

**ROCKY MOUNTAIN CHAPTER
VIETNAM HELICOPTER PILOTS ASSOCIATION
21 MAY 2025**

Call to Order: Dale House, President, called the meeting to order at 1003 Hrs.
Dale House noted that that those present represented a quorum for voting purposes.

Those Present:

Bill Bates	Bob Harris	George Mayl	Rick Overstake
Carlo Cavalluzzi	Dale House	Jim McGrevey	Bob White
Wick Clark	Phil Lanphier	Doug Neil	
Bruce Girvan	Cliff Lawson	Terry Olson	

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

Dale led the chapter members in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The American Legion Chef Mike took orders for lunch.

Dale passed around a refurbished AK-47 that will replace the airsoft replica in the HWM. The excellent refurbish work was done by Bill Bates.

John Hargleroad informed the members that the VHPA reunion registration is now open.

Meeting Minutes: The April 2025 Meeting Minutes were accepted.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer's report for May 2025 was accepted.

Old Business

• **Clothing update:**

- Carlo Cavalluzzi said many clothing size medium are available.
- Carlo will **not** be placing new orders until requests for items reach a minimum level.
- Plenty of challenge coins and patches are available. They will be available at the Veterans Plaza Memorial Day Weekend.
- Bob White ordered a denim shirt; Jim McNamee ordered a black hat.

- **Mahogany Models**

- Terry Olson said no change from last month.
- Dale made two tail rotor replacements for the models on a 3D printer.

- **Honor Flight**

- No changes from last month.
 - High Plains (Northern Colorado) - 4/27/25
 - Rocky Mountain (Denver Airport) -12/25
 - H.F. of Colorado Springs - 9/TBA
 - Applications need to be sent if interested in attending an Honor Flight.
 - Additional information can be obtained on the WEB (coloradohonorflight.com)
 - You can sign up for Honor Flights that are available in any State.

- **DFC**

- The 30th DFC Society reunion is scheduled September 16-18 at Charleston, SC Hyatt Place.
 - Dale mentioned that the Summer issue of *The DFC Magazine* features two stories one about Bill Bates and another about Mike Silva.

NEW BUSINESS

Event Schedule:

- 4/26- Gary Worthy fly-in breakfast and hangar reopening celebration was a success.
- 5/23-25 - Memorial Day weekend at Veterans Plaza, The Traveling Wall, Ft Collins will also be there.
- 8/2 - Collector Car Show, Metro Airport.

- Bill Bates mentioned that his one hour conversation recorded at the Veterans Museum received 24 thousand views and was the number one viewed recording.
- A Vietnam Pilot and Crewmember Monument will be dedicated at Ft Novosel on 10 September 2025 as reported in the Army Aviation Association of America Magazine.
- There will be a pinning ceremony during the Veterans Memorial weekend in Ft Collins for Vietnam **era** vets. A pin and proclamation will be awarded for those that sign up.
- Bob White's video presentation was viewed at the Exploration of Flight on May 10. There were 25+ attendees. An additional presentation was done for the EOF staff.
- Dale reported that the meeting for HUEY tail number 17233, currently based at the Platt Valley airport with Rampart Helicopters, was well attended. The HUEY was with B 7/17 in Vietnam in 1969.

- The Veterans Plaza team is looking for volunteers for the Wall activities. They also need additional readers of names. Name reading is done in half hour shifts. Bruce Girvan has two half hour slots he will share for interested readers.
 - No HWM activities scheduled for July 4.
 - Dale *motioned* that per diem for docents staying in hotels for the Veterans Memorial Day weekend be at \$100 per member per day. Second by Terry Olson, unanimous accepted.
 - **Election** of chapter officers will be conducted during the June 18 chapter meeting. The June meeting will continue the discussion of end-of-life for the HWM.
 - There is an organization for all affiliated museums located in Colorado that the chapter will evaluate in light of EOL considerations.
 - Bob Harris mentioned the HWM can be removed from the trailer chassis and placed in a permanent ground location.
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- **Potential Future Speakers**
 - Heather Campbell - Congressional Liaison
 - Marlyn Hesser - Vietnam Nurse
 - Lindsay Hammond - Vietnam Nurse
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Next Meeting:

- The next monthly meeting will be on Wednesday, June 18, 1000 at 1000 HRS

Adjournment:

- Dale House adjourned the meeting at 1110 HRS.

Submitted by Doug Neil

Secretary

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