



The Veteran's Voice



Minutes
January 23, 2018

Attending: Dennis Abels, Bo Williams, Ron Fitzsimmons, Ron Harris, Paul White, Larry Kall, Dave Samuels, Mike Lynch, Benny Hoots, Jeff Kanner, Steve Hensley, Bonnie Kuhr

The pledge of allegiance was said. The meeting was conducted by the Board. On motion made, seconded and passed the minutes were approved as sent. The treasurer's report was read by Dave Samuels in place of Bob Krzynowek who was ill. A question was raised about money received from some members and a payment to Military Missions in Action. Members made donations to MMA via NCVVI and NCVVI in turn made one check to MMA. Dues are from January to December. It's now time to pay -- \$25 for members.

Report on Joe Harsch: Members have visited Joe at home. Cards are welcome.

POW/MIA Monthly Ceremony:

March 3: American Legion Riders 187 Wake Forest
Ron Fitzsimmons, NCVVI

January POW/MIA Ceremony: Considering the weather, everything was up and ready with Curtis and Monica Cash and the American Legion Riders 124 of Apex in charge. Dennis Abels also pitched in to help. This partnership is working well. They have younger guys joining. The American Legion magazine had an article about the Saturday ceremony.

Scholarship: Ron Harris, Dave Samuels, Del Vecchio and Bonnie Kuhr met to review the scholarship requirements. The amount of the scholarship was changed from \$500 to \$250 and up to \$1500. We will reward as many as we feel prudent to include college, junior college, community college and/or trade school, Vietnam vets, family members and students who completed the LOV elective. Applicants are not restricted from reapplying each year of their undergraduate studies. The length will be 600 and no more than 900 words. Each participant **MUST** interview at least one veteran to come up with a conclusion. This will prevent students just going to the internet to cut and paste what's on the website. The residency requirement is waived for the families of current NCVVI members residing in North Carolina.

Russell Page is going to try to make the February meeting. He started teaching on February 3. One of the problems in the past, said Page, a teacher doesn't have enough time from when the class starts and the deadline for the submission. He would like to see a later deadline so he can prep his students.

Bob Matthews is to provide the name of Abby's replacement. A memo needs to be sent to the replacement to get the word out to the schools about the scholarship. It is hard to get to the teachers. NCVVI members

**January POW/MIA
POW/MIA Monthly
Scholarship
Vietnam Experience at the
Museum
Etchings in Stone
Navy Air Force Baseball
Game
Col. Edgar Davis**

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going into the classes should promote the scholarship. It is on other educational websites.

The scholarship submission deadline is April 13. The submissions will be distributed to the readers after the 13th of April.

The scholarship fund made a profit this year. It is a separate fund.

We need an administrator to check all of the submissions before distributing to the readers.

Vietnam Experience.

This will be the last time we will exhibit at the Museum. We might do it for just two days in the future. Need to check with AI about the wall and find out if the helicopters are going to be there. Setup is Friday, March 23. Event is March 24-25, 2018. Bob Matthews' friend will print our flyer. Bo and Ron will work on a flyer.

Etchings in Stone: Ron does not want to put Etchings out to the public. He does have a copyright but who is to prevent someone from copying it from the website and making money from it.

Vietnam Voices Advisory Committee: Mike Lynch is still pursuing Dr. Kevin Cherry to come speak to the group.

Jeff Kanner, the chef, was thanked. Ron Harris has volunteered to cook in February

2018 Freedom Classic! Come watch the Navy and Air Force academy baseball teams slug it out! Saturday, Feb 24, is the Military Appreciation game. They will honor Col Edgar Felton Davis, MIA, Laos. Home of record, Goldsboro, NC. His remains have been found and identified! He is coming home!

Where: Historic Grainger Stadium, 400 E. Grainger Avenue, Kinston, NC

**Navy and Air Force Game Times:
Friday, February 23 at 6:00 p.m.
Saturday, February 24, at 2:00 p.m.
Sunday, February 25 @ 12:30 p.m.**

***30 minutes prior to each game there will be a patriotic ceremony honoring those men and women who have served or are currently serving our country.**

Admission: \$10 tournament pass good for Friday-Sunday. Single game tickets are \$5 for adults and \$3 for students, seniors, veterans and retired military. Active duty military free.

We've been notified that we will receive the remains of an Air Force Colonel Edgar Felton Davis who was shot down over Laos in September 1968. He will be buried in Goldsboro. As of right now all we know is that this should happen in early April, probably the 4th or 5th. If that's the case, Vic Rose will be the Team Leader for it. The HG at Seymour has been tasked with the mission at planeside.

Since Seymour is so close and involved I wouldn't be surprised if we get a number of dignitaries present. Having said that I assume that Vic Rose will need all hands on deck for the mission, if previous MIA missions are an example. More to follow...



Membership Application

NCVVI is proud to have you as a member.

A DD214 is required for full membership

(Last Name) (First Name) (MI)

(Spouse's name)

(Street Address)

(City) (State) (Zip code)

(____) _____ (____) _____
(Home Phone) (Work Phone) (Occupation)

_____ Full Membership (\$25 per Year) _____ (check amount) DD214 supplied ___Y ___N

_____ 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 at VFW 7383, 522 Reedy Creek Road, Cary, NC. (6:15 PM dinner 7:00 PM meeting)

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