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# **The Veteran's Voice**

Minutes

Tuesday, January 27, 2017



Attending: Bob Matthews, Dennis Abels, Joe Harsch, Dave Samuels, Bill Dixon, Ron Fitzsimmons, Bonnie Kuhr, Benny Hoots, Paul White, Angelo Carmen, Jeff Kanner, Mike Lynch, Monica Cash, Del Vecchio, Bonnie Kuhr

Bob Matthews opened the meeting with the pledge of allegiance. Paul White was welcomed back after a medical absence.

The minutes as sent and the treasurer's report as given by Bonnie Kuhr in Bob Krzynowek's absence were approved by motion made, seconded and passed.

#### **Education:**

- Bob encouraged everyone to go into the schools to speak now that the second semester has begun. (A list of schools was sent to all after the meeting.)
- Later in the spring Jim Bahm will be retiring. Jim's twin boys are seniors and Jim will cross the stage with them at graduation. Bob Matthews proposed something special for Jim other than a pat on the back and a plaque either in May or June in front of the whole faculty. Bob will bring ideas for the event to the next meeting. Bob received an email asking him what's going to happen to education leadership when he leaves. He assures us that he will remain with us albeit by long distance. However, he hopes someone will step up to handle education. This will be discussed at February meeting.
- Joe Harsch asked when the Education Committee was going to add Gulf War, Desert Storm, Iraq and Afghanistan vets. Bob Matthews noted that we have tried to get speakers from that group but they don't want to go into the schools. All we can do is encourage this group. However, the NCVVI charter says we have to be Vietnam vets.
- The next convention is in San Francisco next November. The D.C. convention was very successful. Had several returnees. They had a good-sized crowd with lots of interest

**Scholarship Topics:** Everyone has been asked to submit topics. A list will be compiled and sent to everyone for voting. (This has been done.) For those who haven't voted by the February meeting, there will be an opportunity then.

#### **Update on Etchings in Stone:**

- Bob Matthews reviewed the showing for 85 residents at Sears Stone Retirement Center. A donation of \$150 was received. Joe Harsch showed Etchings to the OWLs at the Lutheran Church in Clayton. He

used the church computer and that worked well. He was thanked by the Minister and the attentive crowd.

- Ron Harris purchased the equipment for \$900. He has a projector, screen and speakers. NCVVI received a discount along with advice on how to use the equipment. When Ron returns from his trip, he will talk to Glenaire Retirement Center about showing Etchings. The membership was asked to recommend other venues. Joe Harsch is trying to show at the VVA in Smithfield. Ron Harris is putting together a brochure. Ange has someone expressing an interest but they are in Rochester. Expenses would have to be covered for one or two. Bill Dixon has the equipment. If anyone needs to use it, let Bill know.

**March 16 Symposium at the North Carolina Museum of History:** Bill Dixon needs Gulf War vets to be on the panel. Angelo knows some vets and he will have them get in touch with Bill. There is a need for publicity for this event and someone in charge of the publicity. The time is 7-9 p.m. The title is Vietnam, Gulf War I, Gulf War II and Afghanistan—the Similarities and Differences.

**March 23, 24, and 25 Vietnam Experience at the Museum:** There will be no play but Etchings will be shown continuously during the time with a special showing at 7 on Friday and Saturday. Exact times are being worked out. The helicopters would be there on Saturday and Sunday. We can't block a street but can reserve the parking area. Museum will help pay for the parking on Thursday and Friday. No charge on Saturday.

**Lessons of Vietnam:**

- On January 25, the guest will be Cary Turner who will talk on the three Marines left on Koh Tang Island. "Newsweek" will feature this story in its February 3 edition.
- February 8 – When did the Vietnam War really start and end?
- February 22 – Kontun

**POW/MIA Ceremonies:**

- Candlelight ceremony was held in the rain with a good turnout.
- January 7 ceremony – there was ice on the roads but three managed to conduct the ceremony, keeping up the pledge of having it no matter what the weather conditions.
- February 4 ceremony –North Carolina Vietnam Helicopter Pilots Association
- March 4 –TBA

**Elks Casino Night on New Year's Eve:** The Elks rented NCVVI's equipment. Bo Williams was coordinator and reported it was a success. The Elks paid \$250 for the use and an Elks member donated \$50. (Thank you notes were sent by the secretary.)

**New Business:**

- Jimmy Nichols, an Associate Member, passed away on January 21.
- Monica Cash met Mike Bench, a civilian POW. He presented a book to her written by Del.
- Ron Harris and Bob Kryznovek will be meeting with the young Vietnamese woman to whom NCVVI gave a scholarship. They will give a report when they return from Vietnam. Asked if NCVVI could bring her to Raleigh, we'd have to be able to pay all expenses.
- Joe Harsch presented Bob Matthews with a pre-going away present.
- Dennis Abels has pins for \$2.50 and bracelets for \$5.50.
- Norman Gaddis is doing something at NCSU. No other details.

Bonnie Kuhr was thanked for dinner; Joe Harsch volunteered for February.



# Membership Application

NCVVI is proud to have you as a member.

**A DD214 is required for full membership**

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

\_\_\_\_\_ Associate Membership (\$10 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 at VFW 7383, 522 Reedy Creek Road, Cary, NC. (6:15 PM dinner 7:00 PM meeting)

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