



Vietnam Veterans Of America *Chapter One*

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MINUTES OF CHAPTER MEETING Jan. 10, 2007

PLEASE NOTE: Because two officers have conflicts on the normal date of the next meeting, and the pace of chapter business is slow, we will skip the February meeting and next meet March 14 at the regular time and place.

Five members were present.

The minutes of the December meeting were unanimously approved as printed in the newsletter.

Dave Mathis presented the treasurer's report, showing a total of \$14,850.58 in the chapter's two accounts. The report was unanimously approved.

The flag at the Rutland County Vietnam Veterans Memorial was initially not lowered following former President Gerald Ford's recent death. The Rutland City Recreation and Parks Department now has a key to the flagpole and will take care of future lowerings, when appropriate.

Jack Crowther moved to restore our emergency fund for the families of deployed Vermont National Guard troops from this area to \$500. The financial assistance can be approved by the action of two officers when a request for help is received. Usually the requests come from Heather Hinckley, a family readiness coordinator for the Vermont National Guard. Chapter One recently provided a \$375 subsidy for rent to the landlord of the family of a deployed soldier. The family was facing eviction for rent delinquency.

President Andy Megrath said Gennaro Miglorie of South Carolina is in the process of joining the chapter.

St. Albans Chapter 753 of VVA is offering a \$1,500 scholarship for a graduating high school senior who is a relative of a Vietnam Veteran or other veteran. Andy Megrath will pass on the scholarship qualifying information to Heather Hinckley, mentioned above.

The chapter has received a copy of The Two Dollar Bill, by Roger H. Soiset, relating the author's year in Vietnam. Soiset served with Chapter One Treasurer Dave Mathis, who appears in a photo on the cover of the book.

Jack Crowther said he had tried unsuccessfully to get in touch with the Iraqi Children's Relief Fund with an eye to the chapter providing some assistance. The organization was started by Vermont national guardsmen to provide continuing medical assistance to Iraqi children.

Submitted by Jack Crowther, Secretary

**The next meeting will be Wednesday, March 14, at 6 p.m.
at the chapter offices at the VFW, 15 Wales St., Rutland.**

