

**COMBAT VETERANS MOTORCYCLE ASSOCIATION©
Of Vermont, Inc.
Chapter 26-1
Meeting Agenda for 01/14/2024
At The Mutuo in Barre, VT
In-Person and ZOOM**

Call to Order & Pledge of Allegiance: SAA meeting opened at 10:05

Opening Prayer: Spirit gave the opening prayer.

Today's attendance: Bear, Bo and Antheia, Broman, Cochise, Gambler and Danger Mouse, Grumpy and Red, Hadji, K9, Krieger, Ltl Harley, Mojo, Nimrod, Papa Smurf, Skrewy and Phoenix, Spirit, Tail Gunner, The Boss, Thunder, Top Sargent on Zoom, Wizzard and Wrench

Welcome from Chapter Commander:

- Welcome all visitors – Welcome to Reginald “Tail Gunner” Mongeur and his wife Rose. Tail Gunner just switched from 26-2 to 26-1 – welcome aboard, brother! Also welcome to Garry Sulham and Joby Feccia, two fellow veterans applying for membership! Carrie, from the Smolder Mist Pub, was also in attendance today. Oh, and K9 and Broman graced us with their presence, as well.

Report of Officers: (Chapter Executive Board)

Chapter Commander:

- Winter activities for the Chapter; Any updates on bowling or axe throwing?
Bowling: \$16.00 per hour per lane and \$2.00 for shoe rentals. 15 members expressed interest. Motion was passed for the chapter to pay for 2 hours lanes and shoe rentals for all interested - date to be determined.
Axe throwing: \$20.00 per hour per person, because we're a non-profit; otherwise it's \$28.00. Experienced members recommended a minimum of 2 hours to make it worth the time. 15 members expressed interest. Motion was passed for the chapter to pay for 2 hours for all interested. Date of activity: 2/24/24.
- CVMA Regionals this year is being held in Dover, Delaware – July 18th through July 21st. Are there members that are planning on attending? **Some hands went up. It was noted that the Ghost Ride is this same weekend.**
- The new accounts have been set up through the SR for the AUX account, as well as the Fair account.
- The annual State Ride Meeting is scheduled for February 17th at 1100 at VFW Post 790 in East Barre.

XO:

- Fair discussion. We are committed to this year. Do we want to participate next year? Discuss other options for Chapter revenue.
 - Yes, we want to continue with the Fair.
 - See PR and Web Master section for discussion on gun raffles.
 - We are also raffling off the wooden American eagle chainsaw sculpture: 100 tickets at \$25.00 each. See me for details.
- Stinger motorcycle trailer – does the chapter want to purchase one? Wilkins has a nice one for \$4900.00. Sentiment was that the use of our current trailer is mostly for merchandise, and it's pretty full. Any other use includes Grumpy emptying it out and then getting it to whomever needs it. A Stinger trailer could be stored somewhere more central and would be quickly available. This issue was tabled for further discussion. It was also mentioned that there was a list of available bike trailers throughout Vermont last year. K9 said he would look into creating one for this year, as well.
- The Creemee Cruise is scheduled for August 3rd. Who will be heading this up, and how soon should we get it onto the National Calendar? Hoping to attract some out-of-state riders, maybe looking to complete their Tri-State? The ride went well last year and will be pretty similar this year. Cochise and Gambler are heading it up and will create the flier asap and get it to K9 for approval. As soon as it's approved, it can go on the National Calendar. It was noted that 26-4 is having their event this same weekend.
- Just a reminder that there is free skiing and snowboarding going on with the Vermont Adaptive Ski and Sports group. If anyone is interested, connect with me.

Secretary report:

- Vote to accept past month's minutes: minutes were accepted unanimously.
- Update on the ZOOM Account Renewal as of January 30th. Amount \$149.90

Treasurer's Report:

- Monthly Report/Vote on past month's report: Krieger gave the report for Breeze, who was out sick. Report was accepted unanimously.

SAA:

- Sign-in sheets; Must be legible; Does anyone need a new ID card that is still using the sign in sheet? All good – no hands raised.

PR and Web Master:

- Reminder on new Chapter website and how to access: <https://www.vtcombatvets.com/> is now up and running. Members section password is DEDICATION. This section has changed in that it will no longer

contain member's personal info. Members section is where we will store the monthly chapter meeting minutes.

- **Gun raffles:** After much discussion, it was decided that we will have 2 gun raffles this year. Motion was passed to purchase a Hellcat with stock finish at Parro's and sell 100 tickets at \$25.00 each. Discussion on the second raffle was tabled. Gambler will purchase the handgun and the tickets, if we don't already have some.

Auxiliary:

- **New business, updates for Chapter:** I am happy to report that all Auxiliary funds have now been moved out of the 26-1 chapter bank account to an account created by the State Rep. Regular Aux meetings are in process; talks have begun and meeting dates are still to be determined. The Aux section of the National Website hasn't been updated as of yet. Aux scholarship: 2/1/24 is the first day that applications for a scholarship are available. Apps can be submitted through March 31st and are available on the National website. I can submit apps for people, or any other Aux state rep. If you'd like to donate to the Aux Scholarship fund, this year's donation period ends on 2/28/24. Donations must be in to the Aux National Treasurer by that date. Any money received after that date will go toward the next year's scholarship fund.

Old Business:

- A flag was donated at the previous meeting for a veteran in Hinesburg. When is a good time for the Chapter to go visit this veteran and present him with his new flag? **OMEN is the contact point and was not present today.**
- Medical Retirement had been changed to Medical Exemption. A medically exempt member will now be allowed to continue to Vote and will also continue to pay dues. They will not be required to own or operate a motorcycle. They will not be able to hold a Chapter Officer position unless they are a Life Member.
- The location for next year's National Convention is Rochester, Minnesota. The convention is being held the week of June 17- 22. Wizard is planning on attending; Cochise and Bear have also booked a room. Start making plans now if you plan on attending! **Anyone who would like to go can connect with one of these three individuals, if so desired.**

State Rep/PR Officer: Broman outlined some items, as follows:

State meeting this year will be at the Fairhaven Legion on 8/10/24. More info can be found on the Timetree app.

New motorcycle requirements from Nationals: each chapter must verify license, registration and proof of insurance for chapter listed motorcycles each year. This includes verification of the ability to safely operate said motorcycle.

Just to add to the above on the new Medical Exemption: the member must still attend at least one event where the CEB is present. That person should make sure that it gets noted in their 201 file.

Make sure to review the Local Use Agreement for any fliers, to streamline the approval process.

New Business: there was no new business introduced today.

Tabled Items:

- Chapter Guidon Flag still maintaining holding pattern

Discussion: Open to Membership: Grumpy said he will start bringing chapter merchandise to chapter meetings.

Announcements: Open to membership: Mojo said she knows someone who would like to donate an electric wheelchair to a veteran. See Mojo for details.

Wrench let everyone know that the state of VT has now done away with registration stickers.

Closing Prayer: Spirit gave the closing prayer.

Adjournment: CC meeting adjourned at 1105