



*POW/MIA Ceremony  
Education  
Etchings  
Scholarships  
Live Streaming  
Vietnam Recognition Day*

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# The Veteran's Voice

Minutes  
January 28, 2020



**Attending:** Ron Fitzsimmons, Dennis Abels, Bob Krzynowek, Paul White, Jeff Kanner, Dave Samuels, Bo Williams, Ron Harris, Benny Hoots, Bonnie Kuhr

The pledge of allegiance was said. David Samuels presided. The meeting was held at the IHop on Six Forks.

A motion was made, seconded and passed to accept the secretary's minutes as published. The treasurer's report on motion made, seconded and passed was accepted as read. Bob K. collected 2020 dues from 9 members. In 2019 there were 18 paid members. When asked how many are on our email list, the answer is 47.

**POW/MIA Ceremonies:**

**Candlelight ceremony went well. The Riders made up most of the group attending. Next year we need to get more people involved.**

**Asked how the speakers worked at the January ceremony, they were not used because of the rain. The American Legion Riders 124 Apex brought their own flags.**

**February 1 – VV Helicopter Association  
NCVVI – Dave Samuels**

**March 7 – Vass Post 296 (Rora Kellis 910-603-1318)  
NCVVI – Ron Fitzsimmons**

**Benny Hoots and Dennis Abels will assist at the March 7 ceremony. There is still some difficulty in setting up the speaker system.**

**Education:** Ms. Nantz's class at Cary High School and the cancellation due to lack of participation by NCVVI was brought up. She will be having a gathering in the spring and NCVVI should make a real effort to participate.

**Etchings:** Ron Harris was not at the meeting so no report on the Museum in Albemarle request to show Etchings. Ron Harris is the one who has Etchings.

**Scholarships:** We have one application. Bo Williams had talked to Russell Page about the scholarship program and when the teachers teach LOV. If it's in the spring, there is not time to meet the scholarship deadline. It was noted that semesters start in September and January and the deadline is April. The topic: The draft during the Vietnam War had a special effect on the country. Interview a regular army and a draftee to get their viewpoints on how they were affected.

**Live Streaming:**

**January 8: "Vietnam Politics Today"**

**January 22: "Phoenix Program with Col. Andrew Finlayson, USMC (Ret.)"**

Several at the meeting had watched the Phoenix Program. Bill had a sizable number listening to the Phoenix program.

**New Business:**

Whit Kenney had an idea for a fundraiser. There is a Music Marathon to be held on February 29 at the VFW. In Chapel Hill. Whit will arrive with Gen. Gaddis at 4:00. People play for hours and not the same song to raise money for charities. Whit thought we might want to use them to raise money for NCVVI.

Bo got a call from Andrew Jackson (National Guard) asking if we want to be involved in an event on March 30 (March 29 is Vietnam Recognition Day) at the History Museum. There will be plenty of people to help. They would like to have the Wall and Etchings. Bo has asked for a narrative of what their plans are. Publicity is always a problem. As an aside, Dave Samuels mentioned the Helicopter Association is working with the N.C. National Guard to place their helicopters in a building they are constructing near the airport.

Bonnie (and the Dixons, Del Vecchio, Val Price and Steve Hensley) went to the Tet event at Dorton Arena sponsored by the Vietnamese Community. It was a spectacular event with martial arts demonstrations, dances, songs, and poetry. At that event scholarships were given to grade and high school students. It was suggested that more of us try to go.

Bo listed upcoming events at the Elks:

1. The VA is sponsoring an event at the Elks where they give guitar lessons to veterans. Must qualify for the program through the VA Hospital.

2. On March 7 DAP for Homeless Veterans at Durham Athletic Park. Elks will be assisting VA with this program.

3. Wake County has approved a new veterans home in Raleigh. Date of completion is approximately 2021. It will be built off of Blue Ridge Road.

**Old Business:**

**Audit:** Dave Samuels will contact Val Price about auditing our books.

Bo Williams reported that **Project Healing Waters** event was up and running. Had 20 participants.

**Further discussion was had on presenting a plaque to Tam Van Cao and Bich Nga Loung. It was decided to give a scholarship to a Vietnamese student in their honor in addition to the plaque making them honorary members for all their work for NCVVI.**

**VFW and NCVVI Relationship:** A letter was sent to the State Commander of the VFW with a copy to the Cary VFW. As of this date, there was no response. It was decided to wait another month and if no response taking it to the next step.

**Meeting was adjourned. Everyone is agreeable with having meetings at a restaurant.**



# Membership Application

NCVVI is proud to have you as a member.

**A DD214 is required for full membership**

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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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(City) (State) (Zip code)

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(Home Phone) (Work Phone) (Occupation)

\_\_\_\_\_ Full Membership (\$25 per Year) \_\_\_\_\_ (check amount) DD214 supplied \_\_\_Y \_\_\_N

\_\_\_\_\_ Associate Membership (\$15 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 at a location to be announced.

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