

**COMBAT VETERANS MOTORCYCLE ASSOCIATION©  
of Vermont, Inc.  
Chapter 26-1  
Meeting Agenda for 6/13/2021  
At Mutuo Club in Barre, VT  
In-Person and Zoom Meeting**

**Call to Order & Pledge of Allegiance: SAA**

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

**In Attendance:** Bear, Bohemian, Breeze, Cochise, Gambler, Grumpy, Jaguar, Krieger, Ltl Harley, Nimrod, ODAAT (Zoom), OMEN, Papa Smurf, Sandman, Slammer, Snowdog (Zoom), Spirit, The Boss, Top Sgt, Wizzard, and Woodchuck

**Welcome from Chapter Commander:** What a great turnout today! Very much appreciated, brothers and sisters! Looks like we're moving in the right direction.

- **Welcome any and all visitors**
- **Patch in Ceremony for Kevin "Grumpy" Joyal** Grumpy was patched in successfully – Welcome Home!

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

**Chapter Commander:**

- **Items that were given to Jeffrey "Wardawg" Warden** were returned by 26-2
- **Delegates for the National Meeting** were posted – Woodchuck and Wizard will be representing 26-1 – thanks brothers!
- **Champlain Valley Fair** is coming up – Chapter items have been inventoried and organized; **still looking** for assistance in gathering donations. Please get any info you have to OMEN. We're putting a sign-up sheet on the website. Use this to figure out what shifts you can work and email your shift preferences to Gambler, so he can update the sign-up sheet.
- **9<sup>th</sup> Annual Veterans Summit** is Monday, June 14<sup>th</sup> at the Veterans Park on Northern Vermont Universities Lyndon Campus – Omen, Slash and ODAAT will be sharing a booth with 26-4 1100 hours in the Dining Hall.
- **Our Chapter recently completed a Vet to Vet** to help out a Vietnam Veteran with his flag pole and a new flag. This was a very powerful event, as the veteran was moved to tears by the display of support and fellowship. As usual, we did more than was asked, in line with the spirit of the CVMA – VETS HELPING VETS!

- **Veterans Memorial Waterfall Ride** (Sanctioned Event) is scheduled for Saturday, 26 June – a possibility of 60 riders coming from VA may join the ride for their Long Range Riding Platoon (LRRP) requirement.
- **Coffee Break fund raiser is a go** (Sanctioned Event) at the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Rest Area on 89N on Saturday of Columbus Day weekend, 09 October. We will need full Chapter Participation to help run the tables and/or donate baked goods. This is a great place to get the word out about our Association. As you know, it's important to reach as many brother and sister veterans as possible. 22 a day is way too high a number. Thank you in advance for your help!
- **National Dues are due by the End of the Month.** Please reach out to the BOD if you need assistance. If you fail to get them paid, you will be automatically ejected from the CVMA and will have to re-apply to get back in. This will also cause you to lose your current member number.

**XO:** Farmway in Bradford has given us a very good deal on a pistol for our next raffle. A holster is included.

The annual Vet Ride at the Hartford High School Veterans game is coming up in September. We had a good time last time, and would like to have a good showing of support this year. I'll get more info out as it becomes available.

#### **Secretary report:**

- **Vote to accept past month's minutes:** Minutes were accepted by unanimous vote.
- We have two motorized chairs – both are dead after 24 hrs charge on the batteries. After discussion, it was decided to reach out to the manufacturer about possibly donating a couple new ones, as they are not cheap!

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

- **Monthly Report/Vote on past month's report:** treasurer's report was accepted as read by Bear, in White Wolf's absence. Bear went on to officially announce that White Wolf is stepping down as Treasurer. He will not be seeking reelection in October. If anyone has interest in the position, we ask that they step forward as soon as possible, to give the maximum time to learn the position with White Wolf. After brief discussion, Breeze said she was interested and would give it some thought, including touching base with White Wolf. Thanks, Breeze!
- **Fund raiser ideas, if applicable:** no new ideas today

#### **SAA:**

- **Sign-in sheets; Must be legible**
- **What assistance is needed for the Champlain Valley Fair?** See note in Chapter Commander section. Also, the updated Donation Request letter is being posted on the website. This will be helpful in your quest for donations. Angel and I have already gotten about 50 items, but we need more! Approach local businesses in your area and see what they will offer. Gift certificates are good; cash is good, items are best. Remind them that they can write it off on their taxes

– tax ID number is available on request – and it's free advertising for their business! We put their name up on the board in our booth and say great things about all our donors. Cochise asked about giving "I Support CVMA" stickers to those who donate. We'll look into that – good idea!

**PR:**

**Webmaster website update, if applicable:** Les Howe funeral services: folks are riding up from Rutland to meet at McDonald's and be at the Legion in Barre for the reception at 1230 hours

**Old Business: End of year BBQ** will be Sept 12<sup>th</sup> at Sandman's house. We will have the Chapter Meeting and the Pistol Raffle at the BBQ.

**Woodchuck was voted in at last meeting as Road Captain.** Thanks again, Woodchuck!

**Any new thoughts on our discussion regarding a 911 ride or a roadside collection event?** During discussion, it was voiced that there are probably a few 911 rides already set up, and we don't want to step on any toes. Roadside collections require liability insurance, which we don't have. We'll look into the associated costs – might be worth it.

**Are the two open rooms at Regionals still available?** Bohemian said yes, they are. Please see him for more info, if interested. Scott said that rooms are filling up fast, if not already taken up. The current plan is for all 4 VT chapters to meet up and ride there together. More info will be made available as it comes out.

**New Business:** There is an updated list out of all VT CVMA members for anyone who would like a copy – this list includes any members that have a trailer.

**The 2021 Vermont State Rally** will be held Sunday, August 29<sup>th</sup> at 1100 at The Langevin House – 487 Furnace Street (Vermont Veterans Memorial Cemetery), Randolph Center, VT 05061. This is a Sanctioned Event.

**The Proud Family Member Patch** is no longer authorized to purchase or wear. Those that already have them are grandfathered in and can continue to wear them.

**Tabled Items:** no tabled items today

**ST Rep:** Intimidator did not grace us with his presence today.

**Discussion: Open to Membership:**

Laconia: It is a Sanctioned Event to visit the CVMA House at Weir's Beach during Laconia Bike Week. A group from our chapter will be riding down this Saturday, 19 June, for a day trip. We'll meet up at the Mutuo at 0830 with KSU at 0900. Hope to see you there!

**Announcements: Open to membership:**

**Closing Prayer: ODAAT led the closing prayer at 11:02**

**Adjournment: CC**