

VIETNAM VETERANS OF AMERICA – CHAPTER 120

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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, and Pattie Dumin.

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 8-31, 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.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Membership No report; Chapter should be getting rebates from National on Life Memberships. Member Bob Girardin had some questions of whether he was still a member of Chapter 120 since he had moved to Mass; Pete Lund to follow up. Touched base with John Cutler following week and yes indeed still a member and Bob/John to follow up with National with new address and to receive new card. Completed

AGENT ORANGE –No report

VAVS – No report.

AVVA – No report.

POW/MIA Email from Mary B. John Cutler has good report in Chapter 120 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 – Stand-down to be held in 5 locations through-out state. A ceremony at Goodwin College Fallen Star on 9-11. A car show Oct. 8th at Glastonbury Elks club; Chapter 120 will receive recognition for this event! Chapter will provide a table with Chapter info, Paper Safes, The Wall, and someone to man the booth.

OLD BUSINESS None

NEW BUSINESS – Pattie Dumin attended Leadership meeting in South Carolina; she spoke on an issue of how to close a chapter. More info to follow.

COMMUNITY SERVICE- Paul Barry and Bob Burgess to speak at Rockville High School to visit classes. Chapter will provide coats for 3 towns; 30 coats each town. \$1500.00 has been approved for this effort. Our annual Chapter Dance will be held Dec. 3, 2022; more info to follow. Paul Barry

and Bob Burgess to meet with Goodwin College to discuss continuous participation for Chapter on Scholarship program; more info to follow.....

NEWSLETTER- Cutoff for the October newsletter articles is 23 September. Email any articles and/or photos to ctchapter120@aol.com

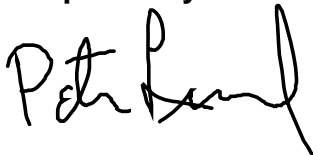
Service Rep Report As of 31 August, we have 4 open claims and 13 appeals:

- Of the four (4) open claims, three (3) are for increased disability compensation and one (1) for widow's compensation (DIC).
- 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.
- We have won over \$413,000 for our veteran clients during the first 8 months of this year.

PRODUCT SALES- Leigh Lovering mentioned he would provide info on new proposed Chapter caps and watch caps.

ADJOURNMENT- Motion made to adjourn at 7:27. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously. The next Chapter Board meeting will be Sept 29, 2022. The next Chapter membership October 6, 2022. The next State Council meeting will be held Sept. 18, 2022.

Respectively submitted Sept 1, 2022. by



Pete Lund
Chapter 120 Secretary