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## North Carolina Vietnam Veterans, Inc. The Veteran's Voice



### The February 25<sup>th</sup> Meeting

Due to snow and ice the January meeting was postponed until February 4<sup>th</sup>.

As per the majority vote all dues become due on the 1<sup>st</sup> of January. Please send Bud your dues (\$25.00) or pay at the meeting. Our fund raisers are getting fewer as the swim club in Garner will not be having their casino night this year. Have a good idea for a bunch of seasoned citizens can hold a fund raiser? Bring your ideas to the meeting.

“Etchings in Stone” by Ron Harris had its North Carolina Premier on February 21<sup>st</sup> at the VFW hall. The play written by our own Ron Harris takes place at the Vietnam Memorial Wall in DC. It is set as the audience is with-in the Wall looking out at the visitors to the Wall and can read the thoughts and hear what the visitors are saying. It was performed in originally at Nikki Rowe High in McAllen Texas. The play was recorded and professionally edited. It was greatly enjoyed by all in attendance at the VFW hall everyone there were moved by the visitors to the Wall and their stories. As special guest in attendance was Bill Tschudy former POW and Alex Rowe, son of Nick Rowe and Dennis Rogers long standing member of NCVVI and semi-retired columnist for the N&O as well as contributor to the play. ATTA Boy to Ron, it is a magnificent work of art that will be enjoyed by a lot of people.

Speaking of enjoyed by a lot of people, NCVVI will be performing this play. Are you an actor (would you like to be one?) stage crew, lighting, costumes and whatever else a play needs? This new project can be a lot of fun and very informative to the public and help

Vietnam Veterans who have had trouble visiting the Wall. Please contact Ron with your interest or the new president.

How would you like to help guide to bigger and better things the finest group of men and women in the country? The February 25<sup>th</sup> meeting will be the election of new officers. All positions are up for election, president, vice president, secretary, and treasurer. Any member paid up qualifies and can do a great job in any one of these positions. Make your voice heard, your organization needs you. The past officers have done a good job but they have also proven anyone can do them.

NCVVI has lost two Veterans in the last week. Bobby Thrower who went to Vietnam with the group in 2009 was buried February 20, 2014. Bobby was a member of the Scat Back group who flew in and out of Vietnam and also they were involved with the Song Tay Raid planning. A longtime friend of NCVVI, Vance Corbet will be buried February 28<sup>th</sup>. Vance was a WWII, Korea and Vietnam Veteran and retired as a Colonel from the Marine Corps

NCVVI's monthly POW/MIA service will be held on March 1<sup>st</sup>. There is not at this time a guest group reading the names. NCVVI members will be asked to read.

The trip to Vietnam to install the playground is moving along. But some last minute adjustments that were not planned on have hit the budget hard. An extra \$1,500 in Vietnam site cost was added and the shipper went to twice the original estimate. Some of this has been absorbed by the wonderful folks at Wood Play (Please remember to refer them to anyone who is looking for a top of the line playground). Those going will be doing some additional fund raising and all assistance is greatly appreciated. The members going would also like to invite the membership to donate small items like personal items that can be put into a suitcase for delivery to Vietnam. Combs, hair brushes, tooth paste, tooth brushes, wet wipes, band aids, first aid ointments and things like this. Nothing to bulky Please! Bring them to the next couple of meetings. This will give everyone an opportunity to be a part of the trip. No religious materials please, they could jeopardize our project as well as all the things that Global Spectrum does in Vietnam. Thank you for your help and understanding.

NCVVI's new streaming show is growing and continues having outstanding guest. The last show on January 22<sup>nd</sup> had POW Bill Tschudy, 7-1/2 years a POW he was at Son Tay just prior to the raid. His story is incredible, his helmet is on display in a museum in Moscow, in the Soviet Union. He was the back seater for Jerimiah Denton. Bill will return to the show 26<sup>th</sup> at the new time 7-8 o'clock. General Norman Gaddis former POW will be the guest on February 26<sup>th</sup>, both men have stories that everyone should hear. Remember just log into [nissancommunications.com](http://nissancommunications.com). You can watch the live shows, call in be a part of the show or

see the archived shows on nissancommunications.com or the archives on the NCVVI website. Got an idea for a show or series let Bill or Bob know. Bill Tschudy will be returning on the March 12<sup>th</sup> show and Cary Turner, Joseph Hargrove cousin will be on the March 26<sup>th</sup> show discussing his new book about looking for Joseph's remains. After that show we will hopefully have Bill Tschudy's wife to talk about being home with a husband that is a POW. The show is growing in numbers tuning in and the guests are great

NCVVI is a Commemorative Partner in the Vietnam War 50<sup>th</sup> Commemoration and events. This will get our many activities recognized on a national scale. We already do more than is required to be a partner.

With your help and participation this can be the best year (2014) ever for NCVVI. We have the best members, Veterans and Veterans supporters anywhere in the world. This is your organization and it is great because of you.

March 29<sup>th</sup> is National Vietnam Veterans recognition Day. NCVVI will be doing a special POW/MIA ceremony. Monica Cash will be discussing an additional opportunity at the meeting

Bob K is our guest cook Tuesday, join us and find out what the mystery meat is this month.

**JANUARY 1, 2014 ALL MEMBERS DUES ARE DUE AND PAYABLE. Bud will accept checks or cash.**

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# Membership Renewal and Application

NCVVI is proud to have you as a member.

## DD214 Required with Full Membership

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\_\_\_\_\_ Full Membership (**\$25 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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***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. at VFW 7383 Reedy Creek Road (6:30 PM)***

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