



NCVVI's The Veteran's Voice

August, 2010.



SPECIAL NOTICE TO MEMBERS AND SUPPORTERS, SEPTEMBER IS A BUSY MONTH FOR NCVVI, PLEASE IF YOU CAN WE NEED YOUR PARTICIPATION.

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September 11-We are doing our fund raiser Casino Night at Heather Hills Swim Club, in Garner. Set up is at 5:30, bring a friend, we need all the help we can get.

September 17-National POW/MIA Recognition Day. Ceremony at 12:00 noon, Vietnam Memorial.

September 18th Presidents Dinner, social at 6:00 & Dinner at 7:00. Location is the lower level of the Raleigh Elks Lodge (corner of Lead Mine and Millbrook) Invite another Vietnam Veteran and spouse. Please RSVP to President Wagoner.

September 25-NCVVI is holding a Wake County School System Teachers Academy. NCVVI will be instructing teachers in how to teach the Vietnam Curriculum. Location lower level of Raleigh Elks Lodge, 9-3 with breakfast and lunch

Special topics

If you are interested in speaking in the schools, (even if you have never been, go with someone who is speaking) NCVVI is putting together a speaker list for the teachers. Please take a moment to send an email to bill.dixon@ZipRealty.com. Give a short synopsis of who you are, where and when you were in Vietnam & what you did; Your Vietnam story. This will be presented to the teachers at the teacher's academy.

After much discussion at the August meeting it was decided by the membership that during the Teachers Academy the NCVVI Scholarship Program will be introduced to the teachers. A sample of past essay topics will be given along with the new criteria. The length of essays has been lengthen to 600-900 words.

Education

Bob Matthews' education report was about the Teachers Academy and the up coming school year. The Congressional Ear-mark that was applied for was missed. There was half the number given this year, we where close but not selected. There are many opportunities to continue the "Bridge Back" educational arm of NCVVI that Bob is working on, more information as they develop.

Trivia Question: How much do you know about your war? What Navy destroyer was bombed during the Vietnam War?

Thanks go out to the August Chef, Dennis Abels, and Thank You Dennis!! We are looking forward to the September meeting Chef's gourmet dinner. Al Ely is our volunteer chef.

The August POW/MIA ceremony had a challenge with the PA system but our life time treasurer Bud Gross discovered a bad cord and replaced it with a new one and all is working well now.

There was a motion at the August meeting to investigate returning to the State Fair with a booth. After investigation it was discovered that a booth would cost \$1,200 if we could get one (there is a waiting list). The idea was unanimously defeated.

The potential T shirt design was discussed with Del offering some of his art work. More information and cost will be presented at the September meeting.

President Ron passed around pictures taken at the reception to celebrate the graduation from Law School of Anna Buonya, a Montagnard refugee. Ron also read a Thank You card from Anna to NCVVI. Anna was a recipient of a Col. Layton Montagnard Scholarship.

The Raleigh CBOC: The Mental Health portion of the Raleigh Clinic is moving from the 3305 Sungate Blvd. site to Hammond Road.

The USO-RDU will be moving to their new location in the new terminal in March, 2011. Go to www.uso-nc.org for latest statistics and information.

Playground for the Nuoc Ngot Orphanage at An Bang Village; January was selected for a NCVVI sponsored Casino Night to benefit the orphanage playground. More to come. Lee at Dalat has also committed to a luncheon fund raiser as she had done in the past.

United Airlines is launching flights from the United States to Vietnam-marking the first commercial service between the two countries since the end of the war.

Medal of Honor: The White House announced the Medal of Honor will be awarded posthumously to Air Force Chief Master Sgt. Richard Etchberger on September 21. While stationed at Phoc Pha Thi, known as Lima Site 85, which was a secret radar base in the neutral country of Laos, saved the lives of 3 fellow soldiers on March 11, 1968. He was nominated for the MOH at that time but was denied by President Johnson since the event happen at a secret base in Laos.

The 50th Anniversary of the Vietnam War Web site is now up. It is sponsored by the Marine Corps Association. <http://vietnamwar50th.com>. Vietnam War Commemoration of the 50th Anniversary: The official site launching will occur in 2011.

The National Vietnam War Museum in Mineral Wells, Texas will open September 7th 2010. For more information contact Jim Messinger, jmessinger@wc.edu

Vietnam is among the top 20 internet using counties in the world according to the US-based Pingdom website monitoring service. They are just behind Canada.

With all going on in September, NCVVI needs all its members to step forward and help. The Casino night on September the 11th is our only currently scheduled fund raiser. The Heather Hills Swim Club has been very good to NCVVI and we should not let them down. This is a great opportunity to recruit new members. You can't belong to a greater group of men and women who have served their country and now their community.

How did you do on the Trivia question? I know you all got it, so you win a free dinner September 28th. Dinner will be served at 6:30 at the Cary VFW main meeting room. For those who may not know, here is the answer: USS Higbee (DDE-860) was the USN's first warship named after a USN female. The Higbee was a Gearing class destroyer launched during WWII. On April 19, 1972 two North Vietnamese MiG-17s out-fitted for carrying bombs, attacked the USS Oklahoma City (Light Cruiser) and the USS Higbee. Near misses cause only superficial damage to the cruiser. Higbee lost its 5 inch mount (turret). Even if you did not get the answer, you are still a winner and deserve the free dinner. See you there.

The North Carolina Veterans' Day Parade will be November 6, 2010 in downtown Raleigh. NCVVI will be marching. A special POW/MIA ceremony will be held at the Sate Capitol at 11:00 on the 11th of November.

The Purple Heart association will be the guest name readers for the October POW/MIA ceremony and the Blue Star Mothers will be the guest in November and Ray Price and the Marine Toys for Tots will be the guest for December. In January the Sea Cadets will be reading and in February the NC Helicopter Pilots Association.

The next general meeting of NCVVI will be held at the Cary VFW on September 28th. Come help Bob Matthews celebrate # 66.



Dues Due List: (If your dues are paid up, please forgive this list.)

Acai, Steve	Dutcher, Dale	McNeely, Michael J.
Beane, Phil	Dyer, George D.	Melton, Norman
Beddingfield, Robert E.	Dyer, James E.	Palmer, Mark A.
Bimbo, Carl L.	Faulkner, Brady	Patrikios, Bob
Bozeman, Rob	Johnson, Steve	Peters, Ralph W.
Brooks, David	Kelly, Edward J.	Rawlings, John
Brown, Robert	Kenney, Whit	Samuels, David
Bywater, Mike	Kenny, Dean	Seagroves, Ted
Carter, Robert	Kesgen, Edward	Sodan, Robert J.
Cook, George G.	King, Donald	Toothaker, David
Cook, Michael J.	Kuhr, Bonnie	Walters, Ron
Davis, Kevin M.	Larson, Keith	West, Dale
Dawson, Robert L.	Loving, John C.	White, Robert
	McGinnis, Dwight R.	Whitmire, Warren T. (ret)

Membership Renewal

NCVVI is proud to have you as a member.

(Last Name) (First Name) (MI)

(Spouse's name)

(Street Address)

(City) (State) (Zip code)

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(Home Phone) (Work Phone) (Occupation)

_____ Full Membership (\$20 per Year) _____ (check amount)

_____ 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 in Cary, NC. (6:00 PM)

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