

**MEETING MINUTES
ROCKY MOUNTAIN CHAPTER
VIETNAM HELICOPTER PILOTS ASSOCIATION
16 JAN 2019**

Call to Order: Dale House, Pres., called the meeting to order at 1000 Hrs at American Legion Post No. 1, I-25 & Yale. He led the Pledge of Allegiance. Self-introductions were waived.

Those Present:

Rick Beaver	George Mayl	Ben Prieb
Lyle Borders	Jim McNamee	Bill Robie
Carlo Cavalluzzi	Bill McPherson	Mike Silva
Dale House	Doug Neil	Robert White
Cliff Lawson	Terry Olson	Joe Minkiewicz
Greg Mann	Ken Overturf	

Meeting Minutes: The November 2018 Meeting Minutes were presented. *Moved to approve, as presented, by Carl and seconded by George, unanimous approval.*

Treasurer's Report: The Treasurer's reports covering December, and November activity were presented by Jim. *Moved to approve, as presented, by Carl and seconded by Rick, unanimous approval.*

AFTER ACTION REPORTS

No After Action report needed.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Dale asked if there were any pictures available from Greg Mann's Christmas Party that can be used for the VHPA Aviator Rocky Mountain section. Unfortunately, no pictures are available.
- Discussion around the **Sky Vista Middle School:**
 - Bill Robie suggested we look into a better student metering system if we attend in 2019. Joe Mink said he would look into it.
 - *Possible scenarios would be:*
 - Present to 1 or 2 older student classes, interested student could visit the museum later.
 - Present to each class during the day.
 - Joe said another lower grade school is also interested in participating.
 - Flying the South Vietnamese Flag was liked by Vietnamese visitors.

- o Other military attendees were impressed with the museum.
- o Doug Neil read a Thank You note from the Karen Puga, School Principal.
- o Two Vietnamese soldiers attended and were appreciative of our service.

□ **Honor Flight:**

- o Carl reiterated that the Northern Colorado Honor Flight was dissolved. However, a new Honor Flight called High Plains H.F. was being planned. Ben Preib said he was trying to get on the committee.
- o The new Honor Flight is scheduled to do the same venue September 15-16, 2019. Five members indicated they would be interested in participating in the honor Flight return.
- o A new WEB page will be updated about February 2019.

□ **Jim McNamee:**

- o John Grauff sent a hello card.
- o Rick Overstake also sent his regards.
- o 2019 VHPA calendar was passed around.

□ **Members wear, Museum sales Models:**

- o Carlo stated he has a the new shipment of clothes available.
- o There are 106 chapter coins available for sale at \$5.00 ea.

□ **Helicopter War Museum:**

- o The new floor tiles were approved during the November meeting and we will move on it when Bill Bates returns.
- o No new information concerning the museum.

• **Event Schedule for the museum:**

- o History and Heritage-Buckley, 1March-TBD if it is a go by Dale.
- o Ft. Collins Memorial Day traveling wall, 3 Day event. We will attend but it will require close coordination since it is a week before the VHPA reunion in KC.
- o Bandimere Speed Way - No go.
- o Golden Lions Park, 4th of July Celebration-We will attend.
- o Erie Air Fair - TBD
- o Sky Vista Middle School and the Veterans Day Parade at the Civic Center Park dates need to be further coordinated due to possible conflict with 11/11 Veterans Day activities.
- o Rocky Mountain Regional Air Show in August-further details need to be determined. Terry Olson to look into participation

- o Front Range Car and Antique Air Show. Terry Olson to look into participation.
- **RMCVHPA WEB (rmcvhpa.com):**
 - o GoDaddy domain and WEB site for RMCVHPA expires this month. Several option available to renew to include improved security via encryption. Old site available for renewal with inscription at \$486 for three years.
 - o To reduce the renewal cost, Candy House will rebuild our WEB site to meet new security requirements, estimated to be \$300. Motion to approve the \$300 was made by Rick, seconded by Lyle approved unanimously.
 - o VHPA Facebook is a good source for information.
- **Other Old Business**
 - o The \$1000 donation approved for the Crusade Valor needs to be distributed.
 - Several options were discussed. Dale will contact Tracy Nazarinas to determine the best way to deliver the donation and at the same time maximize awareness of their organization.
 - o The approved \$300 donation to Witness to War also needs to be distributed.
 - o Jim McNamee is accepting 2019 dues. Checks made out to RMCVPHA in the amount of \$20 can be mailed to 5 Summit Cedar Dr, Littleton CO 80127. Or come to the monthly meeting and pay Jim there.

NEW BUSINESS:

- **National VHPA Reunion scheduled 18May thru 26May in Denver for 2020:**
 - o The VHPA reunion will be held at the Sheridan Hotel 1515 Court Place.
 - o Ashley Bird (VHPA reunion committee) will be visiting Denver sometime in Q1-2019.
 - Ashley will be looking for ideas for a flyer to be distributed at the KC reunion as well as venues available in the Denver area in 2020. Using our RMCVHPA logo as part of the flyer was discussed. Members are solicited to help develop the Reunion logo centered around our RMC logo.
 - Some of the ideas for 2020 reunion venues are:
 - Buckley AFB tour, Mt. Evans, Pikes Peak, Coors, Golf, WWII museum Co Sp, Wings Over the Rockies, Georgetown, Buffalo Bills Grave/Lookout Mountain, Western BBQ (Don Rice), Rocky Mountain National Park.
 - o George is going to meet with the Director of “Visit Denver” (Carrie Awta) this weekend for additional recommendations.
 - o Local RMCVHPA members will get first choice at volunteer jobs. A volunteer schedule for Convention activities will be forwarded at a later date.
 - o Additional considerations for the 2020 reunion:

- Additional RMCVHPA challenge coins-Dale
 - Sell Museum hats and shirts as well as chapter logo clothing to VHPA attendees.
 - Use associate members as volunteers - Terry
 - Volunteers wear RMCVHPA logo clothing.
 - Models and coffee cups inventory.
 - Sell items at the trailer not the vendor room because of Vendor room cost, licensing, Tax ID, etc.?
 - Location of where to park the HWM Trailer most likely on the street?
- **Chapter Activities need to be submitted for the March/April issue of the Aviator**
 - **Carl contacted numerous manufacturers of patches and determined that a local company, *Quality Lapel Pins* is the best price/performance provider of the RMCVHPA patch and is his recommendation.**
 - Quantity 100: \$2.53 ea.
 - Quantity 200: \$1.98 ea.
 - 12" jacket back quantity 10: \$41.25 ea.
 - **Discussion needs to continue concerning money for additional volume of items that can be sold at he 2020 reunion.**

Next Meeting:

- The next monthly meeting in 2019 will be on Wednesday, February 20^h at 1000 HRS. A \$7.00 lunch, by Post #1 will be available immediately following the meeting.

Adjournment: Dale adjourned the meeting at 1155 HRS.

Submitted by Doug Neil
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