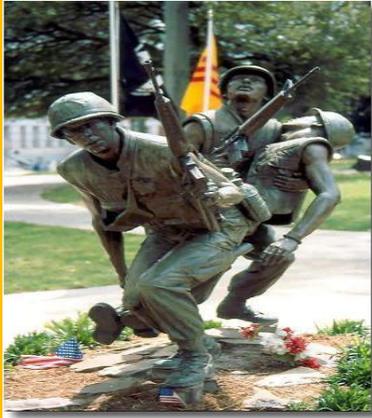


# North Carolina Vietnam Veterans, Inc.

## The Veteran's Voice

October, 2010



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[www.ncvvi.com](http://www.ncvvi.com)

**Bridge Back Foundation**

**Website:**

[www.bridgebackfoundation.org](http://www.bridgebackfoundation.org)

**Streaming LOV:**

[Nissancommunications.com](http://Nissancommunications.com)

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**Directors:**

*Ron Wagoner*

*Dennis Abels*

*Bo Williams*

*Lee Booher*

*Bob Allen*

### September Meeting minutes

**Treasurers Report:** Bud Gross, Treasure for life reported that two scholarships had been paid.

**Education Report:** Bob Matthews, Education Chairman forever reported that members who would like to speak in schools to please contact the teachers from the list Bud sent out sometime ago. Cary, Athens Drive and Eastern Alamance High Schools students would be preparing packets to be delivered to the Vietnamese students in Vietnam. There will be double assemblies in Coldwell County December 6<sup>th</sup> for the education presentations. Bob is in conversation with the New Jersey Vietnam Center about NCVVI doing a presentation there. The Playground fund raising was in progress and that those going to Vietnam would need another deposit by the end of November or first of December. There is still time for anyone who wishes to go, but not much time. Please see Bob as space is getting limited.

**Special Projects:** Monica, reported on the "Ride Home" taking former POW's to Andersonville POW Museum and reunion. There were 90 former POW's from WWII to present in attendance. Thanks to Monica and those who put this together for this great project.

**Fund Raising:** The Upcoming NCVVI fund raiser Monte Carlo Night at Heather Hills Swim Club in Garner was coming up September 28th and that membership participation was vital. Was discussed. This is how we pay our bills and furnish meals.

Also discussed was the Playground Fund Raiser joint venture with TGIF needed members to distribute the flyers that were supplied by Ange. Also that members bring friends and family with them to eat.

John Odom offered to donate \$1,000 to the playground for help with his Raleigh City Council Campaign. Members who participated made phone calls to his district reminding people to vote. Congratulations John on your victory and know you will continue your good work on the council. PS the kids in Vietnam thank you.

**Funds allocated:** The membership voted to allocate \$500 to Ron Harris for his trip to Nikki Rowe High School in McAllen, Texas. Ron graciously said the funds were to help offset the trip for all that were going. NCVVI will be taking "The Small Wall" to McAllen and the students there are performing Ron's play. The trip will be a 7 day event filled time. Thanks to Al for driving the wall down.

The membership also voted to allocate \$480.00 to Bob Matthews to attend the National Social Studies Conference in St. Louis, Mo. And represent NCVVI. Bob will be making an LOV presentation to the conference.

**The Lesson's of Vietnam Streaming Show:** Is growing with watchers and call in participants. The show



has had some great guest participation from NCVVI and the community. If you cannot get to a computer you can call in on 919-518-9773 using your phone. The best way is your computer by logging in on [nissancommunications.com](http://nissancommunications.com) . The show is the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday's of the month at 7:30 PM.

**Upcoming Events:** NCVVI will be marching and riding in the Wake County Veterans Parade. Time and location to be provided later. If you know a Vietnam Veteran invite them to march with you, even though we wish they would become a member they can just march in the parade with NCVVI. Our Past President Ron Wagoner has agreed to head up the parade. Thanks Ron for stepping up as always.

NCVVI will be displaying the "Small Wall" at the Raleigh/Wake Standown at the homeless shelter on South Wilmington Street, all members are invited to participate in your organizations events.

**Chefs:** Joe Harsch was the chef for the September meeting, Thanks Joe! Ron Fitzsimmons volunteered for the October 22, 2013 dinner, thanks in advance Ron.

**The Next Meeting:** The next NCVVI regular meeting will be October 22 which is also Bob Williams Birthday. HAPPY BIRTHDAY BO!!!

**NEWS LETTER:** Dave Samuels has been approached about doing a Monte Carlo Night in December, the president hesitantly told him to book it. We need the membership to step up to make these events work. The same few are always there working their butts off due to lack of membership participation. Don't believe in gambling as an excuse, then you have obviously never been to a NCVVI Monte Carlo Night. I have more reasons to be against gambling than most but I am there. You can learn to play the games so that is no excuse. We need help setting up and tearing down. No money exchanges hands at the GAMES. No player gets taken advantage of, it is not much different than "Old Maid" and checkers. It is to support at least two organizations (one of which you belong to). NCVVI does a lot of good in the community thanks to having some funds to work with as well as members paying out of their pockets. Please step up and support your organization, you are needed and appreciated.

How many of you saw the article about JPAC (the organization that is assigned to look for remains of those we lost and are unaccounted for? They were shipping empty caskets and having Welcome Home honor guards at the landings to make it look like they had done their jobs. There has been purported that at least one dig the site was salted to appear there had been remains found. One of the North Carolina MIA/POW's Joseph Hargrove location is known but JPAC has decline to go back to the island due to the island is going to be developed. Or do they have his remains on a shelf in Hawaii?

At the October meeting fund raising in general will be a topic discussed. To continue with meals and what to eliminate due to lack of funds will be on the agenda.

Membership and a possible membership campaign will be on the agenda.

Whatever the membership feels that needs to be discussed will be on the agenda

There is to be only one meeting after the October meeting this year.

The Annual Candle Lighting Service will be discussed.



# Membership Renewal and Application

NCVVI is proud to have you as a member.

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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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(Occupation)

\_\_\_\_\_ Full Membership (\$25 per Year) A DD 214 is required for full membership

\_\_\_\_\_ 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 in Cary, NC. (6:00 PM)***

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