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The Veteran's Voice

Minutes
August 22, 2017



Attending: Dennis Abels, Bo Williams, Ron Fitzsimmons, Dave Samuels, Joe Harsch, Ron Harris, Paul White, Bob Krzynowek, Benny Hoots, Al Ely, Bonnie Kuhr

The pledge of allegiance was said. The meeting was conducted by the Board. On motion made, seconded and passed the minutes were approved as sent and the treasurer's report as read.

Education: Bob Matthews called from Pittsburg. He asked everyone to look up the Friends of Danang. It's a non-profit group in Pittsburg that would like to work with NCVVI. He reported on his activities in Pittsburg. He is having a workshop at North Gate High School and three other schools are interested in the course. Bob would like Joe Harsch to assist at the workshop at North Gate; Bob will get the info to Joe when he has it. Bob spoke to a group of Marines who are interested in NCVVI. The Marines want to get into classrooms but don't know how to do it.

Bob will be skyping by December. He will be in Apex on October 20 for a ceremony and would be free to meet on October 18 or 19. Details of the ceremony were sent separately but are repeated here. Bob Matthews invites everyone to attend Apex High School's induction of Bob into the Apex Hall of Fame on Friday, October 20. The location is 7600 Roberts Road in Cary. This is the temporary Apex High School for the next two years. The social is at 6:30 in the library. The induction will follow at halftime of the football game which starts at 7:00. Bob will need the names of people attending for head count for the planning committee. Bob's phone number is 919-306-3032 and email address is: rgmatthews17@gmail.com

Regarding Wake County, Bob talked to Abby and as soon as he gets who is teaching what Bob will get the list to the group. Update: Abby has left the social studies program and the new person hasn't gotten in touch with Bob.

Casino Saturday, September 9, 6:00 p.m., there will be a casino night at the Heather Hills Swim Club. Since casino has already happened, I did not include logistics. However, at the meeting a discussion ensued whether we should continue doing the Heather Hills Swim Club casino. A vote was taken and it was decided to inform Heather Hills we will no longer be doing this casino even though this is our only way of making money. We could loan out our equipment, however, and charge.

An addendum: A huge thanks to Dennis Abels, Monica Cash, Ron and Shey Harris, Richard Johnson, Larry Kall and his two friends Skip Day and Tim Niles, Dave Samuels and his son Tim Samuels, Paul White, Bo Williams and for inviting Angie Edwards, Michelle Delaire, and Debra Baker from the Elks, and yours truly who even dealt. Everyone had such

a good time we might want to reconsider canceling our association with Heather Hills and their casino event.

POW/MIA Ceremony:

A huge thanks to Monica and Curtis Cash for arranging groups to help NCVVI out at the monthly ceremony. They went above and beyond in this effort. A schedule was developed at the August 15 meeting with the groups and NCVVI. The schedule of readers with the NCVVI counterpart is at the end of this Newsletter. NCVVI will be advisers. A helpful flyer about the ceremony is being developed.

August 5 – Purple Heart Readers

September 2 – POW/MIA Ceremony (Labor Day weekend)

September 15 – POW/MIA Recognition Day (Monica and Curtis)

October 7 – RTNC7 (need NCVVI member)

An arrangement has been made to store the items at the History Museum. The room is behind the stage. Equipment has been returned to Bill Dixon. Bo Williams will purchase the Missing Man Table supplies. Dennis Abels has a table. Asked if the VVA would do it, Joe Harsch thought there might be a problem getting people to Raleigh. NCVVI will be not having ceremonies on Memorial Day, 4th of July, POW/MIA Recognition Day, and Veterans Day.

A word about the POW/MIA Recognition Day ceremony. Monica and Curtis Cash arranged for the setup and readers from ALR124. A very effective part of the ceremony was gonging the bell after each name was read. There were 4 from NCVVI present.

Sound System: Bo Williams and Dennis Abels met with Steve at Creative Acoustics. He provided a quote for the new sound system he thinks will work for us. When shown our old system, he was surprised this system lasted as long as it did. The entire unit snaps together in a very compact way and is easy to carry. It is an AC only system with no large DC battery components. Bo suggests NCVVI purchase 2 of the wireless mikes. There would be fewer cables to hook up.

The wireless mikes have good range and should work with the size of the crowd at our ceremonies. (100ft-range if someone is using the mike in the audience). If we went with this package, it is available in the store now. Looks like the total package would cost **about \$814.00** with 2 Wireless mikes. Al Ely mentioned he found something for \$69 and had 50 watts. Joe Harsch felt it might be too costly to just use once a month. It was thought to just replace the mikes but they would have to be compatible with our speakers.

The speaker is 150 watts. The Pre Amp has hookups for ancillary equipment such as CD player for our National Anthem or other musical interludes. There are also USB connections and Bluetooth capabilities to broadcast from Smart phones

We should consider that it is being purchased locally so if we have technical problems or warranty issues, Bo was sure the store would honor any problems. Steve knows it is for our local Viet Nam Veterans Ceremony and he tried to provide something for us that was good quality and not too expensive.

