

**ROCKY MOUNTAIN CHAPTER
VIETNAM HELICOPTER PILOTS ASSOCIATION
20 March 2024**

Call to Order: Dale House, President, called the meeting to order at 1001 Hrs.
Dale House noted that those present represented a quorum for voting purposes.

Those Present:

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| Bill Bates | Dale House | Terry Olson |
| Rick Beaver | Cliff Lawson | Mike Silva |
| Carlo Cavalluzzi | Greg Mann | Bob Simms |
| Wick Clark | Jim McGrevey | Chris Towne |
| Bruce Girvan | Doug Neil | Bob White |
| Bob Harris | | |

Zoom Attendees: Charles Bogle, John Hargleroad, Don Kent, Joe King, Jim McNamee

Dale House led the team in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Chapter welcomed a new member, Bob Harris, and did self introductions.

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 February 2024 Meeting Minutes were accepted.

Treasurer's Report: Jim McNamee reviewed the treasurer's report for March 2024. They were accepted. It was noted that money from Wings Over the Rockies accidentally sent to National VHPA is in the process of being returned to RMCVHPA.

Old Business

• **Clothing update:**

- Carlo Cavalluzzi said there is clothing available for all members. Plenty of medium sizes are available for family members.
- T-shirts, Coins and Patches are available.
- Two former vests in inventory are actually long sleeve coats and are available.
- Carl said that the order for new hats has been placed along with jackets and shirts. He will let us know when they arrive.

Mahogany Models

- Terry Olson said he has ordered six Hueys, two OH-6s and two OH-58s.
- **Honor Flight update:**
 - High Plains Honor Flight is scheduled for a flight May 28, 2024. They will be leaving and returning via the Loveland airport.
 - 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 raising activities are doing well.
 - Charles said the museum has received a restored 1967 M725 ambulance for display.
 - Efforts to display the last freedom boat that sailed from Vietnam is halted for now due to its delicate condition. It would not make a trip from LA, CA to Mineral Wells without major reconditioning.
- **DFC**
 - Charles Bogle is planning a meeting of DFC members in the near future. He is looking for DFC recipients to join the association.

NEW BUSINESS:

Event Schedule:

- Vietnam War Commemorative Day (2/29/2024).
 - Memorial Day at the Colorado Freedom Memorial, (5/25/2024) museum activities and date TBD.
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- Col Bill McPherson's 90th birthday party is scheduled for June 30 at Wings Over the Rockies. Dale House and Jim McNamee have been invited to attend.
 - Weir Transportation is still working with us to deliver the museum with their tractor. They will address the broken door cable.
 - The next event is is the Vietnam War Commerative Day scheduled for Friday March 29. The location is 4575 Byrd Dr., Loveland, CO.
 - Time is 0900 to 1400.
 - Contact is Kelly Wood.
 - Seven docents are on the schedule.
 - Dale picked up artifacts to display from the museum, Bill Bates will deliver them.

- John Hargleroad asked if a 2.75 inch folding fin rocket was in the museum. It was determined a rocket box is there but no rocket.
- AAAA summit is scheduled for 4/24-26 at the Gaylord Rockies and Resort Hotel. Rex Gooch will be presenting.
- Dale asked who was planning to attend the reunion in Reno. Several members indicated they are planning to attend. There was discussion as to the pricing of several of the planned activities.
- Carlo mentioned that he has a Vietnam version of poppies (green) for members. They are copied from the WWI red version.
- Don Kent said he will be on the Rocky Mountain Honor Flight in May. Chanel 9 will be hosting a Telethon to raise money on 4/4/ 2024 and will be looking for people to help.
- Former RMCVHPA president, Harold Bergdahl has been moved to an in-care facility located in Mesa, AZ.
- Cliff Lawson is involved in a veteran art show on May 17. Some of his pictures of members will be on display. He is considering ending his photography project.

Next Meeting:

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

Adjournment:

- Dale adjourned the meeting at 11:15 HRS.

Submitted by Doug Neil

Secretary

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