



# Vietnam Veterans Of America

## Chapter One

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About 30 members and guests attended the Chapter 1 social event Dec. 11 at the VFW. That was not a bad turnout, considering the gathering was postponed from the day before due to weather.

### REPORT ON CHAPTER SOCIAL EVENT DEC. 11, 2025

Besides two kinds of meatballs, raw vegetable platter, cheese, desserts and other goodies, the two-hour gathering featured door prizes, free holiday sheet sets from the Vermont Country Store, and a couple of dozen teddy bears donated by Liz Grimes, a member of the VFW bar staff and owner of Tatum's Totes in Rutland.

As part of the event, a check for \$2,000 was presented by Chapter 1 Vice President Larry Gold to VFW Post Commander John Pisanelli, also a Chapter 1 member, for a defibrillator for the post.

Lose a hat? A green hat with a Vietnam Service Medal embroidered on it, with a Vietnam map underneath, was left on a table. Let me know if it was yours and I'll get it to you.

In other news, I'm attaching the following link:

<https://vva.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/12/Strategy-Documents-EDIT.pdf>

It takes you a document from the VVA National website (and referenced in the latest VVA Veteran magazine article by the president). The article outlines steps that local chapters will need to take if and when the national organization ceases to exist. Two kinds of non-profit structures are offered to the chapters, one envisioning an ongoing veterans group with lobbying privileges, the other a more

traditional non-profit open to non-veterans and but restricted in terms of political activity. (Shutting down the chapter is another option.) Each choice requires some steps be taken to comply with the law. Chapter 1 members can review the document as a way of helping the chapter plan its future, though no immediate action is needed.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jack Crowther, Secretary

**The next meeting will be Wednesday, Feb. 11, at 4 p.m. downstairs at VFW Post 648,  
15 Wales St., Rutland. The Zoom link is:**

**<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/85607130408?pwd=bajazc0XmkAdUKZVOXjHLombl6aCif.1>**

**Meeting ID: 856 0713 0408**

**Passcode: 332737**