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We had one visitor: Harry Cleland, a veteran of Nam in '65-67. He made a parachute jump into "country" - one of only two that was made during the Nam war.

Members attending: Bob Matthews, Lee Wilson, Bill Dixon, Ron Wagoner, Dave Samuels, Bud Gross, Joe Harsch, R.J. "Del" Del Vecchio, Ron Harris, Al Ely III, John Odom, Bo Williams and Bobby Thrower.

A fine meal was provided by Joe Harsch. I didn't catch what Joe calls the mix but everyone enjoyed it. Del Vecchio provided two types of baked goods. If you did not attend, you missed out. See you at the September 22nd meeting in Cary for a surprise meal.

Finance

Checking: \$932.10
Savings: \$279.38
Bridge Back: Vietnamese Orphanage Fund: \$2102.00
Bridge Back: Checking: \$1,936.91

Education

Bob Matthews and others recently met with Andy Hunt, the LOV teacher for Leesville High School. Dave Samuels will be their contact person. We will be meeting with Cary H/S and Alamance H/S after Labor Day. We will speak about Viet Nam and receive their email addresses and care packages for us to deliver to school children during our Bridge Back trip in October.

Due to the State budget, some of the LOV classes may be dropped. There was a discussion about us being more involved with supporting the LOV classes in order to keep the program going. John Odom will check on how we may be of the best assistance to the school system. The last few manuals we have are in bad condition. By vote, we gave Bob Matthews permission to purchase 12 LOV manuals at a cost of about \$13.00@. These are excellent teaching aids.

President:

Ron Wagoner

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Bo Williams

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Bud Gross

Secretary:

Bobby Thrower

Directors:

Bill Dixon

Joe Harsh

John Odom

Bob Matthews

Al Ely, III



Plans are still in the works for us to travel to Texas Tech. (Lubbock, Texas) and Washington DC, to attend conferences on Viet Nam. This has proven to be a great way to assist us in spreading the LOV classes. Bob Matthews continues to do an excellent job of overseeing the LOV classes. Thanks to Bob and other members for taking their time to speak in the classes. This personal application is well received by the teachers and students.

Upcoming Events

- Thurs. Sept. 3rd - Help Blue Star Mothers; Eat at Chili for 10% to BSM
- Sat. Sept. 5th – NCVVI monthly POW/MIA remembrance service (Capitol)
- Mon. Sept. 7th – National Labor Day
- Fri. Sept. 11th – National Patriots' Day
- Fri. Sept. 11th – Remember attacks on World Trade Center and Pentagon
- Thurs. Sept. 17th – Constitution Day
- Fri. Sept. 18th – National POW/MIA Recognition Day (Capital 12:00 Noon)
- Tues. Sept. 22nd – NCVVI monthly meeting (Cary)
- Sun. Sept. 27th – National Gold Star Mothers Day

Old Business

"Casino night" was held on August 29, in the Heather Hills Club House --- Garner, N.C. It was a real success and all participates had a night of fun and entertainment. (Ask Ron Wagoner about the "bouncing ball".) Thanks to all the members who supported this effort. A special "Thank You" goes out to all the family members who assisted and to Dave Samuels – our lead person on this project. We raised \$750.00, which will be used to assist our charities. Thanks to all.

Bill Dixon met with representatives of the Raleigh Elks Lodge #735 to discuss the possibility of a fund raiser **for them**. At this time, a date has not been set. Bill will get back to us.

Bo Williams discussed the possibility of a fund raiser **for NCVVI**. The Raleigh Elks Club #735 has offered their facilities. Bo will get a definite date for us to use the facilities and get back to us.

New Business

Anyone desiring to purchase shirts, hats or other apparel with the NCVVI logo, please contact R.J. "Del" Del Vecchio – TechConsultServ@juno.com or phone #919-326-1469.

Bill Dixon has located a school in Viet Nam that has about 34 young adults who are blind and in a great need of some "blind assist" items. Information from a person who is involved with that school states that the children have "nothing". Folding canes, battery operated CD players are only a couple of the items



needed. Any money received will be used to purchase needed items for the blind students and will be hand carried to the children during our Bridge Back trip in October. Anyone who can and will help with this very good cause, please contact Bill Dixon – OldshoeRealtor@nc.rr.com or (C) 919-434-7345. NCVVI is a tax free organization and these gifts can be included in your tax records and a receipt can be provided.

NCVVI WEB SITE

ncvvi.org The newsletters are posted on this site...

INFORMATION: A web site you may find interesting: news@.airforcetogetherweserved.com This is a good site for all branches of the military. Check it out. You may like it.

The Meal for September 22nd Meeting will be provided by Bo Williams. You are invited and I hope to see you at the meeting.

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

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



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)

(____) _____ (____) _____
(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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