

VIETNAM VETERANS OF AMERICA – CHAPTER 120

MEMBERSHIP MINUTES – Thursday June 3, 2021

CALL TO ORDER The meeting was called to order by President Bob Burgess 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 Bob Burgess, Vice President/Treasurer Phil Morneault, Secretary Pete Lund; Board of Directors present were Paul Barry, Peter Galgano, and Frank Zizzamia and Roger Anderson. Leigh Lovering absent and excused

READING OF THE MINUTES Chapter members read minutes. Ken Lewis made motion to accept minutes as written, seconded by Bob Warner; motion passed unanimously.

TREASURER’S REPORT Phil Morneault provided copies of account balances report as of 5-25-2021 and the transaction report for this period.

SERVICE REPRESENTATIVES REPORT – As of 31 May, we have 15 open claims and 20 appeals:

- Of the 15 open claims, 8 are waiting Compensation & Pension exams. These exams, all VA-contracted exams, are being delayed due to COVID-19 restrictions and the lack of contractor physicians qualified for the specific exams requested.
- Of the 20 appeals, 6 are at the Board of Veterans Appeals (BVA), 4 are remanded to the Regional Office for further action, and 10 waiting VVA attorney review.
- The software problem at the VA, reported at the May membership meeting, has been resolved.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

MEMBERSHIP –No Report

AGENT ORANGE –Gerry Wright gave Chapter an update of the Agent Orange Memorial to be held in Andover Saturday June 5th, 2021 6:00 P.M. He also mentioned of a chopper to be done as a display and Buy A Brick Program. Dedication will be held at 1800 hour with refreshments, etc., after 1600 hours.

VAVS – NO REPORT

AVVA – NO REPORT

POW/MIA – – NO REPORT

GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS – NO REPORT

GOOD AND WELFARE – NO REPORT

OLD BUSINESS None

NEW BUSINESS –Chapter to participate in a scholarship program at Goodwin College called CONNECTICUT VIETNAM VETERANS OF AMERICA CHAPTER 120 FOUNDATION. Chapter

initially be starting out with \$3,000.00; \$1000.00 a year for 3 years. It will be a great donation that Chapter has started.

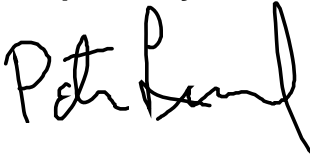
COMMUNITY SERVICE- Numerous Flag Day ceremonies.

NEWSLETTER – Cutoff for July/August newsletter articles is 9 July. Email any articles and/or photos to ctchapter120@aol.com

PRODUCT SALES- NO REPORT

ADJOURNMENT- Motion made to adjourn at 8:10. Motion seconded and approved. The Next Board meeting is June 24; next Chapter meeting is July 1, 2021; next State Council meeting will be held June 27, 2021

Respectively submitted June 22 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