



Military Vehicle Preservation Association (MVPA)  
Joint Meeting of MVPA Board of Directors and Board of MVPA-Historical Archives  
Minutes: Thursday, November 6<sup>th</sup>, 2025, 7:00pm EST

Type: Public Board Meeting. 40 MVPA members present.

Patrick Tipton called the meeting to order at 7:00pm EST.

1. Roll Call. All board members present except Rory Grenier who was excused.
2. Consent Calendar. Consent calendar items may be pulled for separate discussion and vote by any Director. Approve August 28, 2025, Board of Directors meeting minutes. Motion by John Hedges, second by Robert Brough. Unanimous consent.
3. Officer Reports
  - A. President's Report, Patrick Tipton. Apologize for the late notice for this meeting. Not a lot of decisions from here until the election cycle ends. Allow the next board to make decisions moving forward. Fantastic affiliate meeting last week great feedback. Recommend future boards do quarterly affiliate meetings to keep the focus at the local level. Working on 2026 Festival and the 2027 potential site. Texas will provide a presentation at the December meeting.
  - B. Vice President's Report, John Hedges. Scheduling phone duty for directors and volunteers. VP Hedges recognized the volunteers for this service. Future meeting date will be established at this meeting. Much work to do on MVPA policies and by-laws. No major decisions until the next board is seated.
  - C. Treasurer's Report: Robert Brough and Assistant Treasurer Jane Brough. For the first time in recent memory, the month of October generated more revenue than we had expenses. A big part of that was ad sales in History in Motion by Nick. Legal expenses surrounding the special election were negotiated lower than billed and have been paid in full. See attached slide deck.
  - D. Secretary's Report Dan Wesolowski. The post office address has changed to the Brough's address in Georgia. Trying to figure out how many membership checks were returned due to the change.
  - E. Judging Committee Chris Doran. Big article in the next History in Motion magazine concerning the Motor Pool class.
  - F. Chief Morale Official Rory Grenier. Excused.
4. Wreaths Across America Mary Primbetov. Sending out information on 2026 dates. Information is available on the Wreaths Across America website. Looking for 5-6 affiliates to participate this year and share their experiences. Working on the schedule and work a magazine article.

5. Editor's Report- History in Motion John Adams-Graf. Report given by John Hedges. See attached slide deck.

6. 2026 MVPA-HA Lewis & Clark Cross-Country Convoy Terry Shelswell, LC'26 Convoy. Report given by Ken Field, Convoy Executive Officer. Ken briefed the U-Haul MVPA incentive program for a free truck and trailer. Jim Diamond is the convoy point of contact for the U-Haul program. Need to publish the program in History in Motion and the e-newsletter. See attached slide deck.

7. Event Management Software. Pearl Sites. Pearl gave an overview of some of the software they are researching. The software has the ability for a mobile device application as well. Most programs are geared toward single use or one event per year. Prices range from \$2,200 to over \$30,000. One company, a new startup, Event Software, is one possibility. We can use some free software like WhatsApp for messaging at the festival. John Hedges provided some additional guidance and asked for a price range. The basic registration software starts at \$2,200 (for 3,000 attendees). Less attendees will reduce costs. Patrick suggested a \$6,000-\$7,000 budget. More research and work to be done.

## 8. Old Business

### A. Virginia 2026 update

1. Festival Budget review and approval Billy Bolton. A few minor changes from the budget presented last month. Added a line for donations from MVPA members not being charged an admission fee to the festival. Robert Brough has been tasked to review a contract or letter of understanding so that MVPA and the affiliate understand who pays for what and who realizes profits or losses from a convention/festival. See attached budget.
2. Festival activities Rich Van Breeman. Mostly doing the background work now. Working on defining and communicating the difference between a convention and festival. Will continue the seminars, more vehicle rides, convoys off the grounds, working fly-overs, vehicle teeter-totter, lubrication rack, and cross hobby support (model builders, reenactors, etc.).

### B. Membership Ring & Re-Enlist Rally Patrick Tipton.

## 9. New Business

A. Director Election update John Schroeder and Verne Jenkinson. 592 members have voted electronically as of this afternoon, and 8 members have requested mail-in ballots. This represents about 17.5% of the current membership. Balloting closes 24 November. Mail-in ballots due to the law office no later than 1 December. Members are reminded that the email will go to the email address on record with the MVPA as of 15 October from OpaVote, not MVPA HQ, and may land in the trash, spam or junk folder. Reminders are going out every three days for those who have not voted yet.

A. Expense reimbursement policy Bob Brough. Under the purview of the policy and by-law committee. John Hedges is looking for guidance from the board. Patrick Tipton suggested we remain limited in requests for reimbursement.

B. Sponsorship and donation policy Bob Brough.

C. Change of banking relationship John Hedges. John Hedges briefed we are currently banking with Blue Ridge Trust in the Kansas City area, probably due to convenience of the HQ. He will recommend at the December BOD meeting to change to Chase Bank due to the number of nationwide branches.

## 10. Public Comment

Address questions in chat at the conclusion of regular business. Doug Suzukovich asked why was the legal bill \$15,000. Luke Sparks asked about the split between the legacy board and the SMVPA movement. Patrick will provide a memo explaining the policy for the payment of the bill. Doug Suzukovich asked about the comment concerning moving the PO box and asked if the HQ still in Missouri. Patrick Tipton responded that yes the HQ is still in Missouri and the PO box was moved to Georgia due to USPS failing to forward the mail. Doug Suzukovich mentioned his affiliate in Florida is working with Wreaths Across America. A private question on how the credit card debt was incurred. Patrick Tipton clarified that when the SMVPA movement started the legacy board started using the credit cards in lieu of using the funds in the investment account. That debt will be paid off by the end of the calendar year.

## 11. Announcements

Upcoming events. Next BOD meeting 4 December, at 7:00pm EST. Clarification: the new board will assume their duties on 1 January 2026. Announcement of the results of the elections will happen at the December 4<sup>th</sup> meeting.

## 12. Adjourn Patrick adjourned the meeting at 8:40pm EST.