



**POW/MIA Ceremony**  
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**Wake Forest Moving Wall**  
**Gen. Gaddis Ceremony at**  
**Barton College**

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# The Veteran's Voice

Minutes  
August 28, 2018



Attending: Ron Harris, Bob Krzynowek, Ron Fitzsimmons, Larry Kall, Greg Arnold, Jeff Kanner, Dennis Abels, Bo Williams, Paul White, Benny Hoots, Bob Krezzezi (?)

These minutes were taken from a "stick".

The pledge of allegiance was said.

The meeting was conducted by Ron Harris. On motion made, seconded and passed the minutes as sent and the treasurer's report as read were approved.

**POW/MIA Ceremony:**

**September 21 – POW/MIA National Day – Tom Small and Ron Harris**

**October 6 – RT NC 7, Joe Allison (919-673-5766)**

**NCVVI – need someone**

Discussed the September 1 ceremony. There is a new group who will set up and Ron asked that some of our members be there to assist. This has been a very successful venture with Monica and Curtis' groups and NCVVI. Hopefully, this coming year these groups will take care of everything. This system was started in August 2017. The 2019 schedule needs to be published.

So far, there are no plans for Veterans Day on November 11. It was noted that the parade starts at 9:00 which ends at 10:00. The program started at 11:00 and then people left. Last year some of the groups took that holiday. Golden Corral does a meal for the vets.

**Scholarships:** Asked how the scholarship ceremony went, Benny thought it was well done. There was a good turnout. Gen. Gaddis was there. Several Elks members were there and they were impressed. We have one student who hasn't applied for her \$500.

**Casinos:** Ron talked to Dave about Searstone. Garner will be next year. NCVVI was asked to do on New Year's Eve by Searstone. That night was probably not a good night. Dave has asked Searstone for October 24 but hasn't heard.

**Live Streaming:** September 12: Operation 'Ranch Hand and Unexploded Mines'

**Etchings in Stone:** Discussed the Moving Wall in Wake Forest (information below). Ron was contacted by the Renaissance Center for showing Etchings. It seats 300 people. On October 14 at 7:00 p.m. Etchings will be shown there. Mike Cooke, Bill Dixon, Jeff Kanner and Ron Harris will be there at 3:00 to set up. Mike Cooke will be there with his collection, the POW panels, field cross, tunnel dioramas, jeep, computer for bio's of the people on the Wall will be there. There will be

a reading of the names as well as the missing man table. The Wall has a granite cover on it so can do name rubbings.

The opening ceremony is October 18 at 8 p.m. but we have the showing on the 14<sup>th</sup>. Etchings will also be shown Thursday, October 18, Friday, October 19, and Saturday night, October 20, at the Amphitheatre.

There are no more showings scheduled at other venues.

### **UPCOMING EVENT - MARK YOUR CALENDARS**

Wake Forest Proudly Hosts The Wall that Heals

October 18-21, 2018

Exhibit open 24 hours a day

E. Carroll Joyner Park

701 Harris Road

Wake Forest

Free and open to the public

Wake Forest is the only town in North Carolina to host this exhibit in 2018.

The wall stands 7.5 feet high at its tallest. Visitors can do name rubbings of names on The Wall.

There will be a mobile education center.

Larry Kall mentioned the brochure for an upcoming VA Benefits Event. He recommended it for getting claims processed faster.

**General Norman Gaddis:** On 9/11 Gen. Norman Gaddis received an honorary degree from Barton College in Wilson, N.C. Members Bill Dixon, Ange Carmen, Whit Kenny and Dave Samuels attended. It was also a tribute to first responders.

A P.S. I was just in Branson, MO, and stayed at the Welk Resort. On the grounds is one of the First Moving Walls. It is a permanent part of Welk Resort. As a Veteran, Branson is the place to go. They love you.

Ron Fitzsimmons, the cook, was thanked. Ron Harris will be chef in 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)

(\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_  
(Home Phone) (Work Phone) (Occupation)

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

\_\_\_\_\_ Associate Membership (\$15 per year)

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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 (4<sup>th</sup>) 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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