



Vietnam Veterans Of America *Chapter One*

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REPORT OF CHAPTER MEETING May 14, 2008

Five members attended.

The secretary's report was accepted as printed in the newsletter.

Treasurer Dave Mathis reported a total of \$16,559.90 in the chapter's accounts. The report was unanimously accepted.

The chapter has a new life member, Royal Barnard of Rutland, an early member of the chapter who has now rejoined.

The following officers were nominated for one year terms: president, Andy Megrath; vice president, Larry Young; treasurer, Dave Mathis; secretary, Jack Crowther. Board members nominated were Dick Doyle, Bill Whitney, Mike Divoll, Bub Crosby and Maurice Burden. The slate was unanimously approved. All those elected have been serving in those positions, except Burden, who is a new board member.

Jack Crowther reported on plans for Rutland City's Memorial Day Ceremony on Monday, May 26, beginning at 11 a.m. at the Rutland County Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Main Street Park. The ceremony in recent years has been at the West Street Cemetery in Rutland but was shifted to the site of the Vietnam memorial for this year.

Featured speaker for the event will be Dr. Matthew Friedman, executive director of the National Center for Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD), headquartered at the VA Medical Center in White River Junction. Dr. Friedman, who is also professor of psychiatry and pharmacology at Dartmouth Medical School, has worked with PTSD patients as a clinician and researcher for 30 years and has published extensively on stress and PTSD. He will be available for questions following the ceremony.

Other parts of the event include a color guard, firing squad, music by the Rutland High School Band, and the reading of winning essays on "What Memorial Day Means to Me."

Submitted by Jack Crowther, Secretary

**THE NEXT CHAPTER MEETING WILL BE WEDNESDAY, JUNE 11 AT 6 P.M.
AT THE CHAPTER OFFICES AT THE VFW, 15 WALES ST., RUTLAND, VT.**