



Vietnam Veterans Of America *Chapter One*

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Chapter 1 Treasurer Dave Mathis reads the additions to the Rutland County Vietnam Veterans Memorial Honor Roll at the Memorial Day Ceremony in Rutland on May 26.

MINUTES OF CHAPTER MEETING June 11, 2008

Seven members attended.

The secretary's report was accepted as printed in the newsletter.

Treasurer Dave Mathis reported a total of \$16,060.23 in the chapter's accounts. The report was unanimously accepted.

A motion was made to send Molly Quinn, the singer for the Memorial Day ceremony, \$35, an addition to the \$40 she was paid on the day itself. Motion passed unanimously.

The national VVA organization has asked for DD 214 service records for the Chapter 1 officers. There was some puzzlement among the current officers, which have all served for several years without any recent requests for documentation.

A former resident of Rutland County who served in the Navy and was in the South China Sea in 1961 and 1962 has requested inclusion on the Rutland County Vietnam Veterans Memorial Honor Roll. The chapter will request further service record documentation to determine if he qualifies.

President Andy Megrath reported a request from Bethany Bergeron, the family readiness coordinator for the Vermont National Guard, the case of a guard member in southern Vermont facing financial problems and wondering if Chapter 1 might help. After some discussion, Larry Young moved that the chapter provide \$250 to assist the veteran. Seconded by Bill Whitney. After further consideration, the amount was increased to \$400. Motion passed unanimously. In line with past practice, the money will be paid to a utility company to whom the veteran owes money, rather than to the veteran.

By consensus, we agreed to Andy Megrath's request to take our Memorial Day speaker, Dr. Matthew Friedman, and his wife to lunch when he visits him in August. Mrs. Friedman is a veteran herself, having served as a medical nurse in Vietnam. Dr. Friedman is executive director of the National Center for Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD). Jack Crowther suggested the chapter might make a donation to Dr. Friedman's organization as an honorarium.

Larry Young moved that we skip the July meeting. Seconded by Dave Mathis. Passed unimously.

**THE NEXT CHAPTER MEETING WILL BE WEDNESDAY, AUG. 13 AT 6 P.M.
AT THE CHAPTER OFFICES AT THE VFW, 15 WALES ST., RUTLAND, VT.**