



Vietnam Veterans Of America

Chapter One

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JUNE 2009



Rutland County Vietnam Veterans Memorial, showing new plantings installed by Rutland Garden Club members and chapter volunteers. Volunteers are needed to help care for the plantings this summer. See back of newsletter for details.

MINUTES OF CHAPTER MEETING

June 10, 2009

Four members attended.

The minutes of the April meeting were approved as written.

Treasurer Dave Mathis reported a total of \$17,443.29 in the chapter's accounts. The report was approved unanimously.

President Andy Megrath said he had heard that the so-called rip tickets that bars have been allowed to sell, with proceeds going to non-profit organizations, would no longer be allowed in Vermont. This form of gambling has provided Chapter 1 with its main source of income, thanks to Tomasi's bar in Fair Haven. A check with a liquor inspector revealed that in fact the tickets will continue to be allowed but Chapter 1 may have to take some additional administrative responsibility to be in compliance with the law.

Jack Crowther moved to contribute \$100 to a Vermont Remembers Family Fun Day planned for Sept. 12 at Camp Johnson for members of the Vermont National Guard. The guard is said to be facing the largest deployment since the Civil War later this year. The troops will be headed to Afghanistan, and the family day is an effort to show appreciation for their service. Thirty service members, including 11 guard members have been killed in the war in the Mideast. Motion seconded by Dave Mathis. Passed unanimously.

Wayne Cartier from Maine wrote the chapter in support of his candidacy for Region 1 director of the national Vietnam Veterans of America. However, the chapter has not sent representatives to the convention, which will be this summer in Louisville, Ky.

Andy Megrath expressed thanks to his wife, Sissy, and Ed Wiehe, who assisted him and members of the Rutland Garden Club in planting and upgrading the plantings at the Rutland County Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Main Street Park in advance of Memorial Day. Volunteers are needed to assist with weeding, "deadheading" (i.e., removing dead blossoms from flowers and, if necessary, watering. Weeks needing coverage are the weeks of July 20 and 27 and Aug. 3, 7, 10, 17, 24 and 31. If you and/or a family member are willing to take a week or two, please contact Andy Megrath at 775-1745 or Jack Crowther at 775-1182 to sign up. Thanks to helpful neighbors of the memorial, we are able to fill sprinkler cans nearby, in case watering is required.

Andy also reported that the chapter has 138 members and two associate members.

Submitted by Jack Crowther, Secretary

**CHAPTER 1 WILL NOT MEET IN JULY.
THE NEXT CHAPTER MEETING WILL BE WEDNESDAY, AUG. 12, 2009 AT 6 P.M.
AT THE CHAPTER OFFICES AT THE VFW, 15 WALES ST., RUTLAND, VT.**