##  **MEETING MINUTES**

**ROCKY MOUNTAIN CHAPTER**

**VIETNAM HELICOPTER PILOTS ASSOCIATION**

**19 APR 2017**

**Call to Order:** Dale House, Pres., called the meeting to order at 1002 HRS at American Legion Post No. 1, I-25 and Yale. Dale led the Pledge of Allegiance and self-introductions.

**Those Present:**

Bill Bates

Rick Beaver

Charles Bogle

Lyle Borders

Carlo Cavalluzzi

John Cunningham

Dale House

Rick Johnson

Phil Lanphier

Cliff Lawson

Jim McNamee

Doug Neil

Donnie O’Connor

Terry Olson

Rick Overstake

Don Rice

Bill Robie

Mike Silva

Bob White

Walter Wise

**Meeting Minutes:** The March Meeting Minutes were presented. *Moved to approve*, as presented, by Mike and seconded by Terry, unanimous approval.

**Treasurer’s Report:** The March and April Treasurer’s Reports were presented. *Moved to approve*, as presented by John and seconded by Rick O., unanimous approval.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**AFTER ACTION REPORTS**

* 50th Anniversary Commemoration: On April 7, a recognition of Vietnam Veterans was held at Red Rocks Community College hosted by US Rep. Ed Perlmutter. Recognized from the Chapter were Bill B., Rick B., Carlo, Dale, Bill R. Presentations were made in Rep. Perlmutter’s absence by General Edwards and General Rose. Because of the response to Rep. Perlmutter’s offer to present, approximately seven more ceremonies are planned.

**HELICOPTER WAR MUSEUM**

* Charles Bogle came to discuss the Westcliffe event. He commented that 30% of Custer County are veterans, a UH-60, Apache and color guard from Ft Carson are scheduled to be in attendance. Transportation and a budget have been approved. The one day Westcliffe event is scheduled for Saturday May 13th. A coordinated transport by Sheppard Trucking and the event sponsors has been arranged. The HWM will be delivered on Friday May 12th for setup. Contact Jim M. for docent volunteering.
* Refurbishing Museum has started. The overhead fans were removed and roof patched as the new swamp cooler provides adequate ventilation and cooling. The solar panel was removed and roof patched as Rick and Bill thought this was the entry point for the roof water leakage. The shadow boxes have been re-stained and displays inside the boxes have been refreshed and refurbished as necessary. Rick and Bill B. brought a mockup of the new permanent picture display. Bill B. showed a notched board for display of Ed Fickes’ letters. The consensus was to proceed with the pictures and letter displays.

**Members wear, Museum sales, Models**

* Dale passed around several reverse side designs for consideration for the Challenge Coins. A *vote was taken* and the “50th Commemoration” was chosen. Dale will pursue placing an order of 200 coins. Phil Lanphier and Charles Bogle offered to research their previous coin makers so that a competitive bid can be considered by Dale.
* *Motion was made* by John C. and seconded by Rick O. to spend up to $700.00 for new T-shirts for the HWM. Passed unanimously. Dale to pursue.
* Contact Carlo for detailed information on in stock items and ordering logo clothing. He distributed previously ordered apparel after the meeting.
* Model sales continue to be brisk. There are plenty of UH-1’s in stock. Other models—not so much.
* Phil brought in a model plaque for presentation to Dan Shepard trucking in appreciation of transporting our HWM.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

* A reminder to every one of the May 27-29 event in FT Collins. Terry will be sending out a request for docents.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

* After the Perlmutter 50th Commemorative Ceremony, Dale was invited by the Staff to a meeting at the Representatives’ office. The topic was to ask the RMCVPHA to become a sponsor of the 50th Commemorative recognition efforts. Dale agreed, which allows the Chapter to present our own recognition and to use all of the official artwork and advertising of the 50th Vietnam War Commemorative group.

* No information has been obtained about participation in the Pikes Peak Air Show held 23-24 of September. Will postpone discussion until later.
* Carlo noted that the next Honor Flight is May 8th with another in September. Carlo will send out requests for volunteers.
* Officer nominations will be taken at the May meeting. Elections will be held at the June Meeting.
* Charles ask for the Chapter to consider contributions to the National Vietnam War Museum. FedEx is making matching contributions. No action was taken.
* Mike reported on status of components for the helicopter rebuild. Current estimate for completion is year end.

**Next Meeting:**

* The monthly meeting will be a WEEKDAY Meeting on Wednesday, May 17th. A $7.00 lunch, by the Post #1 will be available immediately following the meeting.

**Adjournment:** Dale adjourned the meeting at 1147 hrs.

**Submitted by Bill Bates**

**Secretary**

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