

DRAFT MEETING MINUTES
ROCKY MOUNTAIN CHAPTER
VIETNAM HELICOPTER PILOTS ASSOCIATION
21 June 2023

Call to Order: Dale House, Pres. called the meeting to order at 1007 Hrs.
Dale House, President, noted that those present represented a quorum for voting purposes.

Those Present:

Rick Beaver	Cliff Lawson	Bob White
Carlo Cavalluzzi	Doug Neil	
Dale House	Terry Olson	
Don Kent	Bob Simms	
Phil Lanphier		

Zoom Attendees: Charles Bogle, John Hargleroad, Bill Robie, Chris Towne

Dale led the team in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Meeting Minutes: The March 2023 meeting minutes were accepted.
The May 2023 meeting minutes were accepted as corrected (Caro to Carlo).

Treasurer's Report: No Treasurer's report for June 2023.

Old Business

- Dale House noted that the museum set up in Ft. Collins with the Veterans Plaza of Northern Colorado over the Memorial Day weekend was an excellent event.
 - The guest book showed over 150 signatures which would equate to over 1500 visitors.
 - The chapter museum received app. \$1500 in donations including \$250 from the Veterans Plaza of Northern Colorado (VPNC).
 - Dale made a motion to return the \$250 to the VPNC and add a matching \$250 from the chapter's operating fund (total \$500), second by Terry Olson, unanimous approval. The reason to return the money is that it is for Veterans in financial need.
 - Dale noted that the chapter T-shirts are almost gone, and he will look into a reorder.
- Clothing update: Carlo Cavalluzzi said there is clothing available for all members. We have an excess of medium sized items that need to be reduced in price so they can be sold and eliminated from inventory. These medium sized items can be sold to chapter family members.
 - There are no new orders for clothing at this time.
 - There are 366 coins in inventory.
 - 113 patches in inventory, we may need to order more in light of coming museum events.

- Carlo will take coins and patches to the VHPA reunion in San Antonio for John Hargleroad to sell in a non-vendor environment. VHPA members will be charged \$10/coin and \$5/patch.
- Terry Olson will look into finding a new model vendor since the vendor Bill Robie was using has become unresponsive. We need to find a supplier for UH-1 models.
- **Honor Flight update:**
 - High Plains Honor Flight is not scheduled for a flight until Spring 2024.
 - Rocky Mountain Honor Flight has a flight scheduled for 9/14-16. They are accepting attendees and guardians. There is a cost for guardians. WEB site is rockymountainhonorflight.org.
- Dale's contact at the American Legion Post for verifying and displaying Vietnam pictures at the Post has not been available to continue the process. Greg Mann was volunteered by proxy to continue to verify and review the potential pictures to be displayed.
- **National Vietnam Memorial Museum**
 - Charles Bogle said that the Phase II ground breaking is scheduled for 10/21/2023. The new Curator is doing an outstanding job, "all is going well."
 - The DFC Society is scheduled on the same weekend as Phase II in Tucson.
- **Huey 369**
 - Don Kent visited the Huey 369 location near Grissom AFB and Peru, IN. He said they have four flyable Hueys and gunships. They are in the process of building a new building. "It is a nice operation."

Event Schedule

- The Rocky Mountain Car Show is scheduled for **August 5 (Saturday)**. Details to come.
- Cherry Creek Veteran Appreciation is scheduled for **September 9 (Saturday)**.
- We have been invited to display HWM at WOR Exploration of Flight **September/16-18** (note details below).

NEW BUSINESS:

- Dale said a Lee Seward had submitted his membership form and dues.
- The chapter needs to restock the shirt inventory. Carlo recommended that we talk with Barbara Cavalluzzi as to the sizes and colors that we should order.

- Terry Olson said that Wings Over the Rockies (WOR) wants us to display the Chapter's Museum at the Lowery and Blue Sky location. This is in conjunction with the celebration that ended all US combat operations in Vietnam (officially 3/29/1973).
 - Their request is that we move the Museum to their **indoor** Lowery location on 9/15 and have it open for the celebration 9/16-17.
 - Their additional request is that we relocate the Museum to the Blue Sky location and have it open on 9/18. We are invited to attend a \$100/plate dinner *as guests* that evening scheduled for 6-9:00 PM.
 - Further discussions need to occur concerning the Museum's driver and potential compensation as well as RMCVHPA merchandise sales while on WOR locations.
- Due to the current Museum event schedule the request from Broomfield for the Museum during their Broomfield Days celebration cannot be entertained.
- Dale said that since two current officers were not present, the election of new officers will be pushed until the July meeting. Nominations are being accepted.
- Dale House made a motion that the Chapter's WEB site and Domain be renewed, cost is \$212/yr. Second by Phil Lanphier, unanimous approval. The Chapter's WEB site currently receives app. 50-70 looks/ month.
- Phil Lanphier volunteered to contact Michael at the Legion's kitchen to determine what arrangements can be made for lunch at future Chapter meetings.
- Dale indicated that in spite of the VHPA reunion in July, RMVHPA will have a meeting in July.

Next Meeting:

- The next monthly meeting will be on Wednesday, July 19, 2023 at 1000 HRS at American Legion Post #1, I-25 and Yale.

Adjournment:

- Dale adjourned the meeting at 1131 HRS.

Submitted by Doug Neil
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