



# Vietnam Veterans Of America

## Chapter One

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### MINUTES OF CHAPTER MEETING June 9, 2010

Six members attended, including Todd Phillips of Sherburne, a new face.

Treasurer Dave Mathis presided in the absence of President Andy Megrath.

Members approved without dissent the May minutes as printed in the newsletter.

Dave Mathis reported \$27,443.87 in the chapter's two accounts. The report was approved without dissent.

After some discussion, Jack Crowther proposed the chapter donate another \$700, in addition to an initial donation of \$300, to the local Disabled American Veterans chapter for the purpose of buying a new van to transport vets to the Veterans Administration Medical Center in White River Junction. Upon the suggestion of Mike Divoll, the \$700 will be in the form of a pledge until Andy Megrath provides a bit more information on the purchase. Andy will be asked to report on the status of the fund drive and what will happen to the funds contributed if the full goal is not reached. The local DAV's share to raise was earlier reported at \$14,100. The existing van has about 90,000 miles on it. Dave Mathis seconded the motion, which passed without dissent.

There is a June 19 meeting in Room 11 of the State House in Montpelier on Agent Orange. Vermont's congressional delegation has been invited. VVA members are interested in learning about care for veterans and families suffering the effects of the defoliant. Meanwhile, Congress is proposing assistance to Vietnamese victims. After some discussion of the need to assist those traveling to the meeting, Jack Crowther proposed reimbursement of 30 cents a mile for those who attend and put in for reimbursement. Anyone who is compensated should report on their view of the proceedings. Motion seconded by Dave Mathis. Passed without dissent.

The annual picnic at the Vermont Veterans Home in Bennington, coinciding with the State Council meeting, will be June 26, beginning at 10 a.m. VVA members from around the state will be on hand to prepare and serve a cookout to the residents. Jack Crowther proposed that anyone interested think about carpooling and call him to arrange that. His number is 802-775-1182.

Robin Mainwaring-Healey, an associate member of Chapter 1, mentioned her interest in a position on the VA Voluntary Service program. Her position would be as either a "representative" or "deputy" and would ostensibly provide contacts, brainstorming and knowledge. The chapter apparently earns points for

participation of a member. On a motion by Jack Crowther, seconded by Bill Whitney, the meeting unanimously agreed Robin should investigate the VAVS program to determine its value and report back. If anyone has information on VAVS to share, they can report to Robin's friend Mike at 802-773-3765. A report on the activities of VAVS can be found on page 14 of the current issue of the VVA Veteran, our national VVA magazine.

There will be a fourth annual Native American Pow Wow at the Veterans Administration Medical Center June 26 and 27. Admission is free. The event starts at 10 a.m. June 26, with opening of the grounds. The Grand Entry will be at noon. Native American vets will share their culture and heritage.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jack Crowther, Secretary

**THE CHAPTER WILL SKIP THE JULY MEETING; THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE  
WEDNESDAY, AUG. 11, AT 6 P.M. AT THE CHAPTER OFFICES  
AT THE VFW, 15 WALES ST., RUTLAND, VT.**