

***Members, Auxiliary, Supporters,***

***As a result of the first Military Deployment Ceremony that is being held on Sunday, December 06, 2009, our December monthly meeting on that same day has been canceled.***

***I invite all of you that can attend on that day, (Sunday) to come and pay respect to these soldiers and support the first movement, for their deployment to Afghanistan. Ceremony starts at 09:30 hours. Please keep in mind that some of these soldiers are our own Chapter 26 members, and family members of our membership. With that being said lets show them how important they are to us, and our country for the sacrifices that they make. Bring your flags and help us form a flag line.***

***Your show of support is extremely important to our deploying soldiers, and this is what CVMA is about! Next I want to say "Thanks" to John Butts (Hawger) for his liaison work with UVM Security and the Vermont National Guard this week to help get things going. So please read his important information below so you know how to get there.***

***Lastly, please remember that there are 4 more Ceremonies to be held. Friday, December 11, 2009, at the Tennis Facility @ UVM. in Burlington. The next two will be on Wednesday, January 06, 2010, Friday, January 08, 2010, at the Essex Fairgrounds Expo North. The final one will be on Sunday, January 10, 2010 back at UVM Tennis Facility. Please mark your calendars and make plans to be there, times may change on some events. Updated Information will come out later if changes are made. Secondly, I want to remind you of our second Holiday event, on Wednesday, December 23, 2009 at***

*the Open Door Mission in Rutland, Vermont. Same time and location as we did for their Thanksgiving Dinner. Try to arrive between 10:30 - 10:45 for food prep, followed by the Holiday Meal at 12:00 for the Vets in residence. It is a wonderful event which I know you will enjoy, so please join us on that day.*

*Hawger here.*

*I just got in from my visit to UVM.*

*Here goes: Parking is going to be a problem for those who arrive later than 08:00. They are going to start parking process at 07:00 The word is "satellite" parking - the Sheraton, the hospital, staples plaza & anywhere else you can find space.*

*UVM is in charge of security and traffic while the VT State Guard is directing people.*

*The Tennis Facility is in the Gutterson Complex.*

*If you are fortunate enough to get a parking space in front of the Gutt or in the parking garage, you can access the Tennis facility by going to the left of the Gutt entrance, past the Fitness center & behind the building - look for the buses. You can get in through a backdoor.*

*OR by going North and then West to the front entrance of the Tennis facility.*

*Once inside the tennis facility, we will assemble on the North end of the courts(there are some bleachers there) & we will remain there until the closing activities.- Benediction & Army Song.*

*We will then Exit the building via a hallway door to the backside of the building so as to Not interrupt the ceremonies & form up the Flag Line from the "garage door" the troops will be exiting in a Southerly direction toward the buses.*

*Regards and Respect,*

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*Commander*

*Chapter 26*

*CVMA*

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Just a note from Skull that is very important. Please be aware that the parking will be limited. From the Guards saying parking for the families is very limited and that it would be best to limit who parks close to the buildings to family? I would think that the members could park elsewhere and let the loved ones have the prime parking. Just the thought of a deploying Soldier that would like to see family members for the last time for a year!