

VIETNAM VETERANS OF AMERICA – CHAPTER 120

VVA_Chapter_120_Minutes_April 7, 2022

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by President Bob Burgess at 7:12 pm at Union Hall East Hartford, Ct with the attendance of the following. Officers present: President Bob Burgess, and Assistant Treasurer Kathie Lechause. Board of Directors present were Roger Anderson, Paul Barry, Peter Galgano, Ken Lewis, Leigh Lovering, Frank Zizzamia. Absent and excused Vice President/ Treasurer Phil Morneault and Secretary Pete Lund.

READING OF THE MINUTES Chapter members read the minutes provided. A motion was made to accept the minutes, seconded and passed unanimously.

TREASURER'S REPORT Kathie Lechause provided copies of account balances report as of 3-31-2022 and the transaction report for this period. She reviewed the income and expense items on the transaction report. President Bob Burgess thanked Kathie for her report.

Service Rep Report As of 31 March, we have 10 open claims and 14 appeals:

- Of the 10 open claims, 3 are waiting Nehmer review for the 3 new Agent Orange presumptive conditions (bladder cancer, hypothyroidism and Parkinsonism).
 - *The Nehmer court case requires VA to readjudicate previously denied claims that are related to presumptive diseases caused by Agent Orange exposure. Veterans and their families may receive disability and death benefits, retroactive to the date VA received the original claim.*
- Of the 14 appeals, 5 are at the Board of Veterans Appeals (BVA), 7 waiting VVA attorney review and submittal of attorney briefs, and 2 remanded to the Regional Office for further adjudication.
- VVA has now required all service officers to complete "VSO Post-Accreditation Training". VSOs have 24 weeks to complete the training. Failure to complete this training will result in cancellation of accreditation.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Membership No report

AGENT ORANGE –No report

VAVS – No report.

AVVA – No report.

Election No election; need quorum. Bob Burgess to call John Cutler to encourage membership to attend next meeting.

POW/MIA Email from Mary B. No new activity or news - number missing from Vietnam 1,584. Continued recovery and ID of remains of WWII and Korea is moving along quickly

GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS Tim Siggia reported as following: Veterans Toxic Bill passes Senate. In addition, another bill needs to pass; temporary funding needed to keep Government running until March 17th.

GOOD AND WELFARE – Paul Barry talked about Member Bob Venti wake at Desopos East Hartford. In addition he made aware to Roberta his wife on the “Helping Hands”.

OLD BUSINESS None

NEW BUSINESS – None

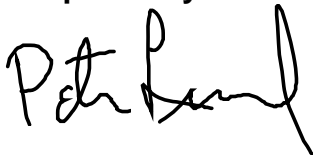
COMMUNITY SERVICE- Chapter will participate on E.H. Memorial Day parade on Monday May 30, 2022 .6 miles long from Willow Street to the Fallen Star. It will have Commandant of Coast Guard, Sen. Blumenthal, Congressman Larson, President of Goodwin College and others. South Windsor Patriotic Commission to sponsor Armed Forces Day Saturday May 21, 2022 4:00 - Dusk. Followed by Fireworks display. Chapter to provide a booth. Some Military organizations will supply vehicles for display. Awards at Rockville High School looking for 4 volunteers to visit classes.

NEWSLETTER- Cutoff for May newsletter articles is 22 April. Email any articles and/or photos to ctchapter120@aol.com

PRODUCT SALES- Leigh Lovering mentioned he would have Product Sales catalogue at next meeting

ADJOURNMENT- Motion made to adjourn at 7:48. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously. The next Chapter Board meeting will be April 28, 2022. The next Chapter membership May 5, 2022. The next State Council meeting will be held May 15, 2022.

Respectively submitted April 27, 2022. by



Pete Lund
Chapter 120 Secretary