



The Veteran's Voice

Minutes
April 24, 2018



Attending: Ron Harris, Dennis Abels, Bo Williams, Bob Krzynowek, Benny Hoots, Monica Cash, Ron Fitzsimmons, Bill Sutton, John Odom, Larry Kall, Mike Lynch, Joe Harsch, Paul White, Del Vecchio, Bonnie Kuhr

Guest: Matthew Peek, Military Collection Archivist

It was good to see Bill Sutton, Joe Harsch and John Odom.

The pledge of allegiance was said.

Mike Lynch introduced the speaker and all present introduced themselves to him. Mr. Peek is looking for letters and photographs pertaining to Vietnam. If they are original photos, the State Archives will scan and return the originals to the owners. The documents will go on line. The Archives is particularly interested in items from North Carolina regardless of rank. If you have anything or would like to get in touch with Mr. Peek, his email address is matthew.peek@ncdcr.gov.

The meeting was conducted by the Board. The minutes were approved as sent. After the treasurer's report was read. There was one question about the funds in the Small Wall Project. These are funds raised by Al Ely for the small wall. The money is used for repairs to the wall as it is taken to various locations. Ron Harris paid for the helicopters and food out of the Etchings account.

POW/MIA Ceremony on May 5:

CVMA 15-6
Paul White NCVVI

June 2

ALR232 Garner
Bo Williams, NCVVI

Monica Cash has redone the cards as Col. Davis' name was removed. Bo remarked that Col. Davis' name was read 384 times.

Vietnam Experience: Cheri from the History Museum sent us the figures for 2017 and 2018. In 2018 there were 1898 on Saturday and 1522 on Sunday for a total of 3420. In 2017 there were 1558 on Friday, 1569 on Saturday, and 874 on Sunday for a total of 4001. In 2019, the dates are Friday, March 29, and Saturday, March 30. There is another function at the Museum on Sunday and Etchings would not be able to be shown in the Theatre but could be shown on a huge TV screen in the lobby if we should decide to do on Sunday.

Education: Green Hope students had requested vets for interviews but when members responded the students had mostly found someone outside of the organization. Bonnie also received an email from a

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woman who is writing a book about Vietnam Vets. Del Vecchio has met with her. She is still looking for veterans to interview.

Bob Matthews had a speaking engagement at Annapolis, MD. They are interested in Etchings. They need to get clearances. There are four churches in Pittsburgh interested in Etchings possibly showing sometime in May. Bob has invited our members to assist whether it be Annapolis or Pittsburgh. Bob encouraged everyone to look at VeteransBreakfastClub.com. They are doing good things in schools. There is going to be a teach-in and a large workshop in Pittsburgh in late May or early June. There is a very nice Vietnam Memorial in Pittsburgh and will be speaking there. Bob was having trouble getting vets to go into the schools in Pittsburgh. He has spoken to two colleges and 7 high schools. He will be asking who is interested in going to Pittsburgh when he has details.

Del Vecchio went into a Social Studies program and did 8 classes on April 20. He advised those interested in speaking in the schools to go through the Social Studies program. Paul White met a history teacher from Johnston County at the Vietnam Experience. He will be speaking there on May 7. Cary High School also requested veterans for an all day session. John Odom, Bill Dixon, Ron Fitzsimmons, Benny Hoots, Arnold Gregory, Richard Johnson, Ron Harris and Bonnie Kuhr attended.

Scholarships: We have 11 applications. Del Vecchio has agreed to be the Administrator with Bonnie assisting with copying and mailing. Those who have signed up to read are: Jeff Kanner, Phil Tompkins, Bud Gross, Preston Cudd, Dave Samuels, Ron Fitzsimmons, John Odom, Benny Hoots.

Col. Davis Remains Returned: Monica described the return of Col. Davis' return as well as the ceremony retiring his name at the monthly ceremony. Both events were very powerful.

Casinos: Searstone Retirement Community is postponed until fall. When the membership was asked about doing the Garner Swim Club, members would like to know the date before a decision will be made.

More on Etchings in Stone:

Ron Harris showed Etchings that he had on his phone while on his trip to someone from Australia and someone from New Zealand. It is now international, said Ron.

Live Streaming:

In case you missed, April 11's broadcast was Author Kathryn Watson Quigg "To Any Soldier".

Speakers: At the previous meeting we discussed individual donations for new speakers. The discussion was tabled as there may be a group donating speakers.

New Business: Joe Harsch had attended a talk on the VVA. He informed the group of what he heard.

Bonnie, the cook, was thanked. She forgot to thank Del Vecchio who always brings bread and dessert, a delicious bread I might add. Ange Carmen will be the cook in May.



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(Last Name) (First Name) (MI)

(Spouse's name)

(Street Address)

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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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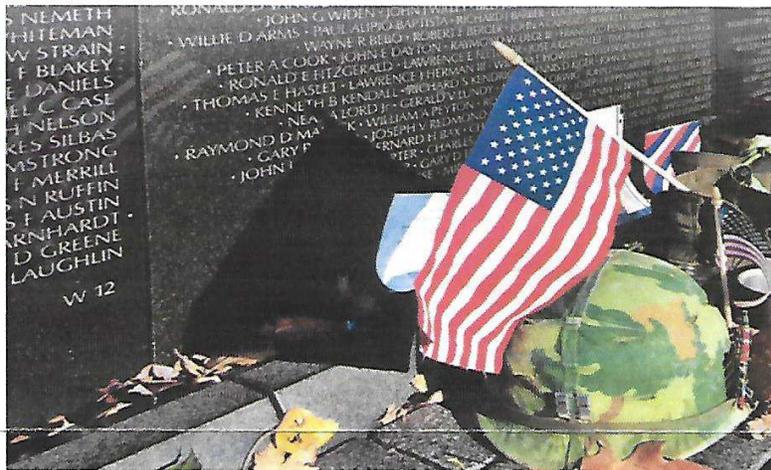


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