

**COMBAT VETERANS MOTORCYCLE ASSOCIATION©**  
**of Vermont, Inc.**  
**Chapter 26-1**  
**Meeting Agenda for 06/11/2023**  
**At Wilkins Conference Room in South Barre, VT**  
**In-Person and ZOOM**

**Call to Order & Pledge of Allegiance:** SAA Krieger started the meeting at 1000

**Opening Prayer:** Spirit gave the opening prayer

**Attendance:** Bear, Bo and Antheia, Breeze, Cochise, Gambler and Danger Mouse, Grumpy and Red, Hadji, Kiealma and Survivor, Krieger, Nimrod, Papa Smurf, Punch, Skrewy, Spirit, The Boss, and Woodchuck

**Welcome from Chapter Commander:**

- Welcome any and all visitors We welcomed combat veteran Mary Longchamp and her veteran husband Mike. They are both applying for membership.
- Scott Washburn, a combat veteran who's membership application is still at the National Secretary level, stopped by to check us out and give a brief introduction.
- Brian and Carrie from Smolder Mist Pub were also in attendance today!

**Report of Officers of the Chapter Executive Board (CEB):**

**Chapter Commander:**

- The Vermont State meeting has been scheduled for Sunday, August 13<sup>th</sup>. It will be hosted this year by Chapter 26-2 – each Chapter will send \$250.00 towards this meeting. Elections being held will be for State Representative, State Secretary and AUX State Representative. Chapter participation is encouraged!
- The State Fair Committee meeting continues to meet monthly. Some of the new merchandise, clothing etc. is available currently for members to purchase. The Champlain Valley Fair is coming right up, in two months. Each Vermont chapter is responsible for a minimum of 10 donations for the raffle. OMEN will give his contacts and donation info to 26-2, because they are the chapter actually situated in that area. Each of the 4 Vermont chapters will be manning the booth this year and in years to come. 26-1 will open up and man the booth for opening weekend. Some of us will be going up here and there throughout the event to provide support and help all the chapters learn the ropes, since this is the first year that all the Vermont chapters are sharing the event. 26-1 will also do tear-down at the end of the event. If enough members show up, it tends to go pretty quickly.
- VT Shares Program will be sending us a letter in August to let us know the total amount that was raised and how much the quarterly payments will be.

- Congratulation to Sharon, she was the only applicant to apply for the State Auxiliary Rep position.
- A flag was donated at the previous meeting for a veteran in Hinesburg. When is a good time for the Chapter to go visit with this veteran and present him with his new flag? **We will connect with OMEN for further details, which will then be emailed to the chapter for those who wish to participate. We will ride out to the veteran's home and present him with the new flag.**

#### **XO:**

- Update, with the Road Captains, where we currently are with our Sanctioned Ride on Saturday, August 12<sup>th</sup>. This ride will be the Ice Cream Covered Bridge Ride. This needs to get onto the **National Calendar** ASAP, if it not already. **After some discussion, it was decided to move this ride back a week, to 05 Aug 2023. The name of the ride was changed to Cochise's Creamy Cruise.**
- Update on Chapter 26-1 Distinguished Rider Program. **The DRP is moving forward at flank speed. First patches were awarded today: 2500 miles to Bear, and 5000 miles to Cochise and Grumpy!**
- Veterans Summit this Wednesday, June 14<sup>th</sup> in Lyndonville. Are there any other members looking to attend? **The times for this event were changed to 1400 – 2100. Connect with Cochise if interested. Cochise gave a heart-felt speech about what CVMA means to him and how it's changed his life for the better. Our outlook of Vets Helping Vets puts us in the position to be able to help our fellow veterans and that gives a feeling of belonging. He reminded us that we are here not just to raise money, if we do that at all, but to help veterans, starting with the members of our own chapter. As hard as it is to do, please ask for help if you need it. We all benefit from helping each other out, and it's our honor to do so.**

#### **Secretary report:**

- Vote to accept past month's minutes: **Minutes accepted unanimously.**
- Currently working with applications for two new members to join 26-1.

#### **Treasurer's Report:**

- Monthly Report/Vote on past month's report: **Report given and accepted unanimously.**

#### **SAA:**

- Sign-in sheets; Must be legible; Does anyone need a new ID card that is still using the sign in sheet?
- Update from The National Meeting held in Colorado. **Membership applications will now be all digital – no more paper. BLCPs: #1 passed, #2 failed, #3 failed,**

and #4 failed. There was some clarifying discussion, but nothing of note. Next Nationals is in Minnesota, followed by Georgia and then New York.

- Members can go on the National website and pay their dues; also keep in mind that an event is needed to make it a good year. Must be paid by the end of this month! Please let the BOD know if you need assistance with this. **We reviewed the process for paying dues.**
- Krieger added that there is one room that has come available for Regionals. See him for more details if interested.

### **PR and Web Master:**

- Update chapter on Facebook page if any members have not yet joined. **Just a note that ride info posted is for informational purposes, not necessarily for planned rides. Planned rides will be coordinated with chapter emails and such.**
- Any new information to put out to the Chapter? **The TimeTree app has all rides in Vermont, for all chapters. Feel free to download it and check them out.**

### **Old Business:**

- Maine Regionals held at the Oxford fairgrounds July 12 – July 16. Options on lodging and where 26-1 is currently booking rooms. Go onto the website <https://cvmar3rally.com/> and pre-register as well as check out the swag. The online store will officially be shutting down on June 15th so don't wait!! **Just a reminder: the chapter will be riding up on 14 July with plans to stay until the 16<sup>th</sup>.**
- The Hartford Alumni Parade in White River Junction is being held on Saturday, June 24, 2023. We were invited by the mother of LCPL Jeffery Holmes, who was KIA in Fallujah in 2004, to participate in the parade.

### **New Business:**

- Sunday, July 16<sup>th</sup> is the 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Silver Towers Ride to benefit Vermont Elks Silver Towers Camp; we have been invited to attend this ride, however it is the Sunday many of us will be coming back from Regionals in Maine.

### **Tabled Items:**

- Chapter Guidon Flag **this has been given the green light. No further discussion today.**

### **Auxiliary:**

- Provide update on Coffee Break. Is anything needed from the Chapter? **Antheia said that we're good to go. She's checking on if we'll be able to have coffee at the event.**
- NH Auxiliary is having their sanctioned ride to benefit the CVMA scholarship program on 02 September.

- VT Auxiliary's sanctioned ride, planned for 23 September, is in the works.

**Discussion: Open to Membership:** there was no noted discussion today.

**Announcements: Open to membership:** Grumpy said that the new chapter challenge coins and poker chips are in and look great!

Survivor said that Slash, OMEN and Cathy are currently grounded with health issues. If members could reach out to them with a visit or a phone call, that would be much appreciated.

Survivor also asked for help with some alterations to their landscaping trailer at home. A small group gathered and followed them to their home to effect the needed assistance. Nice job!

**Closing Prayer:** Spirit gave the closing prayer.

**Adjournment: CC Meeting adjourned at 1104.**