates. 187 members added. 1<sup>st</sup> Place, GA MVPA \$300, 2<sup>nd</sup> Place, VA MVPA \$200, 3<sup>rd</sup> Place, MA MVPA.

7. Wreaths Across America Mary Primbetov. Not present. Per Patrick Tipton 4-5 affiliates are supporting WAA. Looking to expand the program in 2026.

8. Q&A with History in Motion Editor John Adams-Graf & John Hedges. History in Motion, JAG: JAG has been a publisher since he was 5 years, paid publisher for 35 years. Biggest challenge is getting a budget to compensate authors. Authors need to provide the content, and JAG will make it grammatically correct and pretty. Any subject on military vehicles is fair game

for a History in Motion article. Photographic copywriting is always an issue. The board is very supportive of the magazine. Need to make it easy for people to join the MVPA. Need a good repository of our information.

9. 2026 MVPA-HA Lewis & Clark Cross-Country Convoy Q&A John Hedges & Terry Shelswell, LC'26 Convoy. See attached slides.

10. Virginia 2026 Festival update John Hedges

A. Event Management Software – We need purchase a program. Looking at Hoova (\$4,000) for this year. Potentially Event MOBI (\$6,000) in the future.

B. Festival Budget - New Updates. Billy Bolton. No update.

C. Festival Activities - New Updates Rich Van Breeman. Added a few family-friendly activities to the festival. Starting to canvas vendors. If any member is willing to conduct a seminar during the festival send an email to MVPA-HQ.

11. New Business

A. Proposed 2026 MVPA Calendar. Due out is the board to establish 2026 meeting schedule.

B. Change of banking relationship to Chase Bank. John Hedges recommends to table until a membership services contract is hired.

C. October 2025 Historical Archives field visit report John Schroeder and Robert Brough. The archives are well organized and the process for cataloging the documents is solid. The reports from the archive team must be located and backed up. Documents are from TACOM, AM General and private donations. Looking at potentially getting grant funding to aide in archiving and digitalization.

D. Partial sale of archival material to John Cheney. Robert Brough motion to sell to John Cheney for \$3,500 a collection of books donated to the MVPA-HA by a private party. Seconded by John Hedges. The material, about 8 cardboard books of around 100 books, is not from TACOM or AM General. All books were donated by Dennis Spence. The MVPA does not have the capacity to sell individual books. Motion amended to inventory the titles and send it out to members for bid starting at \$3,500. Seconded by Dan Wesolowski. Motion passed unanimous.

E. Status and potential disposition of office building in Independence, MO. Motion by Robert Brough to represent the board to collect information on the disposition of the building in Independence. Seconded by Dan Wesolowski. Robert Brough needs authorization from the board to contact relators. The MVPA owns the building in the clear, value \$150,000-\$200,000. Passed unanimous.

12. Public Comment. Brief discussion on the low number of public attendees in Louisville. Working hard to get a large number of public attendees to Virginia in 2026. Brief discussion

about affiliates past support to WAA. Will recognize all affiliate participation in the future. Need a plan to inventory the book collection at the archives for sale. Question on the official mailing address for the MVPA. The official address is still in Independence, but membership renewals go to the Treasurers house in GA. Mike Wright asked about inventorying the archives in MO. It needs to be moved prior to the sale of the building.

13. Adjourn at 9:27pm EST.