ROCKY MOUNTAIN CHAPTER
VIETNAM HELICOPTER PILOTS ASSOCIATION
15 July 2026

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

Those Present:

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

Zoom Attendees: Charles Bogle, Don Kent

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

Meeting Minutes: The June 2026 Meeting Minutes were accepted.

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

Old Business

- **Clothing update:**
  - Carlo Cavalluzzi said many clothing size mediums are available.
  - Challenge coins are in inventory.

- **Honor Flight**
  - Carlo said no changes in Colorado Honor Flights:
    - High Plains - May 2027
    - Honor Flight of Southern Colorado - October 2-4; 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)
- **Models**
  - Terry had no new update.

- **Vietnam War Museum**
  - Charles Bogle said the H-34 took damage during tornado. Repair costs have dropped from $50K to $20K due to donations. Monthly meetings are moving to quarterly meetings.
  - DFC
    - DFC reunion for 2027 is planned for Pensacola, FL. The meeting of River Rats is planned for October 14-18.
    - DFC reunion for 2028 in Denver is problematic due to Colorado liquor laws.

- **Wings Over the Rockies**
  - Repairing the seat webbing on Sweet Sioux is being planned.

- **Golden History Museum (GHM)**
  - Dale is collecting biography books for the GHM activities and future Chapter activities.
  - Mike Silva forwarded his biography book.
  - Stephany Gilmore, GHM curator, is working with RMCVHPA members for planned activities to honor Vietnam veterans during their Fall Fest scheduled for October 4.

- **Wind Crest (July 9)**
  - Dale announce that the HWM at Wind Crest was very successful with an excellent turn out.
  - Dale passed around an attendees comment sheet which indicated very favorable responses.
  - The chapter received donations along with chapter item sales.
  - Al Harinck said there might be a local school interested in the HWM activity.

- **Coors Brewery (Veterans Day 11/11) Golden, CO**
  - Dale said that Molson/Coors Brewery is interested in the chapter supplying a keynote speaker. The speaker format needs to be discussed. It wasn't clear whether the Museum is scheduled to be there also.

NEW BUSINESS

Event Schedule:

- 7/25 Car council Metro airport.
  - Terry passed around a docent sign up list.
- Coors Brewery 11/11 Veterans Day.

- The 2026 Reunion Is in Louisville, KY August 5-8. Five chapter members are planning to attend.
- The 2027 Reunion is in Denver, CO.

- Charles Bogle said a Huey will be available during the Denver reunion.

- Bill and Dale repaired the HWM swamp cooler!
- The Denver hotel for the 2027 VHPA reunion has not been identified.
- The HWM at the Car Council show will require a generator and water for the swamp cooler.
- Charles Bogle indicated that there is an organization called Sons and Daughters of the Vietnam War we may want to use to educate our grand children about Vietnam, The site is ***SDVW.org***.
- Mike Silva displayed his Quilts of Valor he received from the VFW chapter in Cortez, CO.
  - Chuck Wiley said his wife is making a quilt of valor for him but would like to have a place to have it formally presented to him.
- Mike Silva had no update on the seat cover replacement for Sweet Sioux.
- Lyle Borders is doing well on his farm in Iowa.
- Charles asked for prayers for his home and other Veterans homes because of the several forest fires in Colorado.

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

Next Meeting:

- The next monthly meeting will be on Wednesday, August, 19 1000 HRS at the American Legion Post 1.

Adjournment:

- Dale House adjourned the meeting at 1200 HRS.

Submitted by Doug Neil

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