

**MEETING MINUTES
ROCKY MOUNTAIN CHAPTER
VIETNAM HELICOPTER PILOTS ASSOCIATION
20 SEP 2017**

Call to Order: Dale House, Pres., called the meeting to order at 1017 HRS at American Legion Post No. 1, I-25 and Yale. Dale led the Pledge of Allegiance and dispensed with self-introductions.

Those Present:

Bill Bates (L.A.)	Greg Mann	Dave Richter
Carlo Cavalluzzi	George Mayl (L.A.)	Bill Robie
Dale House	Terry Olson	Mike Silva
Cliff Lawson	Rick Overstake	Bob White

Meeting Minutes: The August Meeting Minutes were presented. *Moved to approve, as presented, by Mike and seconded by Cliff, unanimous approval.*

Treasurer's Report: The Treasurer's Report was not presented. Jim had not received the bank statement in a timely manner.

AFTER ACTION REPORTS

- The Broomfield event presented some unique challenges as the HWM had to be freed from surrounding automobiles at Camp George West and the rig upon arriving at Broomfield found automobiles to close for easy parking. As a result the tractor's front hub grazed the closest auto, damaging the hub and auto. As previously agreed, the donations, not including merchandise donations, were split 50/50 with the Broomfield Veterans Museum (Davis Lewis) in the amount of \$39. Museum visitors were again light due to the location of the HWM and cloudy weather. Sometime before next year we will approach the Organizing Committee to seek a remedy on location.
- The Honor Flight was again met by RMCVPHA members in the Signature Hangar at DIA. The next Honor Flight will be in early May 2018. Unofficially relayed that Vietnam Veterans, if applying now will have a three-year wait. Also, current expense for escorts is \$900. Different from previous welcoming ceremonies was that the returnees were kept in the hanger for approximately half an hour before boarding the return busses. For the first time, Signature provided coffee and water, which was needed as our supplies ran out due to the duration of time the returnees spent compared to previous return celebrations.

HELICOPTER WAR MUSEUM

- Because of the cloudy day, it appeared darker inside the HWM during Broomfield days. *Mike S. made the motion to add four lights to the current array. Terry seconded and carried unanimously.*
- A review of new flooring for the HWM was discussed. The consensus was to delay the new flooring until the current floor needed repair.

- Because of delays in obtaining the replacement panel, the Freedom Memorial in Aurora has canceled their Veterans Day event. Terry will talk to WOR about their proposed event to determine if we fit in. Membership discussed participation in Longmont Veterans Day parade and celebration. All felt that our display had run its course and was not attracting visitors at the Legion in Longmont.
- During the Broomfield event, the Northern Colorado Corvette Club inquired if we would be interested in joint participation of future events. The discussion will continue when an event is being scheduled,
- Bill R. asked why we are not doing public school events. Several members volunteered to contact their respective schools for further information.

Members wear, Museum sales, Models

- Walt being absent, no discussion was held on the challenge coins.
- Contact Carlo for detailed information on in-stock items and ordering logo clothing. A new order is being assembled now so contact Carlo sooner rather than later. He distributed previously ordered apparel after the meeting.
- Bill R. turned in \$220 in model sales from his shop. He reminded everyone that RMCVPHA has a sales tax license. He has renewed the license and paid sales tax on models he has sold. The discussion concluded with assigning Jim to investigate further and advise if changes are needed to our donation procedures.
- Dale said the HWM T-shirts and hats continue to sell. Inventory will be refreshed at a later date.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Save the date for the Holiday Party on Saturday, December 9th.
- Still anticipating a presentation for all of our members who have not received a Vietnam 50th commemorative recognition.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Don Brown, the father of Candy's hygienist, donated about 20 Stars and Stripes and some other miscellaneous Aviation Digest from 1967-1968. These issues will be added to the Chapters library.
- Bill R. mentioned that private tours of Vietnam in the \$799-\$1399 for 8 or 13-day tours respectively are currently available. The tours represent a fair value and offer very good amenities.
- The next national VHPA reunion will be in Atlanta summer of 2018. As a side note, Mike Law is relinquishing the reunion chair for this year.

Next Meeting:

- The monthly meeting will be a WEEKDAY Meeting on Wednesday, October 18th. A \$7.00 lunch, by Post #1 will be available immediately following the meeting. Dale, Jim and Bill B. will be absent from the meeting.

Adjournment: Dale adjourned the meeting at 1149 hrs.

Submitted by Bill Bates
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