



Vietnam Veterans Of America

Chapter One

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MINUTES OF CHAPTER MEETING AUGUST 14, 2024

Secretary's Note: In the interest of getting out the newsletter/minutes in a timely manner, since I'm leaving on a trip today (Aug. 15), I'm submitting this in abbreviated form, rather than my more detailed style. I have my hand-written notes and recollection of the meeting, in case there are questions about the meeting.

Here is a summary of the meeting:

Approximately 12 members/associate members attended.

Minutes of June meeting were approved unanimously.

Treasurer's report was approved unanimously.

Membership stands at 129.

Following presentations by Don Adams, president of the Evergreen Cemetery Board of Trustees, and Tom Giffin, Rutland Cemetery Commissioner, a motion was made and seconded to donate \$5,000 to the group to facilitate the restoration of the organization. The Evergreen organization has been reorganized after a period of financial decline. The motion included the fact that the donation is made in memory of the approximately 1,400 veterans buried in Evergreen. Motion passed unanimously.

Don and Tom reported that about 10 percent of the 14,500 persons buried in the cemetery are veterans. Three employees are paid about \$27,000 in salary. That is, the total payroll is \$27,000.

A motion was made and unanimously approved to continue donating \$500 a month to No One Left Behind, which assists Afghans who helped the U.S. military during that war, and \$200 a month to Save the Children, a charity providing aid to children in the world's trouble spots. We began these donations a year ago May. Both charities are rated four stars, the highest rating, by Charity Navigator.

Treasurer Richard Reed and Tom Jackson have been recertified for five years as service officers. Richard is independent. Tom works for the state Office of Veterans Affairs.

We voted to have Jack Crowther contract to have the sign at the Rutland County Vietnam Veterans Memorial repainted in anticipation of Veterans Day in November.

Larry Gold presented figures for upgrading the chapter's website and email and enabling possible social media activity. Further action is anticipated in the future.

Respectfully submitted,
Jack Crowther, Secretary

**THE NEXT CHAPTER 1 MEETING WILL BE WEDNESDAY, OCT. 9, AT 4:30 P.M.
BY ZOOM AND IN PERSON AT THE CHAPTER 1 OFFICE AT THE VFW, 15 WALES ST., RUTLAND.**

HERE'S THE LINK:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82897495069?pwd=2Hbes3NgbM2p74qQYo9I5I9LaMz0OF.1>

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