

**ROCKY MOUNTAIN CHAPTER
VIETNAM HELICOPTER PILOTS ASSOCIATION
19 July 2023**

Call to Order: Dale House, Pres. called the meeting to order at 1003 Hrs.
Dale House, President, noted that those present represented a quorum for voting purposes.

Those Present:

Rick Beaver		Cliff Lawson	Chris Towne
Bill Bates		Jim McGreve	Bob White
Wick Clark	Al Harinck	Doug Neil	
Carlo Cavalluzzi	Dale House	Ben Prieb	
	Phil Lanphier	Mike Silva	

Zoom Attendees: Charles Bogle, Don Kent, Terry Olson, Bill Robie

Dale led the team in the Pledge of Allegiance.

In honor of new Member Wick Clark those in attendance provided self introductions, something we haven't done in awhile. Wick was stationed in Pleiku 71-72

Meeting Minutes: The June 2023 Meeting Minutes were accepted.

Treasurer's Report: The Treasurer's Reports for June and July 2023 were presented by Dale House, President and were accepted.

Old Business

- Clothing update:
 - Carlo Cavalluzzi said there is clothing available for all members.
 - Since a lot of RMCVHPA shirts were sold at the Memorial Day weekend, Dale indicated that replacement T-shirts were ordered. Dale demonstrated a sample of a new T-shirt with the RMCVHPA logo on the front and a HUEY design on the back. Four colors are available. The RMCVHPA logo will be changed to a slightly smaller size and the front placement be moved slightly left and to a higher position from the demonstration sample.
 - No coins or patches were sold at the VHPA reunion in San Antonio.
- Bill Robie said no models have been sold since our last meeting.
- **Honor Flight update:**

- High Plains Honor Flight is not scheduled for a flight until May 2024. Additional information can be obtained on their WEB site.
- 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 (Melissa Wright) has not been available to continue the process. Dale will continue the process with Tom Yagley at the American Legion.
 - Dale is considering printing 50+ 8x10 pictures however the combined cost of printing and shipping is prohibitive. Alternative picture printing and shipping from COSTCO or Snapfish is being considered.
 - Dale is working on putting the 50+ submitted pictures on the RMCVHPA WEB site.
- Google Groups: Dale House and Bill Robie are researching changing the current chapter Google Group creating a new Google Group possibly represented by RMCVHPA1. Jim McNamee stated maybe his grandson could do that.
- **National Vietnam Memorial Museum**
 - Charles Bogle said that the Phase II ground breaking is scheduled for 10/21/2023. The new ~~director~~ Curator is doing an outstanding job, "all is going well."
 - The DFC Society is scheduled in Tucson on the same weekend as Phase II ground breaking, Charles will not be able to attend
 - The DFC Society has a "coffee table book" available at a discount for new members.
- Don Kent represented the RMCVHPA Chapter at the funeral for a Vietnam Veteran former Door Gunner at the request of post #1 Commander, Tom Yagely. His attendance and outstanding representation was appreciated by the veteran's family and gave honor to RMC Chapter and the VHPA.
- Wick Clark noted that members can apply for internment at Ft. Logan any time.
- VHPA Reunion: there were app. 700 members with many spouses totaled 1300 attendees in San Antonio.
 - 19 scholarships were awarded; the VHPA needs to rebuild the scholarship fund.
 - Don Kent's granddaughter received a \$2500 scholarship award.
 - To be considered for a scholarship, submitting VHPA member has to be a current VHPA and Quad'A' member.
- Ft. Rucker is renamed to Ft. Novosel, (a Dust Off pilot and Medal of Honor recipient).

Event Schedule

- The Rocky Mountain Car Show is scheduled for **August 5 (Saturday)**. See note below.
- Cherry Creek Schools 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:

- The Rocky Mountain Car Show is scheduled for **August 5 (Saturday)** sponsored by the Colorado Car Council will be located at the Rocky Mountain Metropolitan Airport (formerly Jefferson County Regional AP).
 - Terry will send another request for docents.
 - Rich Norloff has been asked to position his OH-13 with the Chapter museum.
- 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. Doug Pereen is available as the driver.
 - Their additional request is that we relocate the Museum to the Blue Sky location and have it open on 9/18. **However, WOR wants it open for only an hour at this location.** Further discussion is required.
 - Phil Lanphier suggested we do a "Dog and Pony" presentation as opposed to setting up the museum for an hour.
 - We are invited to attend a \$100/plate dinner *as guests* that evening scheduled for 6-9:00 PM.
 - *Wings of Valor* presentation will be by Major General John Barry, USAF retired.
 - Further discussions need to occur concerning 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.
- Since the American Legion kitchen is available on Tuesday Dale asked if changing our meeting day to Tuesday was of interest. There was no interest in changing from the current day, Wednesday. Bill Bates ordered Lunch for us from Jimmy Johns.
- A motion to retain current Chapter Officers for a year was made by Phil Lanphier second by Al Harinck, unanimous approval:
 - **President** - Dale House
 - **Vice President** - Bill Bates
 - **Treasurer** - Jim McNamee
 - **Secretary** - Doug Neil

Next Meeting:

- The next monthly meeting will be on **Wednesday, August 16, 2023 at 1000 HRS** at American Legion Post #1, I-25 and Yale.

Adjournment:

- Dale adjourned the meeting at 1200 HRS.

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