



# Vietnam Veterans Of America

## *Chapter One*

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### REPORT OF CHAPTER MEETING

April 9, 2008

Three members attended.

Because of the small attendance, the meeting was conducted informally.

We will elect officers and the board of directors at the next meeting, Wednesday, May 14, beginning at 6 p.m. at the chapter offices at the VFW, 15 Wales St. Please attend and make known your interest in serving as an officer or director. If you can't attend, let an officer or board member know your interest so we can put your name in nomination.

The chapter has two new life members, Jim Ryan and Bill Whitney, both of Northfield. Thanks, Jim and Bill, for your commitment.

The Rutland County Veterans Council will meet Monday, May 21, at the American Legion in Rutland to firm up Memorial Day plans. Chapter 1 intends to update the Honor Roll of names on the Rutland County Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Main Street Park as part of the overall event. Location of the event is still under discussion.

The Moving Wall, a traveling reduced-size replica of The Wall in Washington, D.C., which memorializes the Vietnam War dead, will be in St. Albans in May. Setup will begin Wednesday, May 14, and be completed the next day. The Moving Wall will remain on display through Monday, May 19. Host for the event is Chapter 753, the Northwestern Vermont Vietnam Veterans of America. Chapter 753 is also planning a parade on May 18 at 1 p.m. You can learn more by calling Henry Neuberger at 802-933-8958 or e-mailing [c.chrisms@verizon.net](mailto:c.chrisms@verizon.net).

Vermont Thunder, an annual motorcycle ride that calls attention to soldiers that are prisoners of war or missing in action and assists veterans and veterans' families that are in need, is seeking donations for their work. The ride takes place on the Sunday before Memorial Day, or May 25 this year. More about the organization can be found at [www.vt-thunder.org](http://www.vt-thunder.org). The address is 109 Maplewood Ave., Milton, Vt. 05468-3633. You may also call Mike Pendriss, vice president and treasurer of Vermont Thunder, at (802) 893-1191 or e-mail him at [bigguysparts@comcast.net](mailto:bigguysparts@comcast.net).

The Fleet Reserve Association, Green Mountain Branch No. 235, is seeking partners for its Wounded Heroes Project to send needed and requested items to recovering military personnel at Bethesda Naval Medical Center and Walter Reed Army Medical Center.

The Governor's Summit on the Employment of People With Disabilities will take place June 9, 2008, at the Sheraton hotel and Conference Center in South Burlington. Keynote Speakers will be Jack Jacobs, political and military analyst and Medal of Honor recipient; and Lee Woodruff, author and wife of injured television co-anchor Bob Woodruff.

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) has begun to deploy mobile pharmacies to provide vital medicine during major emergencies, especially natural disasters. The 40-foot trailers are storm-resistant and have satellite connections with VA's Consolidated Mail Outpatient Pharmacy system to obtain a veteran's prescription data to dispense the drugs on site.

From the VVA State Council meeting, Chapter 1 President Andy Megrath reported that Vermont has 570 VVA members and 52 associate members statewide. The annual VVA-sponsored Vermont Veterans Home picnic will be held June 28 at the home in Bennington. VVA members serve the residents at the home a traditional summer barbecue.

VVA is down to two service officers, as A.J. Paige has been offered a position with the VA.

Submitted by Jack Crowther,  
Secretary

Minutes of Chapter Meeting  
March 12, 2008

Four members were present.

Mike Divoll led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Dave Mathis presented the treasurer's report, showing \$15,708.87 in the chapter's two accounts.

President Andy Megrath solicited nominations for chapter officers and board members, to be voted on at the April meeting. [The vote has since been postponed until the May meeting.]

Andy Megrath issued a \$100 check to the Rutland Housing Authority to help G.D., a veteran in need of assistance.

A client at Dodge House is taking classes at night and needs a newer version of a program on the Dodge House computer. Andy Megrath will investigate the price of software to make the computers compatible.

Dave Mathis moved to adjourn, seconded by Mike Divoll. Approved.

Minutes taken by Dave Mathis  
Minutes submitted here by Jack Crowther, secretary

**THE NEXT CHAPTER MEETING WILL BE WEDNESDAY, MAY 14 AT 6 P.M.  
AT THE CHAPTER OFFICES AT THE VFW, 15 WALES ST., RUTLAND, VT.**