

**ROCKY MOUNTAIN CHAPTER  
VIETNAM HELICOPTER PILOTS ASSOCIATION  
16 August 2023**

**Call to Order:** Bill Bates, Vice President called the meeting to order at 1002 Hrs.

Bill Bates, Vice President, noted that that those present represented a quorum for voting purposes.

**Those Present:**

Rick Beaver	Cliff Lawson	Doug Neil
Bill Bates	George Mayl	Bob Simms
Wick Clark	Jim McGrevey	Chris Towne
Carlo Cavalluzzi	Terry Olson	Bob White

*Zoom Attendees:* Charles Bogle, Ken Hamburger, Al Harinck, Don Kent

Bill led the team in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Those in attendance provided self introductions.

Because of issues with the ZOOM call, ZOOM attendees were missed for introductions.

**Meeting Minutes:** The July 2023 Meeting Minutes were accepted.

**Treasurer's Report:** No Treasurer's Report available for August 2023.

**Old Business**

- Clothing update:
  - Carlo Cavalluzzi said there is clothing available for all members.
  - Many size mediums are available.
  - Winter is coming, jackets and vests can be ordered.
  - Carlo showed the new 4" chapter patch which has adhesive on the back. Consequently they can be attached to any desired garment.
  - Carlo made "Vietnam poppies" available to the members.
- Bill Bates noted that the new chapter T-shirts are available and will be with Dale House at the next meeting.
- Terry Olson said he is in contact with a potential mahogany model vendor based in California. He has not seen a model sample but the pictures look the same as our past vendor. The wholesale

price is higher with additional shipping charges. The vendor does not have UH-1 slick models available in time for our next museum event. A decision needs to be made if we want to work with this vendor, tabled for now.

- **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](http://rockymountainhonorflight.org).

- No update on the American Legion Vietnam wall pictures.

- We are looking for a data entry volunteer to help Dale. George Mayl said he may have a candidate.

- **National Vietnam Memorial Museum**

- No Update.

### **Event Schedule**

- 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 was successful with steady attendance. Dale sent an after action report in an email to the chapter members.
- Cherry Creek Schools Veteran Appreciation day is a GO. Terry will send out a docent request.
- 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 plan is that we move the museum and OH-6 to their indoor Lowery location on 9/15 between 0800 and 0830 and have it open for the celebration 9/16-17 during museum hours. The museum will be positioned next to the UH-1 M model gunship. Doug Pereen is available as the driver.
  - Additionally, we will relocate the Museum and OH-6 after closing on the 17th (5:00 PM) or the next morning before opening at 10:00 AM to the Blue Sky location and have it open on 9/18 for one hour prior to the dinner.
  - 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 General Ron R. Fogleman, USAF retired.
  - Dress is business casual.

- Chapter sale items at the WOR facility needs additional discussion.
- Terry will send a docent request for the 15th, 16th, 17th and 18th.
- Due to the current Museum event schedule the request from Broomfield for the Museum during their Broomfield Days celebration cannot be entertained.
- Vendor plaza donations- no additional information.
- George noted that the next National VHPA reunion is in Reno, NV. Members might want to consider an AMTRAC train trip from Denver to Reno.

**Next Meeting:**

- The next monthly meeting will be on Wednesday, September 20, 2023 at 1000 HRS at American Legion Post #1, I-25 and Yale.

**Adjournment:**

- Bill adjourned the meeting at 1039 HRS.

**Submitted by Doug Neil**  
**Secretary**  
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