



Vietnam Veterans Of America

Chapter One

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SEPTEMBER 2021



MINUTES OF CHAPTER MEETING

Sept. 8, 2021

At our fifth Zoom meeting, attendees included Andy Megrath, president; Tim Lonergan, vice president; Richard Reed, treasurer; Jack Crowther, secretary; and Dick Doyle and Bill Ellwood, directors.

A nominal meeting of the Board of Directors was held; no business was transacted.



Alicia Caputo, a second-year engineering student at Stafford Technical Center, received a \$2,000 scholarship from the Chapter 1 Scholarship, established to encourage Stafford graduating students to continue their educations. Candidates must be the child or grandchild of someone who served in the U.S. military. Alicia was also selected as a Presidential Scholar in Career and Technical Education.

The meeting began with President Andy Megrath discussing a family health matter that will curtail some of his time available for chapter business. However, he wishes to continue to serve. Members expressed their support and willingness to assist Andy with the web site and newsletter distribution.

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

Treasurer Richard Reed reported the chapter has \$55,090.34 in all its accounts, as of the end of August. That compares with \$44,754.18 reported at our May meeting. The difference, he explained is due to the reopening of Tomasi's bar in Fair Haven, which sells scratch-off tickets. Revenue from the sale of the tickets has long constituted the main and ample source of Chapter 1 funding, and Chapter 1 is grateful for the reopening the bar, not only for its benefit to the chapter but also as the livelihood for the generous

Tomasis, Shaun and Danielle, who are Chapter 1 associate members.

Net ticket income for the current fiscal year is \$15,815, Richard reported. He noted that the ticket supplier has changed the scratch-off games and that the cost of two boxes of tickets has increased from \$480 to \$508.

Jack Crowther brought up the No One Left Behind charity, which is devoted to assisting those Afghans who assisted the U.S. forces during the 20-year conflict just concluded with the withdrawal of U.S. troops. Jack suggested a \$200 donation, but Dick Doyle proposed \$500, putting it in the form of a motion. Seconded by Richard Reed. Approved unanimously.

The VVA State Council will meet Sept. 25 in Rutland at the Chapter 1 offices at the VFW, 15 Wales St., beginning at 11 a.m. Any interested member may attend.

Bill Ellwood reported that the archiving of Chapter 1 records is about complete. Hundreds of newsletters, photos, news articles, and other documents have been scanned into digital files or simply collected when the digital files already existed.

However, Bill and Jack Crowther are hoping to collect and preserve any pictures and information members have of their experiences in Vietnam, along with any updates on themselves they wish to have preserved. Please send any material of this nature to the following email address: rutlandvvaarchives@gmail.com.

Respectfully submitted,
Jack Crowther, secretary

THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE BY ZOOM WEDNESDAY, NOV. 10, AT 5 P.M.

Here is the information you need to join using the Zoom app:

Topic: VVA Chapter 1 Meeting

Time: Nov 10, 2021 05:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

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