

**ROCKY MOUNTAIN CHAPTER
VIETNAM HELICOPTER PILOTS ASSOCIATION
18 October 2023**

Call to Order: Dale House, President, called the meeting to order at 1006 Hrs.
Dale House noted that those present represented a quorum for voting purposes.

Those Present:

Rick Beaver	Phil Lanphier	Mike Poindexter
Carlo Cavalluzzi	Greg Mann	Mike Silva
Wick Clark	Jim McGrevey	Chris Towne
Bruce Girvan	Doug Neil	Bob White
Dale House	Terry Olson	

Zoom Attendees: John Hargleroad, Al Harinck, Don Kent, Jim McNamee, Larry Tomek

Dale House led the team in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Meeting Minutes: The September 2023 Meeting Minutes were accepted.

Treasurer's Report: Jim McNamee, read the treasurers reports for August and September.
They were accepted as stated.

- Greg Mann asked if \$20K+ was too much money to keep in the chapter's checking account. Possible options such as a one year CD were discussed with no decision.

Old Business

• **Clothing update:**

- Carlo Cavalluzzi said there is clothing available for all members.
- Coins and patches are available.

- Members did individual introductions for our new member Bruce Girvan. Carlo welcomed Bruce with a chapter challenge coin and chapter patch.

• **American Legion Vietnam Wall**

- Dale passed around a sample of proposed pictures that can be used on the American Legion Vietnam wall.

- Dale is working around the absence of the Legion's Melissa Watkins by working with Tom Yeagley.
- Greg Mann volunteered to help Dale with the pictures for the wall and help putting them on a thumb drive and/or a book for a wider viewing.
- No time frame to complete the Legion's Vietnam wall yet.

Mahogany Models

- Terry Olson brought models from a new supplier for the chapter members to evaluate.
- The models from the new supplier and the pricing appeared to be acceptable to the chapter members.
- John Hargleroad motioned that the model cost to chapter members be \$70 and donation cost for non-members be \$90; second by Phil Lanphier, unanimous approval.
- There has been no response from John Barry and WOR as to our inquiry about selling the mahogany models at their gift shop.

Wings Over the Rockies Air Force Foundation Dinner

- Feed back from WOR management is that the dinner and activities was successful. The RMCVHPA museum was a hit for all the attendees.
 - Air Force veterans were impressed by the Army's aviation roll in Vietnam.

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

Event Schedule

- The museum ***potentially*** will be scheduled at the Denver City Park on Veterans Day, Saturday 11/11.
- Terry is continuing to work with the event coordinator to finalize the schedule.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Dale advised members that there are opportunities for speaking engagements about Vietnam at several local schools around Colorado. However no dates have been determined.
- **New Google Group**
 - Carlo is in the process of building a new Google Group which will be **VHPARMC**.
 - Carlo cautioned that members should continue to use the old Google Group name (RMCVHPA) until the new Google Group is on line.
 - Carlo and Dale will be managers of the new Google Group.
 - The new Google Group will include active and inactive members
 - Carlo will research the potential of sub-groups with the new Google.
 - Carlo will continue to work through issues with old and new email addresses.
- Chris Towne noted that the AAAA scholarships is open for active, dues paying VHPA members.
- Mike Silva noted that John Barry has been elected to the Colorado Aviation Hall of Fame.
- Terry Olson thanked everyone who helped and was involved with the Wings Over the Rockies dinner and museum activities.
 - No movement on the donation to RMCVHPA from WOR.
- Greg Mann showed a deck of cards that Shutterfly can make with any desired picture or design.
- *Christmas party at Greg Mann's house December 2.*

Next Meeting:

- The next monthly meeting will be on Wednesday, November 15, 2023 at 1000 HRS at American Legion Post #1, I-25 and Yale.

Adjournment:

- Dale adjourned the meeting at 11:35HRS.

**Submitted by Doug Neil
Secretary**

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