

**ROCKY MOUNTAIN CHAPTER
VIETNAM HELICOPTER PILOTS ASSOCIATION
21 February 2024**

Call to Order: Dale House, President, called the meeting to order at 1008 Hrs.
Dale House noted that that those present represented a quorum for voting purposes.

Those Present:

Bill Bates	Dale House	Terry Olson
Rick Beaver	Cliff Lawson	Mike Silva
Carlo Cavalluzzi	George Mayl	Chris Towne
Wick Clark	Doug Neil	Bob White
Bruce Girvan		

Zoom Attendees: Charles Bogle, Joe King, Jim McNamee

Dale House led the team in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Dale collected 2024 dues from various members.

Dale inquired if everyone was receiving email messages with the new chapter Google Group, one person's issue needed to be addressed.

Bill Bates ordered lunch.

Meeting Minutes: The January 2024 Meeting Minutes were accepted.

Treasurer's Report: Jim McNamee reviewed the treasurer's reports for February 2024. They were accepted.

Dale inquired as to the status of the chapter liability insurance which Jim said has been paid, also the sales tax license. Dale noted that the chapter WEB security certificate was paid.

Old Business

• **Clothing update:**

- Carlo Cavalluzzi said there is clothing available for all members. Although some items are becoming low in inventory, he wants to see order requests before ordering additional items.
- T-shirts, Coins and patches are available.
- The coins with the old design are sold out; Carl passed around the coin with the new design for members to review. New coins are \$5.00 for members. T-shirts are \$8.00 for members.
- Carl said that the order for new hats has been placed.

- **American Legion Vietnam Wall**

- The Legion has decided to go a different way for the Memorial Wall and will not be using our pictures. Bob White suggested , “we create a Scrap Book with the pictures we have accumulated.” Dale House will do some research as his wife makes Quality Scrapbooks.

- **Mahogany Models**

- Terry Olson said that there are nine models in inventory.

- **Wings Over the Rockies**

- Dale House and Terry Olson will set up a meeting with WOR.
- **Honor Flight update:**
 - High Plains Honor Flight is not scheduled for a flight until May 28, 2024. They will be leaving and returning via the Loveland airport. Carl will determine if guest welcome activities are available and notify members via the chat group.
 - Rocky Mountain honor flight from DIA is scheduled for 4/18-20; 5/24-25; 9/5-7.
 - Southern Colorado honor flight is scheduled for 4/26-28 out of Colorado Springs.

- **National Vietnam Memorial Museum**

- Charles Bogle said the activities for the museum continue in Mineral Wells. Fund raiser activities continue at Crazy Water Hotel.
- Ground breaking for phase II of the museum has been completed, final engineering design is under way.

- **DFC**

- Charles Bogle said he has several DFC books (Heroic Wings) available to any new DFC members.

NEW BUSINESS:

Event Schedule:

- Memorial Day at the Colorado Freedom Memorial, (5/25/2024) museum activities and date TBD.
- Dale noted that the cost of Zoom is \$170/ Yr and asked if we want to continue with it.
 - Cliff Lawson will look into additional capabilities of Zoom such as recording and writing meeting minutes using AI.

The Aviator:

- Dale said The Aviator is transitioning to a quarterly publication with one additional issue due to the Reno reunion.
- Information on the Reno reunion will be available on the VHPA WEB site 1 March.
- George Mayl suggested taking the train to Reno due to the magnificent scenery.

- Carl reported that YouTube has a documentary called the “Truth and Myths About the Vietnam War” narrated by Sam Elliot that is interesting.
- The Army Aviation magazine has an article by Dale House titled “my 48 feet of air space.”
- Cliff Lawson said he has two openings for portraits.
- Dale showed pictures that members had submitted for the American Legion Memorial Wall.

Next Meeting:

- The next monthly meeting will be on *Wednesday, March 20, 2024* at 1000 HRS at American Legion Post #1, I-25 and Yale.

Adjournment:

- Dale adjourned the meeting at 10:55 HRS.

**Submitted by Doug Neil
Secretary**

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