

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

Call to Order: Dale House, Pres. called the meeting to order at 1005 Hrs. Due to winter weather conditions the meeting was conducted on a zoom call.

Dale House, President, noted that that those present represented a quorum for voting purposes.

Those Present:

Ted Carrico	Cliff Lawson	
Alen Harinck	George Mayl	
Dale House	Jim McNamee	Mike Poindexter
Don Kent	Doug Neil	Bill Robie
Phill Lanphier	Terry Olson	Chris Towne
		Bob White

Dale led the team in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Meeting Minutes: The January 2023 Meeting Minutes were accepted.

Treasurer's Report: The Treasurer's report for December 2022, January and February 2023 were presented by Jim McNamee and accepted.

Dale mentioned the acceptance of a new member, Ed Walters however it was later noted that Ed was not a Vietnam helicopter pilot veteran but in an armor unit with the Americal Division. The chapter needs to discuss the status of an associate member.

Old Business

- Dale asked about chapter members wellness, all appear to be A-OK!
- Clothing update
 - Dale said that Carl Cavalluzzi updated him that a number of clothing items have that have been on order have arrived. If a member wants Carl to mail their item, note that postage costs have risen. To mail a sweat shirt the cost is now \$22.00. Carl will be happy to mail anything that members want sent.
 - There are 116 coins in inventory. The chapter may consider ordering more.
 - There are 118 chapter patches in inventory.
 - Previously ordered HWM hats have been delivered. Suggested donation amounts need to be addressed.
- Honor Flight update
 - High Plains Honor Flight is scheduled for April 30 to May1. The Rocky Mountain Chapter will participate in the welcome home activities May 1.

- Call High Plains Honor Flight or Carl Cavalluzzi to get additional information.
- Chris Towne is scheduled to attend and will give the members an after action report.
- Models update
 - Bill Robie had no update to report. No helicopter models are available.
- National Museum update
 - Dale said that Charles Bogle informed him that the Vietnam Memorial Museum in Mineral Wells has a new CEO and curator.
 - Dale commented that Vietnam Memorial Museum might be a better site for our museum (after end-of-life) other than Texas Tech since the Mineral Wells location will be a focal point for displaying items.
 - However John Poindexter pointed out that Texas Tech does plan to build a brick and mortar site in the future which could be used to display items also.
 - Bill Robie asked if there was a current inventory of what is in the museum. Dale said he has a list of donated and loaned items on an xls spread sheet that he will send to Bill.
- Wings over the Rockies update
 - Terry Olson said that Wings Over the Rockies has made a request for the museum to be present at the Blue Sky Gallery at Centennial Airport September 16-18. Additional information to follow.
 - Dale said that he and Candy attended a candle light concert at the museum that was very well done. Check their WEB site for additional musical candle light presentations.

Event Schedule

- The museum is scheduled to be in Ft. Collins Friday, May 27, 28,29 for the Memorial Day weekend. The museum will be delivered on May 26 and picked up on May 30.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Information for Registering for the VHPA reunion in San Antonio is on line with the National VHPA WEB site.
- National VHPA approved the biographical data sheet as an official template for all members. Dale encouraged everyone to complete theirs and send it to him. VHPA has more interest in the military information as to the pre/post military life.
- WEB site
 - Dale noted that the WEB site security certificate renewal was \$99.00 which he paid and will be reimbursed. The WEB domain and WEB site is appx. \$250 and will need to be paid by July.
- VA News

- Phil Lanphier said the VA currently will entertain members with tendon and ligament issues with a treatment plan that includes multiple injections. It might take six months or more to be scheduled. He also sent \$50.00 to Fred Lyssy's charity fund.
- Dale spoke about his Vietnam experience and Vietnam history at Aspen Creek School's 8th grade class in Castle Rock. He showed us the number of thank you cards from the students. A recommendation was made to display them at the museum.
- The national VHPA needs volunteers to help review the many scholarship submission requests. Requirements are described in the September/October 2023 issue of ***The VHPA Aviator***.
- Nothing new on the UH-1 build.

Next Meeting:

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

Adjournment:

- Dale adjourned the meeting at 1033 HRS.

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