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#### **President:**

Ron Wagoner

Vice President:

Bo Williams

Treasurer:

**Bud Gross** 

Secretary:

**Bobby Thrower** 

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Bill Dixon

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**Bob Matthews** 

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# The Veteran's Voice

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A new year starts and once again we have more opportunities to remember the Veterans of this country. Consider what you will do to help keep them in the minds of other Americans.

Members attending the January meeting included: Bob Matthews, Bill Dixon, Ron Wagoner, Lee Wilson, Bo Williams, Ron Harris, Lee Booher, Dave Samuels, Joe Harsch, Bill Dixon, Jeff Kaner, Ron Harris, and Bud Gross.

Bob Matthews presented a fine meal that everyone enjoyed. The president started the meeting by leading us with the pledge of allegiance.

#### **Finance**

Checking: \$727.10

Bridge Back: \$645.14

Scholarship: \$20,689.39

#### Education

Bob Matthews reported that Heritage High School (a new high school) will open this fall. Bob will be working to include the "Lessons on Viet Nam" in this school also.

UNC-CH and also "Boy's Town" has contacted Bob for information/material of Viet Nam which he is gathering to forward to them. Bob is still working with Andy Hunt at Leesville HS and will forward him more material.

Texas Tech. is sponsoring two conferences this year. One in Washing DC and one in Lubbock, Tx. Bob will have more information in the near future.

YES, Bob is correct. The word about LOV is continuing to spread throughout the nation.

The 2010 scholarship program in on schedule and the topic for 2010 is: "It is generally believed that the armed forces of South Viet Nam (RVN) were never really effective in fighting the VC or the NVA. Is this a valid judgment?" The essay topic and the application form with instructions can be found on our website, <a href="www.ncvvi.org">www.ncvvi.org</a> To date two applications have been received, as reported by the Scholarship Administrator.



### **Upcoming Events**

1) Saturday, Feb. 6<sup>th</sup> – MIA/POW service at the Viet Nam memorial – Raleigh Capital grounds. 12.00 Noon – The Viet Nam Helicopter pilots group will be on the Capital grounds. This is always a good showing with lots of information about their work in Viet Nam.

## 2) <u>NEW SCHEDULE DUE TO SNOW AND ICE</u> <u>Only change is date</u>

Saturday February 6th 2010 - Monte Carlo Night

Time: 7:00 PM

Where: Raleigh Elks Lodge # 735 (corner of Leadmine & Millbrook)

Why: To support NCVVI programs

Donations: \$20.00 (single) \$30.00 (couple)

For tickets or information call Bo Williams: 919-760-9845 or Bill Dixon: 919-434-7345 or any member of NCVVI.

This will be a time of fun, games, free hors d'oeuvers and a cash bar. Games will consist of black jack, poker, roulette, and craps.

- 3) February 23<sup>rd</sup> 6:00 PM NCVVI meeting in Cary.
- 4) March 2010 We are making plans for the Viet Nam Veterans Day. Watch this newsletter for updates or better yet come to the meeting and join the planning. Ron Wagoner will have more information at the Feb. meeting.

#### Old Business

No old business was brought to the table at this meeting. The Monte Carlo Night will be a fund raiser for this year.

#### **New Business**

The officer positions are due to change. A nomination was received for President: Ron Wagoner, Vice President: Joe Harsch and Treasurer: Bud Gross. No vote was taken at this time so a new Secretary can be located. A vote will be held during the Feb. 23<sup>rd</sup> meeting. Anyone who is interested in serving in the secretary position is asked to contact President Ron Wagoner at (h) 919-233-9446 or <a href="mailto:bronwags@aol.com">bronwags@aol.com</a>.

Note from Secretary: Bobby Thrower – It has been my honor to serve the NCVVI organization in the secretary's position for the past year. This is a challenging but fulfilling job. My thanks to the attendees of our meetings and especially to Treasurer, Bud Gross. I will never forget the Bridge Back trip and the work by Bob Matthews.

## Information

- 1) Joe Harsch will be our cook for the February 23<sup>rd</sup> meeting in Cary.
- 2) <u>www.ncvvi.com</u> The newsletters are posted on this site...



## Dues Due List: (If your dues are paid up, please forgive this list.)

Acai, Steve	Dyer, James E.	McNeely, Michael J.
Batton, Roy M.	Ely, III, Al	Melton, Norman
Beane, Phil	Faulkner, Brady	Palmer, Mark A.
Beddingfield, Robert E.	Harris, Ron	Patrikios, Bob
Bimbo, Carl L.	Johnson, Steve	Peters, Ralph W.
Bozeman, Rob	Kelly, Edward J.	Rawlings, John
Brooks, David	Kenney, Whit	Samuels, David
Brown, Robert	Kenny, Dean	Seagroves, Ted
Bywater, Mike	Kesgen, Edward	Sodan, Robert J.
Carter, Robert	King, Donald	Toothaker, David
Cook, George G.	Kuhr, Bonnie	Walters, Ron
Cook, Michael J.	Larson, Keith	West, Dale
Davis, Kevin M.	Loving, John C.	White, Robert
Dawson, Robert L.	Mahnke, Nancy C.	Whitmire, Warren T. (ret)
Dutcher, Dale	McGinnis, Dwight R.	
Dyer, George D.		



# **Membership Renewal**

NCVVI is proud to have **you** as a member.

(Last Name)	(First Name)	(MI)	
(Spouse's name)			
(Street Address)			
(City)	(State)		(Zip code
()(Home Phone)	( <u>)</u> (Work Phone)	(Occupation)	
		(check amount)	)
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 (4<sup>th</sup>) Tuesday of each month in Cary, NC. (6:00 PM)

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