

VIETNAM VETERANS OF AMERICA – CHAPTER 120
MEMBERSHIP MINUTES – Thursday June 7, 2018

CALL TO ORDER – The meeting was called to order by President Frank Mello at 7:05 pm at the IAM Union Hall, 357 Main Street, East Hartford leading with the pledge of allegiance followed by a moment of silence. Officers present: President Frank Mello, Vice President Phil Morneault, Treasurer Roger Anderson, and Secretary Pete Lund. Board of Directors present were Paul Barry, Bob Burgess, Bill Chiodo, Peter Galgano, and Frank Zizzamia.

READING OF THE MINUTES – Chapter members read minutes. Motion was made to accept, seconded; Motion carried.

TREASURER’S REPORT – Roger Anderson provided copies of account balances report as of 5/29/18 and the transaction report for this period. He reviewed the income and expense items on the transaction report. President. Frank Mello thanked Roger for his report.

SERVICE REPRESENTATIVES REPORT – John Cutler reported: As of 31 May, we have 13 open claims and 44 appeals. Again, we are not accepting new veteran clients since we plan to shut down our program by June 2019.

Our Return on Investment for this fiscal year to date is 273 to 1, meaning that for every dollar we spend on our program, we win \$273 for our veterans. Our overall win rate over the past 10 ½ years is 89%.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

MEMBERSHIP – Frank Mello reported that the chapter has a total of 258 VVA members; 33 individual members, 4 permanently hospitalized members, and 221 life members. Frank reported that AVVA has 19 members.

AGENT ORANGE – No Report

VAVS – No Report

AVVA – No Report

POW/MIA – No Report

GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS – Paul Barry gave Chapter an update on Bill 289 for Rocky Hill; bill passed to ensure home remains a critical care unit versus a nursing home. He has expressed thanks to all who have contacted State Government. Paul also mentioned of Katies place, a national foundation similar to our Helping Hands. Awaiting more info.

GOOD AND WELFARE – No report

OLD BUSINESS – No report

NEW BUSINESS – Gerry Blum spoke on his departure to Florida; best wishes for Joanne and Gerry.

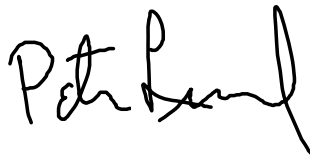
COMMUNITY SERVICES – Bob Venti had mentioned of several events to be held locally for the veterans. Shad Derby Parade cancelled due to weather; South Windsor Parade a real success.

NEWSLETTER – John Cutler reported: Cutoff for the July/August newsletter articles is 29 June. The cutoff for the September newsletter is 24 August. Email any articles and/or photos to ctchapter120@aol.com

PRODUCT SALES – No report.

ADJOURNMENT- Motion made to adjourn at 8:15. The motion was seconded and passed. The next Chapter Board meeting will be Aug. 30, 2018. The next Chapter membership meeting will be held Sept. 6, 2018. The next State Council meeting will be held June 10, 2018.

Respectively submitted by

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Pete Lund". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "P" and "L".

Pete Lund Chapter 120 Secretary