

**ROCKY MOUNTAIN CHAPTER
VIETNAM HELICOPTER PILOTS ASSOCIATION
20 September 2023**

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

Those Present:

Rick Beaver	Dale House	Mike Poindexter
Bill Bates	Greg Mann	Bob Simms
Wick Clark	Doug Neil	Chris Towne
Carlo Cavalluzzi	Terry Olson	Bob White

Zoom Attendees: John Hargleroad

Dale House led the team in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Meeting Minutes: The August 2023 Meeting Minutes were accepted.

Treasurer's Report: No Treasurer's Report available for September 2023.

Old Business

- **Clothing update:**
 - Carlo Cavalluzzi said there is clothing available for all members.
 - Coins and patches are available.
- Dale noted that the new chapter T-shirts are available. He will bring them at the next meeting.

Mahogany Models

- Terry Olson had no update on potential mahogany model purchases.

Wings Over the Rockies Air Force Foundation Dinner

- Dale gave an after action report on the dinner.
- Dale sent an email to the chapter members with a link to Shutterfly containing pictures of the dinner and the three day museum activities.
- Dale noted that WoR and the Air Force Foundation supports the Lao-Hmong organization that flies a T-28 today as they did in Vietnam.

RMCVHPA museum and Wings Over the Rockies

- The “museum in a museum” was successful.
 - WoR staff opened the UH-1M *Sweet Sioux* and chapter members handled docent duty.
 - The OH-6 LOACH was well attended although it arrived a day late due to technical issues.
 - Guests were numerous and diverse ranging from school teachers to citizens from the Maldives and Vietnam. Guests from Vietnam noted that the people appear to have accepted the communist government controlling their life and thoughts.
 - There is a potential guest speaker about Vietnam opportunity in the future.
 - The museum received \$430 for hat, challenge coin and T-shirt donations.
 - Dale thanked Terry Olson for the outstanding job he did coordination the three day museum activities.
 - Dale noted that the museum tractor driver, Doug Perrine, did a great job moving the museum at WoR and at the Exploration of Flight location.
 - Terry Olson said that one of the guests was so impressed with the RMCVHPA museum she was going to send a letter to WoR management requesting that they keep the museum in place at the main WoR location.
 - Several pictures of Bill Robie’s Aircraft Commander picture were taken by guests.
 - There was a lot of interest in Bob White’s POW experience.
 - The chapter members want to thank Barbara Cavalluzzi for her support and dedication during and in advance of the chapter activities.
- **Honor Flight update:**
 - High Plains Honor Flight is not scheduled for a flight until May 2024. Additional information museum can be obtained on their WEB site.
 - Rocky Mountain Honor Flight is still scheduling flights.
- **The American Legion Vietnam Wall**
 - Melissa seems to have disappeared as to managing the Vietnam pictures for the Legion wall project.
 - 50 pictures with 8x10 frames will be needed.
 - Shutterfly is a potential vendor for the 50 pictures with a price of app. \$200.00
 - A description needs to be on the back of each picture.
 - Greg Mann will help Dale House with this project.

- We are looking for a data entry volunteer to help Dale for the new Google group.
- **National Vietnam Memorial Museum**
 - Continues to develop the displays.

Event Schedule

- The museum ***potentially*** will be scheduled at the Denver Civic Center Plaza on Veterans Day, Saturday 11/11.

NEW BUSINESS:

- The RMCVHPA Chapter is not required to pay the American Legion for the use of their facility.
- Christmas party at Greg Mann's house December 2.

Next Meeting:

- The next monthly meeting will be on Wednesday, October 18, 2023 at 1000 HRS at American Legion Post #1, I-25 and Yale.

Adjournment:

- Dale adjourned the meeting at 1106 HRS.

Submitted by Doug Neil
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