



# Vietnam Veterans Of America

## Chapter One

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### MINUTES OF CHAPTER MEETING

Dec. 12, 2007

**Please Note: We will skip the January meeting. Our next meeting will be Wednesday, Feb. 13, at 6 p.m. at our quarters in the VFW, 15 Wales St., Rutland.**

Four members attended.

Vice President Larry Young presided.

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

Dave Mathis presented the treasurer's report, which was unanimously approved.

The VFW, our landlord, has a potential tenant for the small room just to the west of our room and accessible only from our room. Apparently the entrance would be reconfigured so that the tenant would only have access to that room and not to Chapter 1's space. Since we don't use the room, there were no objections, so long as security for our space is addressed. The tenant is said to be another veterans group.

Larry Young noted there will be a Candlelight Vigil Dec. 21 at 6 p.m. at the Dodge House at 95 Crescent St. in acknowledgement of homelessness nationwide. The Dodge House is a place for homeless veterans able and willing to work, the only such facility in Vermont. It has been the recipient of Chapter 1 support on an annual basis. Several Chapter 1 members are on the Dodge House board. The ceremony will last 15 to 20 minutes.

Jack Crowther has written an article on the history and current status of Chapter 1 for the national VVA veteran, due to appear in the January-February issue. Although VVA's next new chapter will be its 1,000th numbered chapter, only 651 are still functioning. The January-February issue is to feature the 14 surviving VVA chapters from the original first 30.

Richard Reed, veterans service officer with Vermont's Office of Veterans Affairs, will be in Rutland Jan. 14 in the afternoon to assist vets in claims or other dealings with the Veterans Administration. Please call for an appointment, as he is generally unable to take walk-ins. The number of the Vermont Veterans Assistance Office is 888-666-9844 (toll-free) or 802-828-3379. Or e-mail [richard.reed@va.state.vt.us](mailto:richard.reed@va.state.vt.us). The web site is [www.va.state.vt.us](http://www.va.state.vt.us).

Dick Doyle noted that at his Vietnam unit's reunion at Fort Campbell, Ky., in May he talked to "two guys who had been there [to the Mideast-Iraq] four times." There followed a discussion of deployments to the

war area and the burdens on families.

Our website now displays an updated Honor Roll for the Rutland County Vietnam Veterans Memorial. Four new names have been added: Roy E. Wilkinson, Rutland; Bradford Shedd, Wallingford; Richard Cobb, Rutland; and Perry Moyer, Poultney. These names are scheduled to be added to the memorial in Main Street Park in Rutland, along with any other names we certify before then, next Memorial Day. Until then, they will at least be on the website Honor Roll.

Submitted by Jack Crowther, Secretary