

**VIETNAM VETERANS OF AMERICA – CHAPTER 120**  
**MEMBERSHIP MINUTES – Thursday Oct 4, 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, and Frank Zizzamia. Absent and excused was Peter Galgano,

**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 8/31/2018 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** – As of 30 September, we have 9 open claims and 42 appeals. Seventeen (17) of those appeals are at the Board of Veterans Appeals. Our Return on Investment for this fiscal year is 298 to 1, meaning that for every dollar we spend on our program, we win \$298 for our veterans.

**STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**MEMBERSHIP** – Frank Mello reported that the chapter has a total of 256 VVA members; 33 individual members, 4 permanently hospitalized members, and 2 life members. Frank reported that AVVA has 19 members.

**AGENT ORANGE** – No Report

**VAVS** – No Report

**AVVA** -No Report

**POW/MIA** – Pete Lund read a report from Mary Beaulieu's email: Not sure yet if I will be able to make the meeting - I may be babysitting my little man (and I don't mean Glenn) and if I have to pick between the 2 my little man wins!!

Number of missing down to 1,594. Return of remains continues from Vietnam, Laos and Cambodia at a rapid rate Remains from the 55 sets returned from North Korea are on track with 2 already being identified. Identified remains from WWII continue to be moving quickly with a CT Bridgeport resident being the latest. A Navy vet from the USS Oklahoma will be buried in another week.

A bill which was introduced to Congress was passed. We now need calls to our Senators Blumenthal and Murphy to co-sponsor Senate Resolution 62 - this bill allows for Medal of Honor and POW veterans to be buried at Arlington with full military honors which has not been allowed. PLEASE CALL - I have phone numbers if you would like them

Blumenthal - 202-224-2823

Murphy - 202-224-4041

**GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS** – Tim Siggia mentioned couple items: House and Senate prevented a shutdown 'till November. He also mentioned Blue Water Act; Dept. Veteran's Affairs doesn't like the bill.

**GOOD AND WELFARE** – No report

**OLD BUSINESS**- No report

**NEW BUSINESS** – No report

**COMMUNITY SERVICES** Bob Venti had mentioned of several events to be held locally for the veterans. Manchester Road Race will be dedicated for the Veterans. Paul also mentioned Fallen Star Project; there will be an event at Pratt Hangar Nov 17<sup>th</sup>. Time tbd; more info to follow.

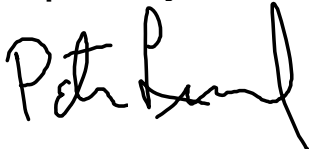
**Annual Dance is Dec. 1<sup>st</sup>. Please share with your friends for a good turnout**

**NEWSLETTER** – Cutoff for the November newsletter articles is 19 October. Email any articles and/or photos to [ctchapter120@aol.com](mailto:ctchapter120@aol.com)

**Product Sales**- Need a representative.

**ADJOURNMENT**- Motion made to adjourn at 7:58. The motion was seconded and passed. The next Chapter Board meeting will be Oct. 25, 2018. The next Chapter membership meeting will be held Nov. 1, 2018. The next State Council meeting will be held Nov. 18, 2018.

**Respectively submitted by**

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Pete Lund". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Pete Lund  
Chapter 120 Secretary