The outlet needs to be checked at the memorial which Bo will do.

Etchings in Stone:

Ron Harris submitted an invoice for \$393.57 for a computer and speakers and an easel for use with Etchings in Stone. He had no expenses for his 3-day stay in Kinston while showing Etchings in Stone. Bo is talking with Moses about showing at the Vet Center. Ron met someone who sells insurance to veterans and they might be interested in putting on Etchings.

Carolina Woodstock: Ron Harris, Al Ely, Mike Cooke, Benny Hoots, Dave Samuels, Steve Acai, Bob and Mary Kryznowek and Bill Dixon attended. Ron showed Etchings 5-6 times with 6 people per show.

Scholarship Committee:

Expenses have been received for three of our scholarship winners (along with thank you notes). A committee is being formed to review scholarship requirements. Dave Samuels and Bonnie Kuhr volunteered to serve. Suggested asking Russell Paige as a teacher and John Odom as one of the original drafters of the scholarship program.

Bracelets:

Bonnie will have the bracelets at the meeting. The cost is \$3 or 2 for \$5.

Bob, the cook, was thanked. Larry Kall has volunteered for September.

Reading of the Names Memorial Ceremony

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January	ALR 124 Apex	Curtis Cash	336-583-5570	gaelliccash@gmail.com
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February	VV Helo Assn	Dave Samuels	919-523-7336	dpsamuels@gmail.com
D. Samuels				
March	ALR 187 Wake Forest	Leo Roy	252-915-1253	leoroy03@gmail.com
R. Fitzsimmons				
April	ALR 382 Sanford	Dean Burgess	919-770-4201	daburgess@gmail.com
D. Abels				
May	CVMA 15-6	Paul Briggs	919-545-4659	brigpc@gmail.com
P. White				-
June	ALR 232 Garner	Wayne Bullen	919-291-2129	twbullen@gmail.com
B. Williams		Randy Bradley	919-903-6048	randybradley43@yahoo.com
July	ALR 436 Angier	Chris Turmelle		cturmelle@me.com
B. Kryznowek		JoAnne Martin		tednjoanne@earthlink.com
August	MOPH	Ross Fowler	919-724-5960	Poprfowler@gmail.com
R. Harris				
September	VEMA	Tazz	TBD	TBD
B. Hoots				
POW/MIA	ALR 141 Selma	Kyle Yarbro	919-464-6049	kyle.yarbro85@gmail.com
3rd Friday				

October	RT NC7	Joe Allison	919-673-5766	k4jra@nc.rr.com
November	ALR 72 Sandhills	Rora Kellis	910-603-1318	rmkellis@live.com
December	ALR 7 Durham	Joe Dean	919-886-3386	jdean11@nc.rr.com
Candle Light Vigil	NCVVI			

**Live Streaming at NCVVI.org – TV Shows:
September 13 – Crazy Facts About the Vietnam War
September 27 – Steve Acai on Grave Registration**

History from Steve Acai

As the founder (1977) of the North Carolina Vietnam Veterans Memorial on Union Square in Raleigh, North Carolina, I am sharing here my closing remarks at the memorial dedication on May 23, 1987 in front of approximately 3,000 people who attended the history making event.

"As we conclude today's ceremony, it is a comfort to know that we can learn from our history. It is also comforting to know that future generations will come to this memorial mainly for the same reasons that we came here today, to search our hearts and minds for the meaning of the Vietnam experience. Those that did not wear the uniform will do well to understand from those who returned from Vietnam what the experience means in their terms and we should learn how our country can be stronger and wiser from such understanding. In the aftermath of the American Civil War, it must have seemed totally impossible for our nation to come together in harmony again, but those who survived the war and the generations that followed caused it to happen. History documents that if we the living will bring similar dedication and resolve, then we can accomplish goals of harmony and world peace. We owe to those who died and those who are yet unaccounted for as a result of the war nothing less than our fullest efforts, for they have given more for others and our country than we can ever give and that is their lesson for us, that would be their hope and that should be our purpose."

United States nicknamed Uncle Sam

In 1813, the United States got its nickname, Uncle Sam. The name is linked to Samuel Wilson, a meat packer from Troy, New York, who supplied barrels of beef to the United States Army during the War of 1812. Wilson (1766-1854) stamped the barrels with "U.S." for United States, but soldiers began referring to the grub as "Uncle Sam's." The local newspaper picked up on the story and Uncle Sam eventually gained widespread acceptance as the nickname for the U.S. federal government.

Tidbits:

US Air Force was established on September 18, 1947.

October 7, 2001, Operation Enduring Freedom Began in Afghanistan

October 13, 1775, US Navy established



Membership Application

NCVVI is proud to have you as a member.

A DD214 is required for full membership

(Last Name)

(First Name)

(MI)

(Spouse's name)

(Street Address)

(City)

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(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)

(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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