

**ROCKY MOUNTAIN CHAPTER
VIETNAM HELICOPTER PILOTS ASSOCIATION
16 April 2025**

Call to Order: Dale House, President, called the meeting to order at 1001 Hrs.
Dale House noted that that those present represented a quorum for voting purposes.

Those Present:

Bill Bates	Dale House	Doug Neil	Mike Silva
Wick Clark	Cliff Lawson	Terry Olson	Chris Towne
Bruce Girvan	Jim McGrevey	Rick Overstake	Bob White

Guest Speaker: Sarah Ortega

Zoom Attendees: Charles Bogle, John Hargleroad, Al Harinck, Don Kent, Jim McNamee,
Larry Tomek

Dale led the chapter members in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chapter members did self-introductions for guest speaker Sarah Ortega.

The American Legion Chef Mike took orders for lunch.

Dale collected dues for 2025.

Meeting Minutes: The March 2025 Meeting Minutes were accepted.

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

Old Business

• **Clothing update:**

- Carlo Cavalluzzi not available for this month's meeting.
- Dale sold six challenge coins to chapter members.

• **Mahogany Models**

- Terry Olson said one model was sold yesterday.

• **Honor Flight**

- No changes from last month.

- High Plains (Northern Colorado) - 4/27/25
 - Rocky Mountain (Denver Airport) -4/10-12/25 and 5/8-10/25
 - H.F. of Colorado Springs - 5/8-10/25 and 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.
- Charles Bogle:
 - The Vietnam War Museum is in the process of reorganizing.
 - 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* will have a feature story about Bill Bates.
- HWM and Fox News
 - Dale thanked members that helped set up the HWM for the Fox News 31 interview and filmed news story on Tuesday April 15. They are Terry Olson, Jim McGrevey, Bruce Girvan, and Doug Neil.
 - News reporter Dan Daru interviewed Dale House about the museum. Mr Daru liked Dale's cavalry hat and used it in his interview.
 - The news report airing is scheduled for April 30 at 8:00 AM, 5:00 PM and 8:00 PM.
 - This report will follow Fox News reporter Jeremy Hubbard's documentary travel to Vietnam with Vietnam veterans. His report is scheduled for April 27 at 6:00 PM.

NEW BUSINESS

Event Schedule:

- 4/26 - Job Fair at Exploration of Flight table set-up only (no HWM).
 - 4/26- Gary Worthy fly-in breakfast and hangar reopening celebration.
 - 5/23-25 - Memorial Day weekend at Veterans Plaza, The Traveling Wall, Ft Collins will also be there.
 - Chris Towne recommended that members sign up for the half hour of reading names on the Wall.
 - 8/2 - Collector Car Show, Metro Airport.
 - 9/13 - ~~NorCo VA Veterans Appreciation Day~~ **canceled due to DOGE.**
- Dale reported that Mike Law is interested in a reunion centered around HUEY tail number 233 currently based at the Platt Valley airport. The HUEY was with B 7/17 in Vietnam. Target date is May 14, 2025.

- Dale mentioned that the Platt Valley airport near Ft. Lupton, has an excellent WWI aircraft museum open only on Saturday.
- Rick Overstake passed around a notice of Vietnam Veterans Day for chapter members to review.
- Cliff Lawson said Bob White's video will be shown at Exploration of Flight on May 10, time TBD.
- Terry Olson said there is a new VA Clinic located in Castle Rock.

- **Potential Future Speakers**

- Heather Campbell - Congressional Liaison
 - Marlyn Hesser - Vietnam Nurse
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- Dale introduced Guest Speaker Sarah Ortega with Griswold Live Assured Company.
 - Sarah gave an overview of her companies offerings through the VA concerning in-home care, personal care, companionship, etc. She also offered VA assistance in applying for home care.
 - Dale will post related forms on the RMCVHPA WEB site.

Next Meeting:

- The next monthly meeting will be on Wednesday, May 21, 1000 at 1000 HRS

Adjournment:

- Dale House adjourned the meeting at 1156 HRS.

Submitted by Doug Neil

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