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NORTH CAROLINA VIETNAM VETERANS, INC. NCVVI MINUTES MEETING - MARCH, 2012



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Bob Allen

The meeting was called to order at 1900 hours. After the pledge and national anthem, the treasurer's report was read and the minutes of the last meeting were acknowledged; both were approved as presented.

Prior to general business, three guests were introduced as all present stood and gave a brief description of their tours of duty. Guests attending were Charlie Barnett, Pete Ashworth and Art Yerden. We hope they will join us as members.

Bob Matthews, education czar, gave the Bridge Back report. The trip back to Vietnam was totally successful. The playground equipment was installed on the new concrete pad and was an immediate hit with the children of the orphanage. Bob informed the group that a trip was scheduled to Greensboro on May with the purpose of starting up the Lessons of Vietnam class in one of the high schools.

Final preparations for the "Welcome Home" celebration were made, with the group having chartered a bus for the event. Bill Dixon, Joe Harsch and Bob Matthews went to the multi-state convention for the VVA. They took the "small wall" with them, which they set up along with a display table.

Pit boss David Samuels announced that the casino night for the Heather Hills Swim Club is firmly booked for Saturday, September 29. All hands have plenty of time to schedule around this event and should plan to attend.

Joe Harsch is putting together information on transportation and lodging for a proposed trip to the Vietnam Memorial in D.C. this Veterans Day. He will provide more solid information at the next meeting.

Jeff Kanner brought up an idea to help the wheelchair-bound boy who was robbed while collecting for a wheelchair basketball league. Bob Matthews knows the parents and will look into what is needed, since a large amount of money has already been donated.

The next POW/MIA ceremony is April 7th and the next meeting is April 24th. Dennis Abels provided dinner for the group -- thanks Dennis. Joe Harsch will be the cook for the April meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

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(Signature)

(Date)

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