

The Veteran's Voice



Minutes
April 25, 2017

Attending: Ron Harris, Bob Matthews, Dennis Abels, Bo Williams, Bob Krzynowek, Bill Dixon, Benny Hoots, Monica Cash, Richard Johnson, Dave Samuels, Ron Fitzsimmons, Lonnie Conners, Bonnie Kuhr
Guest: Joe Miller, USMC, 67-68.

The pledge of allegiance was said. The meeting was conducted by the Board. The minutes were approved as sent and the treasurer's report as read.

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Update on Etchings
Live Streaming
Monument to Helicopter
Crews

Walking Wounded: Joe Harsch is at home and Ange had his surgery and is recovering at home. Former member Ingrid Kramer had a mini stroke and is in rehab in Sea Level.

Education:

- On behalf of Betty and Cooper and himself, Bob thanked everyone for his farewell party on April 22. Bob will be leaving in June.
- McGee Crossroads Junior High School on April 19: There were five classes of 60-100 kids per class. Joe Harsch, Bob Matthews, Bill Dixon, Jeff Kanner, Ron Harris and R.J. Del Vecchio made the presentations. Had interesting questions from the students.
- There is a tentative appointment on Friday, May 19, at Cary High School for the day starting at 8 a.m.. There are four teachers involved.
- East Cary Middle School is scheduled for June 6 for 2 hours for the entire 8th grade.
- Bob Matthews will continue as education chair via Skype from PA.
- Teacher Jim Bahm is retiring. Jim Bahm may have active role with speakers in June.
- NCVVI has been accepted for the annual conference of social studies teachers in San Francisco in November.
- Bob Matthews had a meeting with Tracy Griggs. He has reached out to Texas Tech and the National Coordinators of Social Studies. Gave them snippets of Etchings. They would build a venue around Etchings. NCVVI members would take the Etchings to them.
- . There are 4 or 5 short-sleeved shirts left. See Bob Matthews.

Scholarships: We had 4 complete scholarships. One applicant asked for an extension.

MOTION: That one week from tonight the essay be in NCVVI's hands. Motion seconded and passed.

Note: The applicant did get the application in on time.

Through our fault because of late posting on the website, there was an application submitted with last year's topic. It was decided to include her application with the rest of the essays.

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Directors:

Dennis Abels

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Bill Dixon

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Our Vietnamese recipient Hien has graduated.

MOTION: That NCVVI give Hien an additional scholarship of \$500. The motion was seconded.

Discussion: Bob K. recommended that the \$500 not be sent all at once. It will be distributed by Global to her credit card as was done with the scholarship payments. Bob K. will send her an email saying it is her graduation present. Motion passed with the above stipulation. (Global Spectrum has acknowledged receipt of the \$500.)

Casino Night: Friday, May 5, at SearStone Retirement Community. Lonnie Conners will put the tables in his .van. There will be from 65 to 80 players. There will be dessert and coffee. (The casino was a great success; thanks to NCVVI members and others who helped make it so.)

Thirtieth Anniversary of the Statue: The anniversary will be held on the first **Saturday of May (May 6)** starting at noon on the Capitol grounds with the reading of names. Steve Accai, one of the founders, will speak. Dave Samuels will give the history. There was some discussion about having Abby Godwin make some remarks but it was decided not to contact her at this time. There will be a need for people to set up chairs. (**NOTE:** The commemoration had a large attendance. The Sutton family (William Sutton, POW/MIA) was there and Carolyn, his daughter, made a few remarks. A huge thanks to Bill and everyone else who assisted in the success of the commemoration. And a special thanks to Monica and Donna for their efforts in securing a large attendance and Amon. It was good to see members Bob and Kathy Brown after all of these years.)

In Connection with the Statue: My name is Teddi Burnett and I am a first-year MA student working towards a Masters in Public History at North Carolina State University. I am fortunate enough to do my required internship at the North Carolina State Capitol under the direction of Kara Deadmon. The Vietnam Veterans Memorial is the focus of the project. The statue of three soldiers in a desperate situation titled *After the Firefight* has been a fixture of the Capitol since 1987. The Vietnam Veterans Memorial is a site of 'living history' and is unique to the grounds. My job is to inventory the objects left at the site and create an exhibit about the Memorial in honor of its 30th anniversary. **The exhibition will open on May 23rd and will display items such as medals, letters, and photographs.**

May 13 Golf Tournament: A donation by NCVVI of \$100 will be made in the name of Joseph Hargrove. Joe Harsch and Bill Dixon attended.

May 29 – Memorial Day – POW/MIA Ceremony

June 3 – POW/MIA Ceremony at noon at the Capitol

June 18, 2:00 p.m.: Reading of the names at the Durham Vietnam Memorial

August 18 and 19: An event in Kinston commemorating the Vietnam War. Eric Kantu asks that we do Etchings in Stone, the Wall and educational table.

