



# The Veteran's Voice

Minutes

Tuesday, August 23, 2016



Attending: Bud Gross, Bob Matthews, Paul White, Dennis Abels, Bill Dixon, Ron Harris, Bonnie Kuhr, Joe Harsch, Steve Henley, Mike Lynch, John Odom, Bo Williams, Ron Fitzsimmons, Bob Krzynowek, Jeff Kanner, Angelo Carmen, Whit Kenney, Al Ely

Ron Harris opened the meeting with the pledge of allegiance. Following the pledge, General Gaddis was made a lifetime member in a ceremony conducted by Ron Harris. The General was pleased to be a member and made some poignant remarks to the group. Whit was thanked for bringing Gen. Gaddis.

The minutes were approved as sent and the treasurer's report as read.

**Education:** School starts August 29. Within the next ten days, Bob Matthews will have the list of all the teachers who will be teaching Vietnam. The school system has been notified of the educational opportunities for 2016-17: student scholarships, teaching, workshop, and trip to Vietnam scheduled over spring break in 2017. Teachers were asked to RSVP within a month. Bill Dixon has shown interest in going with Bob Matthews to Vietnam if the teachers go. Bob also mentioned the pen pal program started some years ago is still going on. He also delivered the certificates to honorary members Jeff Majewski and Tracy Griggs.

**Etchings in Stone:** SAS is setting up a meeting with Ron Harris to look at projectors. Ron Harris hopes SAS will donate one to NCVVI. Bo Williams said the Elks want to have Etchings in Stone on November 18 and 19 for two days. If any members haven't seen it, this is an opportunity to view at the Elks. Elks will charge \$5 per person and then divide the proceeds between us and the Elks. Joe Harsch mentioned a church group wants to show it on Saturday, January 14, at the Lutheran Church on Highway 42. VVA Smithfield wants to show it but doesn't have a place as of this time. Ron Harris will meet with Sears Stone to show Etchings but didn't have any details. There are 60 veterans there.

**Group Activities:** At last month's meeting the group voted on a trip to Patriots Point. A bus for 25-30 with bathroom would cost \$1800. It costs \$17 to go into Patriots Point. The date would be the Veterans Day weekend. Patriots Point is 6 hours away. The committee will check on the cost of 2-14 seat vans. Everyone is to check with spouses and get back to Bob Matthews if going. Numbers will determine if the trip is on.

**Casino Night:** The date is August 27; set up is 6 p.m., casino from 7:30-9:30 p.m. The place is Heather Hills Swim Club.

**MIA/POW Ceremony in October:** Angelo Carmen will announce and do the table as Bill Dixon will not be there. Joe Harsch will help. Rolling Thunder group will be color guard. This is the weekend of the Armed Forces VN Network Reunion. There is a need for drivers for the

*Gen. Gaddis Installation*

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*Membership renewal form*

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*Dennis Abels*

*Paul White*

*Dave Samuels*

*Bill Dixon*

*Angelo Carmen*

barbecue on Saturday night and the dinner on Sunday night; to the museum; back and forth to the hotel. Angelo Carmen volunteered. It will start September 30 with attendance at the POW ceremony on October 1. The reunion will end on Sunday. It was recommended that Dick Ellis be invited to the September meeting to supply information on what they need from NCVVI.

**Golf Tournament in Smithfield:** Joe Harsch said the date is October 7 but he didn't have the price.

**Cleaning of Monument:** On September 10 a group of volunteers, under the supervision of NCVVI, will be cleaning the monument. NCVVI will furnish cleaning materials. The 4 hour shift will be from 9-1. John Odom will get in touch with Steve Acai to find what cleaning materials are needed. Bud Gross and Ron Harris will supervise.

**Website:** Armon has agreed to teach someone how to update.

Thanks to Shey Harris for dinner. And thanks to Steve Henley for bringing the flag. Joe Harsch gladly agreed to cook in September.



Membership Application

NCVVI is proud to have you as a member.

**A DD214 is required for full membership**

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(City) (State) (Zip code)

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\_\_\_\_\_ 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. (6:15 PM dinner 7:00 PM meeting)

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