ROCKY MOUNTAIN CHAPTER
VIETNAM HELICOPTER PILOTS ASSOCIATION
19 August 2026

Call to Order: Dale House, President, called the meeting to order at 1008.
Dale House noted that that those present represented a quorum for voting purposes.

Those Present:

Bill Bates	Al Harinck	George Mayl	Mike Silva
Carlo Cavalluzzi	Dale House	Jim McGrevey	Chris Towne
Bruce Girvan	Cliff Lawson	Doug Neil	Bob White
Lou Grill	Greg Mann	Rick Overstake	Chuck Wiley

Zoom Attendees: Charles Bogle, Chuck Guy, John Hargleroad, Don Kent

- Dale led the chapter members in the Pledge of Allegiance.
- Bill Bates passed menu sheets for lunch orders.

Meeting Minutes: The July 2026 Meeting Minutes were accepted.
Dale is addressing a problem with GoDaddy and posting the minutes on the RMCVHPA WEBSITE.

Treasurer's Report: Since Jim McNamee was not present, Dale House tabled the July and August reports until the next meeting.

Old Business

- **Clothing update:**
  - Carlo Cavalluzzi said many clothing size are available but low on size mediums.
  - 133 Challenge coins are in inventory. We will need to order additional coins for the 2027 VHPA reunion.
  - Chapter clothing orders cannot be completed until six requests are received.

- **Honor Flight**
  - Carlo said no charges in Colorado Honor Flights:
    - High Plains - May 2027
    - Honor Flight of Southern Colorado - October 2-4 2026; May 2027
    - Rocky Mountain H.F. - Sept. 3-5; Oct. 8-10; Nov. 5-7
    - Information can be obtained on the WEB for all states (honorflight.org)

- **Car Council Metro Airport**
    - Dale said the day at the Car Council was successful with a steady stream of attendees.

- **Models**
    - No new update.

- **Vietnam War Museum (VWM)**
    - Charles Bogle said the tornado damage to the museum was minimal and is in "good shape."
    - DFC
        - DFC reunion for 2027 is planned for Pensacola, FL. The meeting of River Rats is planned for October 14-18.
    - The Air Force Foundation is reviewing the VWM for inclusion to their organization.
    - Charles will forward a copy of a video tour of the VWM to the chapter.

- **Wings Over the Rockies**
    - No update.

- **Golden History Museum (GHM)**
    - Dale is collecting biography books for the GHM activities and future Chapter activities.
    - There is a pinning ceremony scheduled for September 24 at 5:30 ending at 7:30 PM.
        - Chuck Wiley can receive his veteran quilt during the pinning ceremony.
    - The RMCVHPA chapter will loan some exhibits from the HWM. The GHM has scheduled the Vietnam Veteran exhibit to be in place for a year.
    - Stephany Gilmore, curator is working with other veteran organizations to obtain additional exhibits.
    - The HWM will be at Golden's Fall Fest on October 4.
    - Military weapons and grenades need to be certified by ATF that they are inert or non functioning. This is an issue with GHM that needs to be addressed.
        - Bill Bates proposed that the chapter create a SOP for best practice policy for accepting, collecting and custody of ordnance and weapon items. Second by George Mayl, unanimous approval.

- **Coors Brewery (Veterans Day 11/11) Golden, Co**
    - The Veterans Day activities is scheduled to be an indoor event. The HWM may not be used.
    - Besides the keynote speaker, Coors current executive management wants to reenact the funding of the HWM vinyl pictures and the appreciation plaque the chapter gave to Coors Corp.

NEW BUSINESS

Event Schedule:

- Golden Colorado Fall Fest 10/04
- Coors Brewery 11/11 Veterans Day.

- **HWM**
  - Document covers for the HWM has been updated.
  - Belly compartment hinges have been repaired.
  - A new water pump for the swamp cooler is ready to be installed.

- Chris Towne said the VHPA reunion in Louisville, KY was a good time although did not appear to be as well attended as previous years.

- **VHPA Reunion 2027 Denver July 7-10**
  - The hotel is the Sheridan Down Town, 1550 Court Pl.
  - $135 per room.
  - Proposed activities:
    - Adams Mystery Theater; Georgetown train loop; WOR (HWM location?); Coors Brewery tour; Dinner cruise.
- Mike Silva suggested that the owners of a veteran quilt gather for a group picture.

- Carlo noted that Vietnam Veterans of America have invited RMCVHPA members to an Air Force / Navy football game on October 3 at the Air Force Academy. They need to receive requests by September 19. Note Carlo's email for details.

- **Christmas Party at Greg Mann's house December 5.**

Next Meeting:

- The next monthly meeting will be on Wednesday, September 16 1000 HRS at the American Legion Post 1.

Adjournment:

- Dale House adjourned the meeting at 1115 HRS.

Submitted by Doug Neil

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