Update on Etchings in Stone:

- Ron Harris has gotten his copyright for Etchings.
- Ron Harris, Bill Dixon and Bonnie Kuhr met with Cheri Williams, Marcie Gordon and Kerry Burns about the lack of publicity for the Vietnam Experience. The Museum will create a separate facebook page for the Vietnam Experience with photos furnished by us. They have an audience of over 14,000. It was agreed that they do the digital advertising on the Museum network and we notify by flyer and posters for the wall all the vet centers, military organizations and NCVVI supporters. The Museum would like the flyer by November. It was mentioned they would like to interview Hien for the facebook page. They have a professional studio; could also interview Norman Gaddis at the studio.
- NCVVI needs to appropriate money to bring more helicopters to the Museum as that is a big draw. NCVVI's flyer should go out much earlier than in the past. Jeff Smith, the interviewer from WUNC-TV, would like to partner with NCVVI. (The interviews can be seen at <https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLtwy2I9wG1HBaN7KLR49P1aDBx-KfOTWL>).

- The Museum would like another symposium on PTSD. The Vet Center is interested but if they participated would have to get permission from D.C. Bill is acquainted with the authors of Tears of the Warrior and suggests them as panelists. .

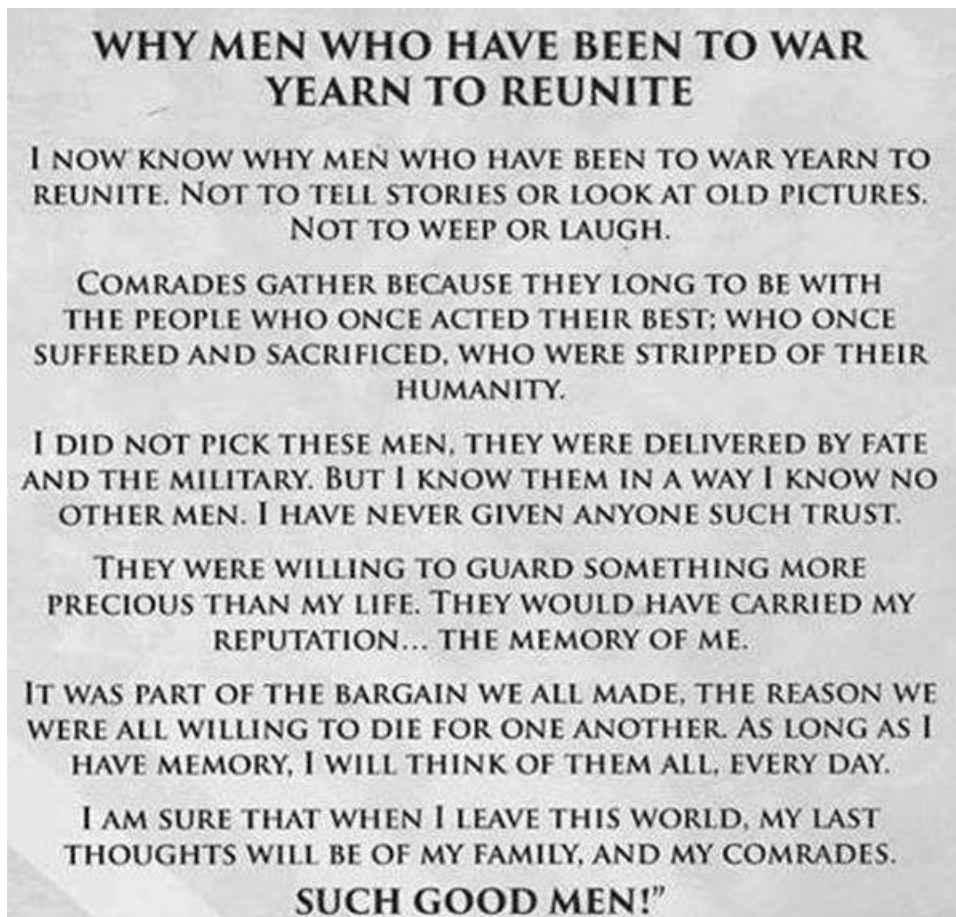
Live Streaming:

Monica has 8 mm tapes from a friend, retired Air Force, who was in Hawaii when the POWs came home. She recorded the arrival in Hawaii. Monica would have made into DVDs. This would be a good topic for live streaming as well as the Museum facebook page. My Lai, part I had 2,300 live viewers, bringing the total of live views exceeding ½ million. Part II of MyLai was shown April 26, My Lai, part III, May 10.

Bonnie, the cook, was thanked. She volunteered again for May (what was she thinking?). Monica Cash will bring dessert and Bob Kryznovek the drinks.

DD214's can now be gotten on line. The websites are <http://vetrecs.archives.gov> or <http://www.archives.gov/veterans/military-service-records>.

ARLINGTON, Va. — A new monument at Arlington National Cemetery, near the U.S. Capitol, will honor American helicopter crews who flew during the Vietnam War. The Military Times reports Congress has approved the monument, which will be near the Tomb of the Unknowns. The nonprofit Vietnam Helicopter Pilots Association is paying for the monument.



Just a tidbit: A local Vietnamese woman (Jennifer) won the world series of poker main circuit event in Cherokee, NC. Her prize \$319,000.



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(E-MAIL ADDRESS :) **{Need this to send the unit's monthly newsletter}**

(Signature)

(Date)

Reminder: NCVVI holds a remembrance service on the Capital grounds, Raleigh, NC, the first Saturday of each month (12:00 noon) and the monthly business meeting on the fourth (4th) Tuesday of each month at VFW 7383, 522 Reedy Creek Road, Cary, NC. (6:15 PM dinner 7:00 PM meeting)

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For more information, contact Chapter Regent Linda Phelps at (910) 326-6164.

