

VIETNAM VETERANS OF AMERICA – CHAPTER 120
MEMBERSHIP MINUTES – Thursday Dec. 6, 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 11/30/2018 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 –John Cutler reported: As of 30 November, we have 9 open claims and 41 appeals. Seventeen (17) of those appeals are at the Board of Veterans Appeals (BVA), with 2 of the 17 waiting for hearings.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

MEMBERSHIP – Frank Mello reported that the chapter has a total of 268 VVA members; 33 individual members, 4 permanently hospitalized members, and 221 life members. Frank reported that AVVA has 19 members.

AGENT ORANGE – A discussion was held on Resolution drafted by Gerry Wright and approved by State Council. Pete Lund to get this to State Senators and State Congressman with an additional comment thanking for their support and to reach out to those who haven't as suggested at the meeting by Kathy Lechause .

VAVS – No Report

AVVA - No Report

POW/MIA – No Report Need POW chairperson.

GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS – Pete Lund read off an article from Tim Siggia mentioned Time is running out for Agent Orange Bill. In addition, a reminder of flu shots; get them either at VA or Wallgreens.

GOOD AND WELFARE – No report

OLD BUSINESS- No report

NEW BUSINESS – A discussion of Fallen Star at Goodwin was held. Paul Barry made a motion to make a contribution for \$2120 to support this project. Motion seconded and approved unanimously.

COMMUNITY Bob Venti had mentioned of several events held locally for the veterans. Manchester Parade step off on American Legion Drive to Manchester Hospital; color guard with colors and

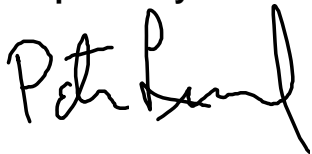
Banner on Nov. 11, 2018. Manchester Road Race Nov. 22 was dedicated for these Veterans. He also mentioned of Flag placing at Hillside Cemetery Nov. 3rd. Paul also mentioned of Fallen Star Project; there was an event at Goodwin College. In addition, he also mentioned of Veteran's Event at Goodwin College with Chapter providing a table with Chapter Banner on Nov.8, 2018 from 9 to 11. Ken Lewis and Leigh Lovering reported on Wreaths of America usually 3rd Saturday of Dec. every year; this year is Dec. 15th. There were events at State Cemetery Middletown, East Hartford, and South Windsor. In addition, Leigh reported there will be an event at State Capital Dec. 10th at 12 noon. Annual Dance was held Dec. 1st. **Congrats to Gerry Wright getting annual Appreciation Award and Kathy Lechause getting Annual Member of Year Award.**

NEWSLETTER – Cutoff for the November newsletter articles is Dec 14th. Email any articles and/or photos to ctchapter120@aol.com

Product Sales – Need a representative.

ADJOURNMENT - Motion made to adjourn at 8:05. The motion was seconded and passed. The next Chapter Board meeting will be Dec. 27, 2018. The next Chapter membership meeting will be held Jan. 3, 2019. The next State Council meeting will be held Jan. 20, 2019.

Respectively submitted by

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Pete Lund". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looped initial "P" and "L".

Pete Lund
Chapter 120 Secretary