

**DRAFT MEETING MINUTES**  
**ROCKY MOUNTAIN CHAPTER**  
**VIETNAM HELICOPTER PILOTS ASSOCIATION**  
**17 July 2024**

**Call to Order:** Dale House, President, called the meeting to order at 1005 Hrs.  
Dale House noted that those present represented a quorum for voting purposes.

**Those Present:**

Bill Bates	Bob Harris	Doug Neil	Chris Towne
Carlo Cavalluzzii	Dale House	Terry Olson	Bob White
Wick Clark	Phil Lanphier	Rick Overstake	
Bruce Girvan	Greg Mann	David Palladino	
	Jim McGrevey	Mike Silva	

**Zoom Attendees:** John Hargleroad, Cliff Lawson, Bill Robie

Bill Bates ordered lunch.

**Meeting Minutes:** The June 2024 Meeting Minutes were accepted.

**Treasurer's Report:** No Treasurer's report since Jim McNamee was traveling and not available.

**Old Business**

• **Clothing update:**

- Carl Cavalluzzi said There is clothing available for all members. Plenty of medium sizes are available for family members.
- T-shirts, Coins (143) and Patches (104) are available.

**Mahogany Models**

- Terry Olson said 17 models of various types are available.
- Dale is going to post a list of available models on the VHPARMC WEB site.

• **Honor Flight update:**

- Carlo Cavalluzzi said the next High Plains Honor Flight is scheduled for April 2025.
- The next flight for Rocky Mountain High Honor Flight is September 2024 and is probably full. There is no scheduled flight for 2025 yet.

- **National Vietnam Memorial Museum**

- Charles Bogle was not available for updates on the museum.

- **Wings Over The Rockies**

- Terry Olson reported that in addition to the VA Clinic event on August 24, WOR is scheduling a new event titled *History Comes to Life* at WOR Exploration of flight location. Dates are 8/29 thru 9/2. Members need to decide if they want to set up the HWM on 8/29 or wait until 8/30 which is a scheduled media event.
- We need to determine if the HWM can go directly to WOR Exploration of Flight after the conclusion of the VA Clinic event.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

### **Event Schedule:**

- Car Council of Colorado, Car and Air Show (August 3)
  - VA Clinic in Loveland (August 24)
  - WOR Exploration of Flight (August 29-September 2)
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- Dale reported that the 90th birthday party for Col Bill McPherson was a tremendous success. At the party, Dale talked with Wings Over the Rockies CEO Gen John Barry who is in the process of retiring. During their conversation the subject of the final placement of the HWM was discussed. General Barry indicated that he would like to see the HWM installed at WOR at some point in time.
- Dale discussed with the chapter members other options for the final disposition of the HWM after its end-of-life such as Texas Tech (Lubbock, TX) and the National Vietnam Memorial (Mineral Wells, TX).
- Subsequently, Dale distributed a paper titled *End of Life Discussion with Wings Over The Rockies*. The paper contained a list of talking points chapter members need to consider when the HWM comes to its end-of-life in the future.
- Phil Lanphier suggested that the chapter make a video tour of the HWM. Greg Mann suggested that it could be digitized and archived with a facility like Texas Tech.
- Terry Olson voiced a concern as to the new WOR CEO and his/her potential view of the HWM and its subsequent status and placement.
- Greg Mann suggested everything in the HWM could be digitized and sent to Texas Tech.
- Dale is creating a list of member donated HWM items and determining what items can remain with the HWM and what items need to be returned.

- Dale informed the members that the Chapter WEB site by Go Daddy is non-supported due to its age. After discussing the options concerning Go Daddy, Dale motioned that the chapter sign a five year plan which is very price competitive. Second by Rick Overstake and unanimous approval. Dale's wife, Candy will work with Go Daddy to rebuild the Chapter WEB site on the new Go Daddy platform. Cost of the new Platform is \$700 for five years which includes the SSL certificate. Dale will let the Treasurer know.
- Dale is checking on a driver for the VA Clinic event in Loveland. If he is not successful he will work with Bruce Girvan to find a driver.
- Phil Lanphier gave a CD of the Memorial Service of Medal of Honor recipient John Swanson to Dale House. Dale will see if we can digitize it and put it on the WEB site.
- Carlo requested that when chapter members use the Chat Group they use VHPARMC not RMCVHPA. This is an effort to delete the old RMCVHPA chat group name which would disappear after two years of no use.
- Greg Mann's Christmas Party is changed from December 7 to December 14.

**Next Meeting:**

- The next monthly meeting will be on Wednesday, August 21, 2024 at 1000 HRS

**Adjournment:**

- Dale House adjourned the meeting at 11:12 HRS.

**Submitted by Doug Neil**

**Secretary**

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