



# Vietnam Veterans Of America

## Chapter One

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### MINUTES OF CHAPTER MEETING SEPT. 14, 2022

At Chapter 1's 10th Zoom meeting, attendees included Tim Lonergan, vice president; Jack Crowther, secretary; and Directors Bill Ellwood, Carl Baldwin and Michael Murphy.

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

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

Treasurer Richard Reed had submitted by email his treasurer's report, showing a balance of \$100,180.31 in all of the chapter's accounts. Net income from the sale of break-open tickets for the current fiscal year, which began in March, is \$12,275. The report was approved unanimously.

As discussed at the May meeting, the chapter has requests for inclusion on the Honor Roll, supported by the necessary DD 214 verification of service in the Vietnam War. We plan to update the plaque on Veterans Day. The Honor Roll hasn't been updated since 2017.

Jack Crowther will put out a press release inviting Honor Roll submissions. Those who wish to be included will need to submit a DD 214 military service record showing service in the war and showing that they entered the service from Rutland County.

Bill Ellwood moved that Jack convey wording to him for a plaque for the West Rutland American Legion post. The post is providing a home for the bust from the original sculpture at the Rutland County Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Rutland. Seconded by Carl Baldwin. Passed unanimously. The plaque will read as follows:

**This marble bust is a portion of the original centerpiece of the Rutland County Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Rutland. The late John Reno of Fair Haven, a Vietnam veteran and artist, began the sculpture as a tribute to fellow veterans but died in an accident in 1982 before completing it. West Rutland sculptor Don Ramey completed the carving, which was dedicated in 2000. The original sculpture, suffering from exposure to the elements, was recreated by Don Ramey and dedicated in 2017. Vietnam Veterans of**

**America, Chapter 1, of Rutland donated this remnant of the original memorial to West Rutland American Legion Post 87 in 2020. It serves as a lasting tribute to the men and women from Rutland County who served in the Vietnam War (1955 – 1975).**

Respectfully submitted,  
Jack Crowther, Secretary

**THE NEXT CHAPTER 1 MEETING WILL BE BY ZOOM WEDNESDAY, OCT. 12, AT 5 P.M.**

Here's the link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82952590935?pwd=cTZRelA1RnJ3bDFHMWhNd1FuQ3RlZz09>

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