

**COMBAT VETERANS MOTORCYCLE ASSOCIATION
of Vermont, Inc.
Chapter 26-1
Meeting Agenda for 8/11/2019
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) FM ----- Robert Bernier
FM ----- Jeffrey Hall SUP ---- Kimball (Big Kid)**

Jeffrey Hall was patched in at Regionals – Welcome home, Jeff!
Robert Bernier was patched in today – Welcome home, Fireball!!

Report of Officers: (Executive Board)

Chapter Commander:

- **Chapter report for 2019.**
- **Motion to donate to a Vet in need. \$500.00** – we voted unanimously to get a \$1,000.00 food card to help this family in need.
- **Vermont Veterans Medals Applications with BAYADA. Beverly Hill.** Veterans who saw combat are eligible to receive a medal from the State of Vermont. There were paper applications here today. If you didn't make it or didn't grab an application,

XO: Reminder- I will be filling in as Chapter Commander in the interim between Don and whoever is voted in next. I can't take the position, myself, due to time and schedule constraints.

Secretary report:

- **Last meeting Min vote to accept July.** Minutes were accepted unanimously.
- **Member ID cards.**
- **We have a power scooter and a power wheelchair. If anyone knows a Veteran that could use one of either, contact the BOD.**

Treasurer's Report:

- **Monthly Report/Vote on July reports; Vote to Accept.** Accepted unanimously
- **Vet to Vet updates.**

SAA:

- **Sign-in sheets; Must be legible.**
One patch recovery in progress: no replies to other methods of contact, so a registered letter was sent out.

PR: Upcoming events calendar:

- **CVMA MA Kanc Run 9/28 see flyer.**
- **Veterans Place 10th Annual party. See flyer.**
- **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:**

- **Commanders position is open following this meeting. If interested contact the BOD.**
- **R-3 Regional review/26-1 Steakhouse Run review.**
- **The Memorial Waterfall ride hosted by 26 – 2. Review.**
- **Lucas' Memorial Pavilion Dedication in Bakersfield. Review.**

New Business:

- **Xmas Committee (Helping 4-5 Vets in need Vote on funding). \$1000.00?**
This amount was approved unanimously.
- **The NBOD has approved the CFD to be disbursed. Presentation will be done at the CVF. Amount unknown at this time.**
- **2020 regional meeting will be in PA.**
- **2020 National Meeting in FI.** Noted that it is not mandatory that CVMA rides down as a group. Groups are welcome to ride down together, but you can get there anyway you want/need to.
- **Working with Hospice BAYADA. Beverly Hill. Medal Ceremonies for Veterans.** They are looking for veterans to present the medals to those in hospice, etc, instead of someone from their office who may or may not be a veteran.
- **CVF, Donation Items, Funds for signage and hand out items. Vote.** Use the donation request letter Don sent out in the email or find them on our website. Gift certificates are best – easiest to store and then deliver. Oil changes, restaurant side dishes or entrees, get creative! Send any items donated to Omen, so they can be entered on the signs for the fair walls.
- **Vet looking for help moving Aug 29th at 9pm. Just need a few bodies.** Watch your email for more details.

Tabled Items:

ST Rep: I am amazed at how well the R3 Regional meeting/rally went! It was truly heartening to see all three Vermont chapters of CVMA 26 working together to get the job done and done well! We've come so far in 10 years!

-If you want to see more of the CVMA, check out YouTube. Chapters from all over the country have stuff on there.

-Patches on vests: No rockers of any type are permitted. All CVMA patches not already approved must go through the established Logo Use Application process.

Discussion: Open to Membership: There was discussion about our newly acquired trailer; specifically decorating it to better advertise the CVMA. We voted in \$200.00 to use toward that end. We'll get two 18" Skully's, one for each side of the front, and look into getting stickers made with our sponsors and major donors, like Smolder Mist Pub and Texas Roadhouse. Wizzard said Yipes might be willing to donate some of what we're looking for.

Announcements: Open to membership. Saturday, 8/24 will be the "Tap Takeover" event at the Essex VFW to benefit Vermont Paws and Boots.

There will be tickets for the gun raffle for our Christmas party on sale at our next chapter meeting.

Last words from the outgoing commander. Remove Commanders patch / Present CVMA Flag to the XO. It has been a true pleasure and an honor to have been your Chapter Commander for the last 3 years. I highly encourage anyone who may have been thinking about getting involved in the BOD to consider the Commander position. You'll have an amazing BOD, a great State Rep and two former Commanders to help you out with whatever you need. I'm not going anywhere; just stepping down from the Commander position so I can get my house in order for moving in the future. It's all about delegating whatever can be delegated, developing those little fingers and pushing those buttons to make things happen. We've seen the three Vermont chapters go from not having much to do with each other to actually working well together to carry out the mission of the CVMA – vets helping vets. I want to personally thank Omen, Intimidator and the entire BOD for being so solid in support of what we do. You really made my job easier. I want to thank the Smolder Mist Pub for their unwavering support and consistent contribution to our chapter and the mission of the CVMA. I've never felt like I was on my own throughout these 3 years, in any of the things we've undertaken as a chapter. Most of all, I'd like to thank the one who made it all possible, my beautiful wife Lenny. She endured so many times when our weekend plans had to be canceled so I could attend to chapter business. She's been my rock and my support throughout the entire time and I don't think I could've done it without her.

Thank you CVMA Chapter 26-1.

Don Aces Up Edwards.

Closing Prayer:

Adjournment: CC