

VIETNAM VETERANS OF AMERICA – CHAPTER 120

VVA_Chapter_120_Minutes June 2, 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, Vice President Frank Zizzamia. Secretary Pete Lund and Assistant Treasurer Kathie Lechause. Board of Directors present were Roger Anderson, Paul Barry, Peter Galgano, Ken Lewis, Leigh Lovering.

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 5-31-2022 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 May, we have 4 open claims and 13 appeals:

- Of the 13 appeals, 4 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.
- BVA granted service connection to a Vietnam Veteran with delayed-onset peripheral neuropathy. This appeal took six (6) years of our effort to win for the Veteran, who received over \$68,000 in retroactive payment.
- The four (4) open claims are for increased disability compensation.
- We have won over \$350,000 for our veteran clients during the first 5 months of this year.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Membership No report

AGENT ORANGE –No report

VAVS – No report.

AVVA – No report.

POW/MIA Nothing new to report; John has reported all info in the newsletter. National POW/MIA Recognition Day is observed annually on the third Friday in September, around a central theme to show commitment to full accountability to the families of captured service members and missing war heroes.

GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS No report.

GOOD AND WELFARE – Kevin Mathiau from Marine Corps League (MCL) Det. 40's mission introduced himself to members in attendance to discuss a hike in Glastonbury Sept. 10, 2022 is to

unite veterans and service members from all branches and walks of life to enjoy the camaraderie they had shared while serving. hikers, volunteers and donations. Attire is camies and comfortable walking shoes. They also have spots to ride for those who would like to join but can't walk the 22k. If someone would just like to donate they can sign up for the hike (it counts as donation) and then email Kevin Mathiau with their name and address, stating they would just like to donate and receive a T-shirt at kmathiau78@gmail.com. A discussion of Chapter donating to this cause and will be discussed at next board meeting

OLD BUSINESS None

NEW BUSINESS – None

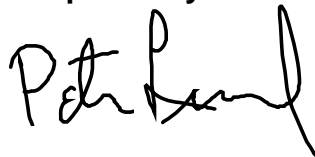
COMMUNITY SERVICE- Chapter participated on E.H. Monday May 30, 2022 .6 miles long from Willow Street to the Fallen Star. A very good turnout. South Windsor Patriotic Commission to sponsor Armed Forces Day Saturday May 21, 2022 4:00 - Dusk. Followed by Fireworks display. Chapter to provide a booth. Some Military organizations will supply vehicles for display. Awards at Rockville High School looking for 4 volunteers to visit classes.

NEWSLETTER- Cutoff for July/August newsletter articles is 22 July. 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 August 25, 2022. The next Chapter membership September 1, 2022. The next State Council meeting will be held Sept. 18, 2022.

Respectively submitted Aug. 31, 2022. by



Pete Lund
Chapter 120 Secretary