



POW/MIA Ceremony
Where is NCVVI Headed?

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Minutes
January 22, 2019



Attending: Ron Harris, Ron Fitzsimmons, Dennis Abels, Paul White, Richard Johnson, Dave Samuels, John Odom, Jeff Kanner, Larry Kall, Bill Dixon

The pledge of allegiance was said.

The meeting was conducted by Ron Harris. On motion made and seconded the minutes as sent and the treasurer's report as read by Ron Harris for Bob Krzynowek. There was discussion about the fluctuation of one of the accounts, but that is due to the stock market. The cost of the helicopter and any food provided for the volunteers will come out of the Vietnam Experience account. (There will be printing and postage costs.)

Several years ago the nun from the playground some NCVVI members put together in Vietnam gave Bill Dixon tapes. He and Amnon were finally able to get the format corrected and he then had copies made. Ron Harris, Ron Fitzsimmons and Bob Matthews have tapes. It can also be viewed on ncvvi.org. (Bob Matthews said it's excellent.)

Val Price had planned on coming to the meeting with Mr. McMullen but both had to cancel. Bill Dixon had some information. On the 29th of March at the VFW Humana is sponsoring a dinner for NCVVI members. Humana has a group of employees who are Vietnam veterans and this is a commemoration of veterans. The problem is it is the last day of the Vietnam Experience and several will be taking down the displays. Bonnie will try to get a contact for those who are interested in going to the dinner. .

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February 2 – VV Helo Association
NCVVI – David Samuels

March 2 – ALR 187 Wake Forest
NCVVI – Ron Fitzsimmons

Having these groups come in to assist at the POW/MIA ceremony has been a tremendous success. Ron Harris is doing Patriot Guards and is running into people who have seen him at the ceremony. Ron also thanked Dennis Abels for always being there to help set up. Sound system was mentioned again. The problems are how the microphone is held and how the speakers are placed. We are hoping to get a sponsor for new speakers.

Education: Let Ron Harris know about going to East Crossroads Junior High School. These middle school children are very receptive. Bob Matthews was the driving force in getting into schools. There is no one from NCVVI getting the information out to the schools. The teachers are

not proactive in inviting NCVVI members. Paul White spoke at Athens and Wakefield.

Bob Matthews called in. He mentioned there is a center in Pittsburgh called Heinz Center. They are having a Vietnam War exhibit for six weeks in April. Bob mentioned they were looking for display items; if anyone has anything send to Bob Matthews. They will be ensured. It will be kept under lock and key. He has spoken to two colleges. It looks as though high schools aren't interested. There is a Veterans Breakfast Group he is involved with. There is no word on Sue Vaughan but knows she is in bad shape.

Live Streaming: Bill Dixon reported there are 8,000 viewers per show. The next show is Vietnam After the Fall.

Etchings in Stone: Bill Dixon is showing Etchings at the Six States VVA Conference in March which is one week before the Vietnam Experience. Bill will be giving Bob K. a \$100 donation check.

Vietnam Experience: Cheri is preparing flyers for members to distribute to their contacts (barber shops, any place where it can be posted, etc.). Bonnie and Ron will also be meeting with the publicity people from the Museum on the 7th of February. We will not be showing Etchings at night. We need help on Thursday at 3:00 to set up at the Museum. Ron will check if parking lot is available for Friday afternoon and parking for the van in front of the Museum because Friday is a business day and parking is used for that..

Nominating Committee: No report, but there will be a slate at the February meeting.

Scholarships: These were the suggestions:

Resubmitted by Bob Matthews stressing No. 2. 1. Why do you think there is a renewed interest in the Vietnam War in high school and colleges? 2. What effect did the Watergate scandal have on the outcome of the Vietnam War? 3. Do you think a draft would work today and do you think we need one? 4. Which movie on Vietnam would you say is the best and why? 5. If we could do a do over do you think we would do Vietnam again? 6. Has the Vietnam Wall achieved its goal?

Bill Dixon: With the political correctness movement of today, could the Vietnam Memorials become unwanted as the Civil War Memorials are today? Why or why not?

Bo Williams: Is history repeating itself in IRAQ?

Jeff Kanner suggests using Ron Harris' from last year: Why is it important to teach the lessons of Vietnam in today's schools? Easily researched, easily answered, and can be dealt with concisely.

Del: 1. The common statement is that the USA lost a war in Viet Nam. Was US military action in Viet Nam undertaken as a war or something else? Explain.

2. The National Liberation Front in South Viet Nam promised that once the war was concluded, liberation and justice would come to the South. How much of a role did the NLF play in the new government of the South, and how well were the promises of liberation and justice kept?

After discussion, it was decided to use Ron Harris' "*Why is it important to teach the Lessons of Vietnam in today's schools?*" Before the decision, should the word "war" be added after Vietnam was discussed. Since the course is Lessons of Vietnam, war was not added.

Dennis Abels was thanked for the pizza.



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)

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(Zip code)

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

_____ Associate Membership (\$15 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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