

HPVA Board of Directors and Annual Meeting Minutes – March 12, 2025

Board members present: Commander Mike Brake, Bill Brophy, Roger Moyer, Andy Jarabak, Bill Przybylski, Jeff Paul, and Rich Crawford.

Commander Mike Brake called the meeting to order at 6:31 PM in the Activities Center with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

The minutes of the February 19, 2025, meeting were reviewed and approved.

Bill Brophy reviewed the February Treasurer's Report that is posted on the website.

Roger Moyer updated the board and those in attendance on the Oasis/Tiki Veterans Memorial Flagpole project. He reported that fund raising is complete for the project at a total of \$10,390. A dedication of the memorial flagpole is likely to take place on Veterans Day in 2025.

Jason Cooper of Home Base FL addressed the board and those in attendance. Home Base FL is an organization that primarily seeks to prevent veteran suicide. They operate in SWFL in conjunction with Massachusetts General Hospital. A new program is being started at FGCU here in Ft Myers.

Following the presentation by Jason Cooper, Commander Mike Brake presented a gift of \$10,000 to Home Base FL from the HPVA.

Commander Brake shared his personal thanks for the work that organizations like Home Base FL are doing to prevent and reduce veteran suicide.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:46PM.

The 2025 Big 250 Drawing was conducted following the meeting adjournment.

Respectfully submitted,

Roger Moyer, Secretary

Next meeting will occur in April. Commander Brake will announce a date soon.