

**COMBAT VETERANS MOTORCYCLE ASSOCIATION©**  
**Of Vermont, Inc.**  
**Chapter 26-1**  
**Meeting Agenda for 12/10/2023**  
**At the Mutuo in Barre, VT**  
**In-Person and ZOOM**

**Call to Order & Pledge of Allegiance:** SAA Krieger called the meeting to order at 10:05

**Opening Prayer:** OMEN/Santa Claus gave the opening prayer

**Welcome from Chapter Commander:** Many thanks to the Mutuo for hosting our chapter meeting this month and the annual Christmas party!

Welcome any and all visitors

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

**Chapter Commander:**

- Winter activities for the Chapter; Bowling – Less than 20 is \$8.00 per person – 20 or more is \$3.00 per person – or we could possibly rent the entire bowling alley out. Looking into axe throwing. Any other winter activity ideas? Chapter members are encouraged to discuss any ideas. Seasonal Affective Disorder is real, and many of our members suffer from it, to varying degrees, throughout the winter months. Vets helping Vets includes us looking out for each other, too. You don't have to go through it alone.
- Our ZOOM account expense has been raised by \$10.00 – it will be going to \$159.90 for next year. We will keep the Zoom account, by unanimous vote.
- Donation Jars. Two will be going into Parro's Gun Shop – thank you to Thunder. Anyone else willing to get a few jars out? Anyone interested should clear it with the store/establishment and then see Bear to get it started. Remember that it's also a commitment to do regular checks on the jar and keep it empty.

**XO:**

- We received a donation from Bruce's Hillside Tree Farm for our wreaths used during the Veterans Cemetery Wreath Laying, for the second year in a row. They said they want to continue doing this. Thoughts on presenting them with a plaque? We will get a plaque, by unanimous vote. OMEN will set it up. Thank you, OMEN!
- Welcome to our new member, FM Timothy "Tramp" Stamp from Texas. Introductions and new member can tell the Chapter a little about himself. Tramp couldn't make it in today, so this is postponed.

- Eagle carving: A friend of ODAAT's donated a hand-carved eagle statue to the chapter in ODAAT's memory. After some discussion, we decided to raffle it off, as follows: we'll sell 100 tickets at \$20.00 each. Cochise will look into getting that set up and running.

### **Secretary report:**

- Vote to accept past month's minutes: minutes accepted by unanimous vote.
- Update on any pending applications: I'm happy to report that Skrewy's Supporter application is sitting on the National Secretary's desk as we speak!

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

- Monthly Report/Vote on past month's report: Breeze gave the report, which was accepted by unanimous vote.

### **SAA:**

- Sign-in sheets; Must be legible; Does anyone need a new ID card that is still using the sign in sheet?
- Chapter 26-1 Patch in Ceremony – FM Monique Billings: Monique "Mojo" Billings was patched in after being very well-represented by her brother, Chance "Hadji" Payette. Welcome home, Mojo!
- Alpha-Omega presentation: Claudette "Dancer" Swett was presented with the Alpha-Omega plaque for her husband, our brother ODAAT, who recently passed away. She made a brief statement of thanks for how happy the CVMA had made her and her husband over all the years of his membership. We assured her that she is still a member of our chapter; that we are still here for her, should she ever need us.

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

- Update chapter on Facebook page if any members have not yet joined. Gambler pointed out that the Facebook page isn't really an appropriate replacement for our old website, since quite a few of our members aren't on Facebook. After some discussion, it was decided, by unanimous vote, that we would re-open a chapter website. Gambler will have more info at the next chapter meeting, in January.

### **Auxiliary:**

- New business, updates for Chapter: K9 has gotten an EIN for the state, so the Auxiliary account and the Champlain Valley Fair account will be moving out from under our financial umbrella. Sharon will keep us updated.

### **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?
- Medical Retirement has 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!

**New Business:** No new business was introduced today.

**Tabled Items:**

- Chapter Guidon Flag

**Discussion: Open to Membership:** No discussion today.

**Announcements: Open to membership:** Everybody stay put for the Christmas Party!

**Closing Prayer:** OMEN/Santa Claus gave the closing prayer at 10:36.

**Adjournment:** CC