

COMBAT VETERANS MOTORCYCLE ASSOCIATION©
Of Vermont, Inc.
Chapter 26-1
Meeting Agenda for 11/12/2023
At Smoulder Mist Pub in Barre, VT
In-Person and ZOOM

Call to Order & Pledge of Allegiance: SAA Krieger opened the meeting at 1000.

Opening Prayer: Spirit gave the opening prayer.

Welcome from Chapter Commander:

- Welcome any and all visitors Monique Billings was in attendance today, as was Tramp.

Report of Officers: (Chapter Executive Board)

Chapter Commander:

- The VT Shares Program raised \$3,028.80 in our first year of fundraising! We will receive quarterly checks in the amount of \$757.20. Job well done! First check was received this past Friday! Thanks to Tammy "Phoenix" Pregent and Bear for all their work to make this happen!
- The final Fair Committee Meeting will be held this evening. We will conduct an AAR to evaluate the fair and make any changes, recommendations for next year. A new Fair Committee Chairman will be elected. All prizes except 4 have been delivered to the winners.
- 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.
- Monday, November 13th our Chapter has reservations at Jesse's Steakhouse in Hanover for their free Veterans Dinner at 1900 hours. We currently have 15 Members going. Please let me know if you need to be added to the list as I will need to adjust the reservation count.

XO:

- Gordon "Slash" Pierce will be in the hospital for the next week or so; please keep Slash and his family in your prayers.
- Harry "ODAAAT" Swett has been transferred to the Alpha Omega Chapter. The plaque has been ordered for his family. We have also submitted a Benevolent Request to assist Claudette with burial expenses. This is a \$1500.00 request to the National Board. It is currently under review with the NBOD. Many thanks to

all who made appearances at his services. CVMA was well-represented, which was ODAAT's final wish.

- Christmas Party discussion and planning. Party will happen at the Mutuo on the second Sunday, 12/10. It will be potluck and will have a Yankee Swap (gifts \$40.00 max.) Mutuo will have an open bar available.
- Christmas Families: After much discussion, the CEB has canceled the Christmas Family program for this year. The issue is that the funds being used in the past were not going directly to helping veterans, which is the stated purpose for all the money raised by the chapter. This issue will be revisited and likely resumed for next year.

Secretary report:

- Vote to accept past month's minutes: there was no official chapter meeting last month, due to the Coffee Break. However, September's minutes were accepted by unanimous vote.
- Update on any pending applications for Rewards or Membership. Monique Billings? Monique's application is at the National level.

Treasurer's Report:

- Monthly Report/Vote on past month's report: Krieger gave the report for Breeze, who couldn't be present today. Report 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 – AUX Member Sonya Cheney: Sonya "Amazon" Cheney was patched in today. Welcome home, Amazon!
- Protocol issue: All members are reminded that our vests are not to be worn while driving cars, etc. This is a long-standing rule in the motorcycle community, to show respect for the patch.

PR and Web Master:

- Update chapter on Facebook page if any members have not yet joined.

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 with this veteran and present him with his new flag?

New Business:

- The location for next year's National Convention is Rochester, Minnesota. The convention is being held the week of June 17- 22. Wizzard is planning on

attending; Cochise and Bear have also booked a room. Start making plans now if you plan on attending!

Tabled Items:

- Chapter Guidon Flag: **this matter remains on hold.**

Auxiliary:

- **Antheia:** The Coffee Break went very well. We had a good turnout and a lot of fun! She gave a rundown on the funds being held by the State Aux, which led to some questions and ensuing discussion. Funds came from donations from each VT chapter, the Aux Scholarship Ride and the 50/50 Raffle held at the State Meeting, totalling \$5,131.00. This money is being held in a bank account that falls under the umbrella of our chapter, having been set up by Breeze, at the direction of K9, the VT State Rep. The CEB was not consulted nor informed. Frustration with this arrangement was expressed by several members. It was pointed out that there is no accountability for this money, as it currently sits, but that our chapter bears the responsibility for it. Discussion concluded that Antheia and Bear will follow up with K9. The general thought was that there needs to be a separation of funds, since this money comes from several sources and is specific to the State Aux purposes; that no single chapter should have the controlling interest. One suggestion was that K9 set up a bank account for the state with an Aux portion, so that all points of accountability will be clearly defined and identified.

Discussion: Open to Membership:

Announcements: Open to membership: We will be placing wreaths at the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Cemetery in Randolph on December 9, details to be determined. Watch for an email with more information.

Closing Prayer: OMEN gave the closing prayer.

Adjournment: CC Meeting adjourned at 1122 hours.