



# Vietnam Veterans Of America *Chapter One*

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## MINUTES OF CHAPTER MEETING

March 14, 2007

Four members were present.

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

Dave Mathis presented the treasurer's report, showing a total of \$15,219.76 in the chapter's two accounts. The report was unanimously approved.

President Andy Megrath noted that two Chapter 1 members, himself and Larry Young, are now on the board of directors of the Dodge House, a place for homeless veterans in Rutland.

The Rutland Veterans Council sent us a bill for \$60 in dues. No one remembered paying dues before to the council, which is an umbrella group for veterans organizations in the county. Andy Megrath will inquire about the dues.

Jack Crowther moved to approve \$350 for Friends of Veterans, an organization serving to meet needs of homeless vets in Vermont and New Hampshire. It addresses needs such as late rent payments to avoid eviction, delinquent mortgage bills, assistance for needs of veterans' childrens and the like. The chapter has contributed in the past on the recommendation of Dick Doyle, our membership chairman. Motion was seconded by Bill Whitney and approved unanimously.

Jack moved that the names of the existing officers and board members be placed in nomination to serve in the coming year. The vote will take place at the April 11 meeting.

Officers are: Andy Megrath, president; Larry Young, vice president, Dave Mathis, treasurer; and Jack Crowther, secretary.

Board members are: Dick Doyle, Bill Whitney, Bub Crosby, Fred Hellmuth and Mike Divoll.

Anyone interested in serving in one of the above positions should notify an officer or drop us a line at VVA Chapter 1, 15 Wales St., Rutland, VT 05701-4026. Anyone nominated who does not wish to serve should notify us as well.

Jack Crowther raised the issue of using Chapter 1 monies for some form of good works, but had no specific suggestions. He said he had tried unsuccessfully to contact a Vermont-based relief fund for Iraqi children.

One idea discussed briefly was to sponsor a speaker or a concert at the Paramount Theatre or to subsidize a number of seats for an already scheduled concert. The sponsored seats could be provided to veterans at a reduced price or for free. Members are invited to contribute suggestions on this topic.

The next meeting will be Wednesday, April 11, at 6 p.m. at the chapter offices at the VFW, 15 Wales St., Rutland.

Submitted by Jack Crowther, Secretary