

DRAFT MEETING MINUTES
ROCKY MOUNTAIN CHAPTER
VIETNAM HELICOPTER PILOTS ASSOCIATION
20 May 2026

Call to Order: Dale House, President, called the meeting to order at 1000.
Dale House noted that that those present represented a quorum for voting purposes.

Those Present:

Bill Bates	Cliff Lawson	Jim McGrevey	Chuck Wiley
Wick Clark	Phil Lanphier	Terry Olson	
Bruce Girvan	Greg Mann	Mike Silva	
Bob Harris	George Mayl	Chris Towne	
Dale House	Doug Neil	Bob White	

Zoom Attendees: Ted Carrico, Carlo Cavalluzzi, John Hargleroad, Al Harnick, Don Kent, Jim McNamee

- Dale led the chapter members in the Pledge of Allegiance.
- Bill Bates passed menu sheets for lunch orders.
- Dale is still soliciting member biographies.

Meeting Minutes: The April 2026 Meeting Minutes were accepted.

Treasurer's Report: Jim McNamee reviewed the treasurer's report for May 2026. It was accepted.

Old Business

- Dale distributed blank biography books for members to provide information about their military service. The "bio" books will be used for future RMCVHPA/ HWM activities as well as at the Golden History Museum (GHM). The GHM is planning a Vietnam veteran recognition activity / exhibit for September.
- **Clothing update:**
 - Carlo Cavalluzzi said many clothing size mediums are available.
 - We need to consider Chapter wives clothing order in light of the coming 2027 reunion.
 - 325 challenge coins are in inventory.
 - Carlo is receiving orders for clothing but is waiting to place the orders until minimum levels of six items are reached.

- **Honor Flight**

- Carlo has no new updates:
- Information can be obtained on the WEB (coloradohonorflight.org)

- Dale noted that his submissions of the Rocky Mountain Chapter activities were severely edited or ignored by the VHPA Aviator staff. Memorial obituaries of chapter members were not published or extensively edited.

- Chapter member obituaries will be posted on the RMCVHPA WEB site.

- **Vietnam War Museum**

- Charles Bogle was not on the Zoom call but Dale reported that the tornado that touched down in Mineral Wells caused cosmetic damage to the facility. Outdoor displays had extensive damage. The Th-55 and OH-23 Helicopters located at the gate entrance of Ft, Wolters were not damaged. There was extensive damage to the post housing and buildings.

- **Golden History Museum (GHM)**

- The GHM wants to salute Colorado/Golden area Vietnam veterans in light of the 50 years since the end of the Vietnam war. GHM is proposing September for the opening of the Vietnam Veterans Exhibit. It will be in place 6-12 months.
- The GHM is accepting loans or gifts of Vietnam Artifacts, Bio Books, etc for the exhibit.
- A large garrison flag folding event at GHM was canceled for June. Although ceremonies will be held at the City Council chambers to celebrate the 250th Independence Day Anniversary. We are still invited if you want to attend.

- **Wings Over The Rockies (WOR)**

- Terry Olson reviewed the docent list for the Memorial Day weekend at WOR. The HWM schedule for Sunday morning is moved to 1200. Sweet Sioux will be open for docent duty.
- Bob Harris noted WOR charged \$150 to two high school students doing an interview of a VVA member and B-1 bomber pilot for their school project.

- **Wind Crest (July 9)**

- Terry Olson will send a docent sign up sheet to chapter members.
- A recon of the Wind Crest area needs to be completed. Terry volunteered to do the recon.
- Al Harinck said that there will be a large turn out and maybe the HWM should be in place for another day.

- John Hagleroad wanted to know what members planned on attending the VHPA reunion in Louisville, KY on August 5-8. Five members are planning to attend.
- Greg Mann is researching recording member interviews, oral histories at a future date. These interviews will be posted on the new Kiosk that Greg has developed.
- Dale noted that the Firestone Charter School activity went well with over 80 students going through the HWM.
- The HWM new vinyl depiction of the Huey with the Coors rocket pod is completed.

NEW BUSINESS

Event Schedule:

- WOR May 23,24,25 inside; Memorial Day weekend.
- 7/9 Wind Crest senior living community.
- 7/25 Car council Metro airport.
- Dale noted that there is a new fence and lock system at the Golden location where HWM is parked.
- Conifer historical museum has inquired about the HWM at their facility on June 27. Carlo Cavalluzzi is following up.
- There is the potential of the HWM at the Coors facility in Golden at a future date.
- RMCVHPA officer elections are scheduled for June.
- The 2026 Reunion Is in Louisville, KY August 5-8.
- The 2027 Reunion is in Denver, CO.

Next Meeting:

- The next monthly meeting will be on Wednesday, June 17 1000 HRS at the American Legion Post 1.

Adjournment:

- Dale House adjourned the meeting at 1133 HRS.

Submitted by Doug Neil

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