

**ROCKY MOUNTAIN CHAPTER
VIETNAM HELICOPTER PILOTS ASSOCIATION
15 November 2023**

Call to Order: Dale House, President, called the meeting to order at 1012 Hrs.
Dale House noted that those present represented a quorum for voting purposes.

Those Present:

Carlo Cavalluzzi
Wick Clark
Bruce Girvan
Dale House

Phil Lanphier
Cliff Lawson
Greg Mann
Jim McGrevey

Doug Neil
Terry Olson
Chris Towne
Bob White

Zoom Attendees: Bill Bates, Ted Carrico, Ken Hamburger

Dale House led the team in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Meeting Minutes: The October 2023 Meeting Minutes were updated to reflect the location of the Veterans Day activities as Denver City Park. The October 2023 minutes were accepted as amended.

Treasurer's Report: Dale House read the treasurer's reports for October and November. It was noted that an outstanding check for Greg Mann was listed in both months and one should be removed. The Treasurer's Report was accepted as amended.

- Dale noted that the current Dues Paid status is on the "Active" chapter roster being passed around.
- Chris Towne asked if dues could be paid using Venmo. The chapter is not set up to use Venmo at this time.
- Phil Lanphier ordered lunch.

Old Business

- **Clothing update:**
 - Carlo Cavalluzzi said there is clothing available for all members.
 - T-shirts, Coins and patches are available.
 - A mistake was made by the supplier by supplying a long sleeve fleece jacket rather than a sleeveless vest. The fleece jacket is available at the same price as the vest, size is Large.
 - No chapter T-shirts were sold due to the cancelation of the museum at the Veterans Day venue.

- Dale demonstrated a new PayPal device (Zettle) for processing point of sale orders. It is tethered to the cell phone and reduces processing fees. One was given to Carlo Cavalluzzi for future item sales.

• **New Google Group**

- Dale noted that because of **Carlo's hard work** the new chat group, VHPARMC@googlegroups.com is up and running. The old Google chat group is discontinued.
- Carlo noted that there are 97 members in the new Google chat group. If there are any changes that need to be addressed now or occur in the future, notify Carlo.

• **American Legion Vietnam Wall**

- The plan for Vietnam pictures on the Legion wall has been changed and pictures will no longer be needed.
- Dale is working with Legion's Melissa Watkins and Tom Yeagley on the new plan.
- Dale told Greg that the pictures that had been submitted for the wall are on Shutterfly in two albums. Greg may want to download them for viewing during the Christmas party December 2.

- John Keene, State of Colorado Commander for the VFW, gave each chapter member a **WELCOME HOME** coin and thanked us for our service.

Mahogany Models

- Terry Olson said that we have sold several Huey and Cobra models. There are 2 Huey, 2 OH-58, and 2 B-52 models in inventory.
 - Since there are no events scheduled until 2024 he does not plan to order additional models.
 - If a member wants a model, send Terry an email and he can order it.

Wings Over the Rockies Air Force Foundation Dinner

- Terry had no update about Wings Over the Rockies.

• **Honor Flight update:**

- High Plains Honor Flight is not scheduled for a flight until May 2024. Additional information museum can be obtained on their WEB site.
- Rocky Mountain Honor Flight is still scheduling flights.

• **National Vietnam Memorial Museum**

- Dale commented that the first building is complete and work has started on a second building.
 - Charles Bogle continues to work with the National Vietnam Museum.

- Dale expressed a hope that when the time comes, the RMCVHPA museum would stay in Colorado hopefully with Wings Over the Rockies.

Event Schedule

Denver Veterans Day activities:

- Although we could not attend the Denver Veterans Day festivities at the Denver City Park, the coordinator said we would be invited back for next year.
- Dale said our tractor driver was sorry he could not be available due to a death in his family. Dale tried several alternative solutions but they could not work in time for venue.
- Phil Lanphier said the attendance for the parade and ceremonies was very good. There were many children in attendance.
- The Colorado National Guard had a good presence with their vehicles.
- There were a number of various merchant tents, parking did not appear to be a problem.
- Bruce Girvan said to contact him next time we have this issue, he has contacts for drivers and tractors.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Cliff Lawson visited the Vietnam Memorial Wall in Washington DC and was moved to see that the names after November 1967 need not have been there if the then politicians had admitted that the war was not winnable.
 - He recommended reading the book *Road to Disaster*.
- Dale updated the chapter on changes with Tricare, Social security, IRAs, RMDs, and campaign deductions.
- Wick donated a survival radio for the museum. Dale indicated he is building a new shadow box to display the survival vest and included survival items.
- **No December 2023 meeting.**
- **Christmas party at Greg Mann's house December 2 (at 5 PM)**
 - **9453 Southern Hills Circle**
Lone Tree, CO 80124

Next Meeting:

- The next monthly meeting will be on Wednesday, January 17, 2024 at 1000 HRS at American Legion Post #1, I-25 and Yale.

Adjournment:

- Dale adjourned the meeting at 11:15HRS.

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