DRAFT MEETING MINUTES
ROCKY MOUNTAIN CHAPTER
VIETNAM HELICOPTER PILOTS ASSOCIATION
16 September 2026

Call to Order: Dale House, President, called the meeting to order at 0959.
Dale House noted that that those present represented a quorum for voting purposes.

Those Present:

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

Zoom Attendees: Charles Bogle, John Hargleroad, Don Kent, Jim McNamee

- Dale led the chapter members in the Pledge of Allegiance.
- Dale passed around a thank you card from Terre Deegan-Young, former Red Cross "donut dolly."
- Bill Bates passed menu sheets for lunch orders.

Meeting Minutes: The August 2026 Meeting Minutes were accepted.

Treasurer's Report: Jim McNamee reviewed the June (revised), July and August treasurer reports. They were accepted.

Old Business

WOR

- Sweet Sioux- Mike Silva has no update on the pilot seats restoration.
    - Mike Silva gave an update on the Traveling Wall regulations. Since it is a solemn site, The Wall management team wants no other distractions in the area. Any other Vietnam displays or activities are requested to stay away.
- WOR management is discussing the *possibility* of taking possession the HWM trailer as well as the member's displays.
- Jim McGrevey had no additional updates.

- **Clothing update:**
    - Carlo Cavalluzzi said many clothing size are available but low on size mediums.
        - Member hats are down to 10-15; museum hats number 8.
    - Dale is going to order t-shirts L and XL in various colors.

- 130 Challenge coins are in inventory. We will need to order additional coins for the 2027 VHPA reunion. Chapter patches number 86 in inventory.
- Chapter clothing orders cannot be completed until six requests are received.

- **Vietnam War Museum (VWM)**
  - Charles Bogle said the tornado damage to the museum was minimal and is in "good shape." The H-34 is being repaired.
  - DFCS
    - DFC reunion for 2027 is planned for Pensacola, FL November 2-4.
    - A new DFCS president is trying to reactivate DFCS activities with a gatherings in either Las Vegas or Phoenix in 2027.
  - Charles will forward a copy of a video tour of the VWM to the chapter and research the VN statistics booklet originally available at VWM.

- **Golden History Museum (GHM)**
  - There is a pinning ceremony scheduled for September 24 at 5:30 ending at 7:00 PM.
  - 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.
  - Military weapons and grenades need to be certified by ATF that they are inert or non functioning. Dale is in discussion with EOD at Buckley AFB to obtain an inert certificate for HWM display items.
  - **The HWM will be at Golden's Fall Fest on October 4.**
    - A sign-up sheet for October 4 was based around.

- **Coors Brewery (Veterans Day 11/11) Golden, Co**
  - No update

NEW BUSINESS

Event Schedule:

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

- **HWM**
  - Belly compartment hinges have been repaired. Chains have been added to the doors…lower them ***gently***!
  - HWM trailer tires have probably aged out and will need to be replaced at some time.

- **VHPA Reunion 2027 Denver July 7-10**
  - The hotel is the Sheridan Down Town, 1550 Court Pl.
  - $135 per room.
  - Don Kent suggested that the chapter consider enclosing a RMCVHPA challenge coin in the welcome packet each 2027 reunion member receives.
    - Further discussion concerned the number of reunion attendees, coin costs, trailer maintenance, certificate for a coin when visiting the HWM, RMCVHPA patches and RMC members donating money to cover the challenge coin costs ensued.
    - Dale suggested we revisit the coin discussion over the next 2 to 3 meetings.

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

Next Meeting:

- The next monthly meeting will be on Wednesday, October 21, 1000 HRS at the American Legion Post 1.

Adjournment:

- Dale House adjourned the meeting at 1128 HRS.

Submitted by Doug Neil

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