

**COMBAT VETERANS MOTORCYCLE ASSOCIATION
of Vermont, Inc.
Chapter 26-1
Meeting Agenda for 6/9/2019
At Mutuo Club in Barre, VT**

Call to Order & Pledge of Allegiance: SAA

Opening Prayer:

Welcome from Chapter Commander:

- **Welcome all visitors.**

Patching Ceremony New members:

FM ----- Lyman (Big Whiskey) not able to make it in today

SUP ---- Kimball (Big Kid) not able to make it in today

Guest Speaker: none

Report of Officers: (Executive Board)

Chapter Commander:

- **Chapter shirt and Texas Roadhouse shirts.** Shirts are \$20.00. Pre-orders are being taken for the next two weeks or so.
- **Thanks to the members that attended Honor Flight escort, Essex Jct. Parade.** It went very well. Casella donated a large dumpster, and said they're always ready and eager to help out with CVMA stuff. Mark's BBQ served up a great spread and said they're open to doing CVMA events for free.
- We discussed an opportunity for the chapter to purchase a fully enclosed bike trailer for \$4600.00. White Wolf said it's a lot of money and asked the chapter if this is a good use of our funds to help veterans. After further discussion, it was decided to go ahead with the purchase by unanimous vote.

XO: Reminder-

- **We have a power scooter if anyone knows a Veteran that could use one. We also have a power wheelchair.**
- **If you know of a veteran in need contact the BOD.**
- We discussed our upcoming Christmas party, because plans are in the works. Brian from the Smolder Mist pub said the pub is ours if we want it again. We're looking for raffle ideas.
- Bike Week starts today.
- Please stop to help out stranded/disabled motorcyclists if you can.

Secretary report:

- **Last meeting Min vote to accept April.** Accepted unanimously

- **Member ID cards.** State Rep said we're looking at getting a swipe machine, so members can just swipe their membership cards at chapter meetings and other CVMA events, instead of having to write it out on paper sign-in sheets. This will also cut down on paper use and the need for the Commander to lug around sheets of paper to keep track of participants.

Treasurer's Report:

- **Monthly Report/Vote on April and June reports; Vote to Accept.** Accepted unanimously
- **Vet to Vet updates.** We made a car payment for a veteran in need. We also conducted a spring yard clean-up for another veteran in need. We have ordered the micro-fiber cloths for swag for R3 and t-shirts for sale, as well. We talked about getting a plaque for the Champlain Valley Fair.

SAA:

- **Sign-in sheets; Must be legible.**
- **National Dues – pay online or contact our treasurer or commander for assistance. The deadline is June 30th.**
- We're looking into incentive programs for meeting/event attendance.

PR: Upcoming events calendar:

- **New items posted to the calendar**
- **If you have something you would like posted to the calendar, please contact the chapter PR officer.**

Committees Reports:

Old Business:

- **CVMA-26 2019 State Meeting will be Sunday June 2nd Recap.** The meeting went very well. We had a paper sign-up sheet for various position shifts at Regional. Don reminded folks that anything signed up for would still need to be emailed to Dana: dana.lesperance@comcast.net
- **R3 Regional 26-1 Steakhouse Run and NEK ride update.**
- **Donation ideas for the R3 swag bag have been given to the committee.**
- **Update on partnership with VTNG security team 158th Security Forces, Casella, VFW post 782 and Marks BBQ of Essex Junction. Recommend we present the each with a plaque.** We voted unanimously to go ahead with this.

New Business:

- **Chapter items for sale, shirts, Poker chips, Coins. Do we want to order new items?** A member noted that we need some size medium shirts.
- **2019 Ghost ride.** This will happen the weekend prior to Regional.

- **2020 regional meeting will be in PA.**
- **Do we want to team up with 5-5 and donate \$250 to the Grady Ride?** Ryan Grady was killed in action. His family created this ride to raise funds for scholarships for Veteran's dependents. The chapter voted unanimously to donate the requested \$250.00.
- **Jesse Strong Military Appreciation Day June 15 POC Dana Lesperance.** Don will email the details to the chapter.
- **5 – 5 Upper bike raffle tickets.**
- **Commander out of contact (going to nationals).** Email only after 14 June.

Tabled Items:

ST Rep: Members can medically retire from the CVMA. If you become unable to ride for medical reasons, you will need a corroborating letter from your doctor. Submit that to the State Rep and you can retire from the CVMA and keep your patch.

- Watch traffic on social media. There have been more infractions that have required legal responses. This can and will impact your standing with the CVMA.

- It's time to pay your CVMA dues. They must be paid by 2400 hours on 30 June. A reminder that we always have from 01 January until 30 June to pay dues. You don't have to wait until the last minute.

- There are 176 VT CVMA members, but only 26 showed up for the State meeting. A reminder that each member must attend at least one sanctioned CVMA event per year.

- There has been an increase in 1% clubs in Vermont. Pay attention and follow protocol. If you come up on a 1% club on the road, DO NOT pass them without their permission.

Kurt related a story about a motorist that did pass a 1% club: they followed him, surrounded his car, made him get out and gave him a beating. They WILL react. Be safe out there!

Discussion: Open to Membership:

- **Dana R3 Chair, review and Registration.**

Announcements:

Closing Prayer:

Adjournment: CC