

## VIETNAM VETERANS OF AMERICA – CHAPTER 120

### VVA\_Chapter\_120\_Minutes\_May 5, 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, Secretary Pete Lund, and Assistant Treasurer Kathie Lechause. Board of Directors present were Roger Anderson, Paul Barry, Leigh Lovering, Frank Zizzamia. Absent and excused Vice President/ Treasurer Phil Morneault and Peter Galgano,

**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 4-30-2022 and the transaction report for this period. Roger Anderson reviewed the income and expense items on the transaction report. President Bob Burgess thanked Kathie for her report.

**Service Rep Report** As of 30 April, we have 15 open claims and 19 appeals:

- Of the 15 open claims, 14 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 19 appeals, 6 are at the Board of Veterans Appeals (BVA), 4 are remanded to the Regional Office for further action, and 9 waiting VVA attorney review.
- Due to an apparent software problem at the VA, I have not been able to access veteran client documents since April 22. A trouble ticket was initiated on April 26 and remains open as of this date.

#### **STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**AGENT ORANGE** –No report

**VAVS** – No report.

**AVVA** – No report.

**Election** held for following positions: President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, And 3 In addition, 5 openings for Chapter Board of Directors, 5 openings for State Council Delegates positions for Nominating Committee. Only one person interested each position.

Motion made and seconded to elect Bob Burgess as President; and have secretary to cast one vote for President Bob Burgess. Motion approved. Motion made and seconded to elect Fran Zizzamia as Vice President; and have secretary to cast one vote for Vice President Fran Zizzamia. Motion approved. Motion made and seconded to elect Roger Anderson as Treasurer; and have secretary to cast one vote for Treasurer Roger Anderson; Motion approved. Motion made and seconded to elect Peter Lund as Secretary; and have secretary to cast one vote for Secretary Peter Lund; Motion approved. Motion made and seconded to elect 5 positions for Board of Directors as follows: Paul Barry, Peter Galgano, Leigh Lovering, Ken Lewis and Pattie Dumin and have secretary to cast one vote for 5 positions for Board of Directors. Motion made and seconded to elect 5 positions for State

Council Delegates as follows: Paul Barry, Fran Zizzamia, Bob Burgess, Ken Lewis and have secretary to cast one vote for 5 positions for State Council Delegates. Motion approved. Motion made and seconded to elect 3 positions for Nominating Committee as follows: Tim Siggia, Ken Lewis and Pete Lund have secretary to cast one vote for 3 positions for Nominating Committee. Motion approved.

**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** – No report.

**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

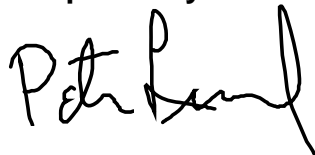
**COMMUNITY SERVICE-** Chapter will participate on E.H. Memorial Day parade, Monday May 30, 2022 .6 miles long from Willow Street to the Fallen Star. It will have Commandant of Coast Guard, Sen. Blumenthal, Congressman Larson, President of Goodwin College and others. South Windsor Patriotic Commission 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 June newsletter articles is 21 May. Email any articles and/or photos to [ctchapter120@aol.com](mailto: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 May 26, 2022. The next Chapter membership June 2, 2022. The next State Council meeting will be held May 15, 2022.

**Respectively submitted May 5, 2022. by**



Pete Lund  
Chapter 120 Secretary