



# The Veteran's Voice

Minutes from August 25, 2015



In attendance were Angelo Carmen, Bud Gross, Bo Williams, Bob Krzynowek, Ron Harris, Bob Matthews, Joe Harsch, Ron Fitzsimmons, Paul White, Al Ely, Lonnie Conner, Dennis Abels and Bonnie Kuhr. Many thanks to Bob Krzynowek for providing dinner. It was delicious.

Meeting opened with the pledge of allegiance. A motion was made, seconded and unanimously passed to accept the treasurer's report as presented. No minutes were available for July.

In light of the resignation of the president of NCVVI, Bud Gross and Bob Matthews chaired the meeting.

Education: Bud Gross has made changes to the scholarship requirements. On page 2 of the requirements, Bud has added "In addition, an electronic copy must be sent to NCVVI". On page 3 is added: "would you send an electronic copy to NCVVI". The reason for this is to check if students are copying without stating references. Too many papers are just cut and paste from the internet. Previously, the subject for the scholarship essay came from members. It was decided to ask present, former and retired teachers for topics for the scholarship essay.

Bob Matthews reported that thirteen high schools will be teaching Lessons of Vietnam. He will get the list out next month indicating which semesters teachers will be teaching. This is the 21<sup>st</sup> year of teaching the Lessons of Vietnam. The teach-in did not go well as there were only 4 teachers. Ron Harris did an excellent presentation on the Marvel comic book "The Nam".

Bob Matthews has shirts and bracelets. He and the four others who visited the Wall Archives at Landover, MD, described their emotional experiences viewing items left at the Wall and now at the Archives. If anyone is interested in visiting, contact Bob for details. Bob and others will be going to the Social Studies convention in New Orleans.

Joe Harsch commented that the Smithfield VVA was donating \$200 for our student in Vietnam. The check will be made out to NCVVI. Also, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday of this current week at the Ag Center in Smithfield there will be volunteers to help anyone who needs it to fill out paperwork for the VA.

**Special topic**

**Education**

**Upcoming Events**

**Old / New Business**

**Information**

**Membership renewal form**

**President:**

*Ang Carmen*

**Vice President:**

*Ron Harris*

**Treasurer:**

*Bud Gross*

**Secretary:**

*Bonnie Kuhr*

**Directors:**

*Bill Dixon*

*Dennis Abels*

*Paul White*

*Dave Samuels*

Upcoming dates:

September 5 – POW/MIA ceremony

September 18 –National POW/MIA Recognition Day, Ceremony at 6 PM.  
Durham Stand Down

The leadership of NCVVI was discussed as the President and Vice President have resigned. A leadership committee was selected: Bill Dixon, Bud Gross and Bob Matthews. They will act until new officers are elected.

The Symposium on American Women in Vietnam has not been played yet on our TV show. The last show covered a description of all the N.C. POW/MIAs.

A lengthy discussion was had about the direction of NCVVI and some of us failing to make commitments. But also discussed was the fact that many of us are aging out as well as having family commitments. It was felt that the group should no longer do casino nights, but it is our only money maker. It was difficult getting enough members to commit to the casino night at Heather Hills. There was a commitment of 12-14 for Saturday night.

Heather Hills after-action report from the pit boss...

Heather Hills casino night was a great success. The food was outstanding and the large crowd fun-loving and boisterous. The pit boss can't begin to thank Lonnie Conner, Joe Harsch, Ron Fitzsimmons, Bob Krzynowek, Bill Dixon, John Odom, Dave Samuels, Angelo Carmen, Bob Matthews, Ron Harris, Monica Cash, Lee Wilson, Jo Dixon, Betsy Harsch, Shey Harris, and Bonnie Kuhr for helping to set up, participate in the games, break down the tables, load the vehicles, etc. Dave thinks you all are the greatest.

Joe Harsch is Chef for September.



# Membership Application

NCVVI is proud to have **you** as a member.

**A DD214 is required for full membership**

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(Last Name) (First Name) (MI)

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(Spouse's name)

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(Street Address)

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(City) (State) (Zip code)

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(Home Phone) (Work Phone) (Occupation)

\_\_\_\_\_ Full Membership (\$25 per Year) \_\_\_\_\_ (check amount) DD214 supplied \_\_\_Y \_\_\_N

\_\_\_\_\_ Associate Membership (\$10 per year)

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

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**(Signature)**

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**(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 (4<sup>th</sup>) Tuesday of each month at VFW 7383, 522 Reedy Creek Road, Cary, NC. (6:00 PM dinner 7:00 PM meeting)

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