

DRAFT MEETING MINUTES
ROCKY MOUNTAIN CHAPTER
VIETNAM HELICOPTER PILOTS ASSOCIATION
17 September 2025

Call to Order: Dale House, President, called the meeting to order at 1005 Hrs.
Dale House noted that that those present represented a quorum for voting purposes.

Those Present:

Bill Bates	Bruce Girvan	Greg Mann	Terry Olson
Ed Carroll	Bob Harris	George Mayl	Mike Silva
Carlo Cavalluzzi	Dale House	Jim McGrevey.	Chris Towne
Wick Clark	Cliff Lawson	Doug Neil	Bob White

Special Guest: Murphy the dog

Zoom Attendees: Charles Bogle, John Hargleroad, Don Kent

Dale led the chapter members in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The American Legion Chef Mike took orders for lunch..

Meeting Minutes: The July 2025 Meeting Minutes were accepted.

Treasurer's Report: Since Jim McNamee, Treasurer, was not available Dale House, President, reviewed the treasurer's reports for July and August. The reports were accepted.

Old Business

• **Clothing update:**

- Carlo Cavalluzzi said many clothing size medium are available.
- Members items that had been on order were distributed at the end of the meeting.
- Plenty of challenge coins and patches are available.
- Ten challenge coins were sold to George Mayl.

• **Mahogany Models**

- Terry Olson said no change.

- **Honor Flight**

- Carlo said the Rocky Mountain HF has a telethon being aired on channel 9 to raise money for future flights..
 - High Plains (Northern Colorado) - 10/25/25
 - Due to limited space High Plains does not encourage group welcoming for the flight participants.
 - Rocky Mountain (Denver Airport) -12/25
 - Local TV channel 9 is sponsoring a telethon to raise money for future Honor Flights
 - H.F. of Colorado Springs (Southern Colorado) - 10/2-4
 - 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**

- Charles Bogle said there is a new president of the DFC organization. He is based in Alaska. They are working on plans to increase activity.
- Dale mentioned that the DFC magazine can be viewed on line via their WEB site (www.dfcsociety.org). There are articles by chapter members Mike Silva and Bill Bates.
- Don Kent said the DFC reunion was well attended with 100-150 people. He is promoting the next reunion be held in Colorado Springs.
- Don attended the **VHPA Dedication** at Ft. Rucker. He said it was well attended with a Huey fly over. The Ft Rucker museum is "awesome."
 - https://www.army.mil/article/288421/our_country_called_our_generation_answered_vietnam_helicopter_pilots_association_memorial_dedicated_at_fort_rucker

- **Vietnam War Museum**

- Charles Bogle said the museum hired an assistant director, Teresa Lam.
- The museum received a S-64 skycrane.
- The museum is seeking USAF artifacts from Vietnam such as a F-111 aardvark and F-4 phantom.

NEW BUSINESS

Event Schedule:

- 10/5 - Golden, Colorado

- Ed Carroll said attendees at the Erie Air Fair were disappointed that the HWM was not there. He estimated at least 5000 attendees and met people from the Broomfield museum, American Legion, etc.
- The St Louis VNHPA reunion was well attended with over 400 members plus their families.
 - Several chapter members attended.
 - YouTube presentation about Vietnam “Myths and Truths” was viewed.
 - Chapter attendees said it was a good time.
- Dale discussed the article he included in his email called *How to Write a Book* and passed around a self published book, **LAM SON 719** by Phil Marshall.
 - Mike Silva said you may get interesting responses from people if you get a story published. His door gunner from Vietnam contacted him.
- Terry Olson said a UH-1 D or H for static display may be available but there has been no response from WOR.
 - Jim McGrevey said the old president of WOR is gone and the new president is David Dickerson (a rated pilot). With the change there is a good chance for the Huey display but there is no hurry at this time.
- **The next HWM event** is in Golden, CO called “Fall Fest.” The location will be at the Golden History Park on Sunday, October 5. Golden council members want to recognize Vietnam veterans and the 50 years since the war ended .
 - Dale is scheduling Kelly Trucking to deliver the HWM on Saturday, 10/2 so we can get it set up for the 10/3 activities. Museum pick up will be on Monday, 10/6.
 - Terry Olson, Operations Manager, passed around a docent signup sheet.
 - Terry will confirm the times for setup and the event.
- Denver is scheduled for the VNHPA reunion in 2027. Volunteers will be needed!
- Ed Carroll said chapter members can view their service records by going on line to the National Archives based in St Louis (www.archives.gov). There is a form to you can retrieve and submit when completed.
 - Ed noted that when he requested his files he realized that he had been awarded a bronze star from the Navy he was not aware of.
- The Christmas party at Greg Mann’s is scheduled for 12/06/2025.

Next Meeting:

- The next monthly meeting will be on Wednesday, October 15, 1000 HRS.

Adjournment:

- Dale House adjourned the meeting at 11:16 HRS.

Submitted by Doug Neil

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