MEETING MINUTES ROCKY MOUNTAIN CHAPTER VIETNAM HELICOPTER PILOTS ASSOCIATION 16 FEB 22

<u>Call to Order</u>: Dale House, Pres., called the meeting to order at 1015 Hrs in Post 1 and on a Zoom internet connection. He led the Pledge of Allegiance. Self-introductions were waived. Dale noted a quorum was present for conducting business.

Those Present:

Bill Bates Phil Lanphier Richard Overstake

Rick Beaver George Mayl Mike Silva
Carlo Cavalluzzi Jim McNamee* Larry Tomek*
John Hargleroad* Doug Neil* Bob White

Dale House Terry Olson

Meeting Minutes: The January Meeting Minutes were posted on the website and accepted without change.

<u>Treasurer's Report:</u> The Treasurer's report as of 9 FEB was presented by Jim. The Treasurer's Report was accepted as reported.

OLD BUSINESS:

- George said that Dragon Man Museum would be glad to house our meeting in Colorado Springs. A
 meeting date of 18 May was selected. The idea of meeting at the American Legion Hall and convoying down was suggested. This date does not conflict with the 26 30 May for the reunion.
- Carlo still has patches and coins (plenty). Placed and received order for chapter clothing. Due to supply chain issues, some substitutions were made. Contact him for specifics. Additionally, the High Plains Honor Flight is planning to resume in Mid May of 2022. Applications are taken on their website.
- George left several patches and challenge coins at out of state USO's. Bob thought we had decided not to do that. Discussion ensued and a verbal clarification by Dale that patches are not to be sold to the general public did not prohibit appropriate public displays of the patch.
- Rick and Bill lubed the HWM backdoor hinges and appears to solve the heavy lifting problem. Should lubricate the hinges on an as needed basis.
- A suggested donation to the fire victims was followed up by Bill. Thinking that veterans should be supported, he contacted the American Legion 111 in Louisville. They have setup a separate bank account to receive and disperse donations. They were not able to share the method of selection or amount of award to veterans at this time. Bill and Rick will advise when this is clarified.

^{*} Zoom Attendees

- Dale reached out to Dennis for an appropriate response for the Weir financial donation. No response yet. Dale to pursue the information.
- Donations the National Vietnam War Museum at the old Ft. Wolters site will net a commemorative challenge coin with the person's name engraved.
- At this time, no HWM events are confirmed. Still trying to confirm (1) Freedom Memorial (Aurora);
 (2) traveling wall event in Mead, contact made, no response. Both events occur on Memorial Day.
 The Warbirds event has been disbanded for the foreseeable future.

New Business:

- At last ask, Mike Poindexter and John Hargleroad are the known attenders to the Tampa Reunion.
- Anyone wishing to contribute an article for the Aviator, please contact Dale for further info.
- George showed an email about the VA reconsidering the amount of awards for disability. He
 will forward the email to everyone in the group. Discussed and consented to have a VA representative address the group on awards availability and process at a future meeting.
- Mike updated progress on the Huey refurbishment. Due to a legal issue, work has been suspended until further notice.
- Dale brought a copy of the CDC report on the "malaria" meds we all took in Vietnam.
- The zoom meeting sound is not satisfactory. Officers will investigate improvements.

Next Meeting:

• The next monthly meeting will be on Wednesday, 16 MAR 22 at 1000 HRS at American Legion Post #1. (Zoom will be available)

Adjournment:

• Dale adjourned the meeting after 1100 HRS.

Submitted by Bill Bates VP wfbates@yahoo.com