



# The Veteran's Voice

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One visitor: Mike Soehnlein, Merchant Marine.  
Members attending: Bob Matthews, Lee Wilson, Bill Dixon, Ron Wagoner, Dave Samuels, Bud Gross, Joe Harsch, R.J. "Del" Del Vecchio, Ron Harris, Al Ely III, Lee Booher, John Odom and Bobby Thrower.

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## Finance

Checking: \$843.10  
Savings: \$1778.62  
Bridge Back: Vietnamese Orphanage Fund: \$2102.00  
Checking: \$518.28

## Education

Leesville High School LOV classes will begin this fall, to be led by D.A. (Andy) Hunt. We will be attending Cary H/S and Alamance H/S very soon to teach LOV classes. We will also receive their email list and care packages for transport to Viet Nam during our Bridge Back trip in October. Plans are also in the works for travel to Texas Tech. and Washington DC, to spread the LOV classes.

## Upcoming Events

"Now is the time for **all** NCVVI members to come to the aid of your organization." **CASINO NIGHT** is almost here. **August 29, 2009** (this month).

Location: **Heather Hills Club House --- 901 Claymore Dr., Garner, N.C.** Located on corner of Aversboro Rd. and Claymore Dr. Just off Timber Dr. Fun starts at 6:00 PM, memories start at 10:00 PM. This is our major fund raiser and everyone's help is needed so we can help other veterans. The days are counting down but there is time for you to assist. Please contact Dave Samuels:  
dsamuels\_berthel@bellsouth.net or (H) 846-5690. He is anxious to hear from you.

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*Ron Wagoner*

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*Bill Dixon*

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*John Odom*

*Bob Matthews*

*Al Ely, III*





### **Old Business**

The July 4<sup>th</sup> Independence Day Celebration was a huge success due in part to the participation of you members and assistance from the Navy Reserve and the N.C. State Capital staff. Thanks to all who participated in any of the services. It is my experience that by being involved I get much more from the activities. We received a “thank you” letter from Diana Mauney, Special Events and Programs Coordinator. “Thank you for supporting the 2009 State Capital Independence Day Celebration. It is estimated that over 5,000 visitors enjoyed the variety of music, dance and activities on the Capital Square.”

Services took place on the Capital grounds and in Halifax Square. Some of the NCVVI members served in the Color Guard in Halifax Square and the wreath laying at the Viet Nam Memorial.

The July meeting was started with a very fine meal which was provided by Bob Matthews. Del Vecchio (Del) provided two types of baked goods. If you did not attend, you missed out. See you at the August meeting.

### **New Business**

Bill Dixon talked of a need of a veteran and his family. He make a motion and it was seconded and carried by voice vote to make arrangements through the Raleigh Elks Lodge #735 for a fund raiser. Bill will get back to us with the open dates that are available at the Lodge building. At that time we should have a better handle on the type of fund raiser and how all the NCVVI members can help.

### **NCVVI WEB SITE -- Check it out**

[ncvvi.org](http://ncvvi.org) is the new web site for NCVVI. The newsletters are posted on this site...

**August Meeting Meal** will be provided by Joe Harsch.



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

Acai, Steve	Harris, Ron	Murphy William W.
Amerson, Jr., William C.	Johnson, Steve	Osman, Alfred T.
Beddingfield, Robert E.	Kelly, Edward J.	Palmer, Mark A.
Cook, George G.	Kenney, Whit	Patrikios, Bob
Davis, Kevin M.	King, Donald	Samuels, David
Dawson, Robert L.	Kuhr, Bonnie	Sodan, Robert J.
Dutcher, Dale	Loving, John C.	Walters, Ron
Dyer, James E.	Mahnke, Nancy C.	Watkins, Larry
Ely, III, Al	McBryde, Fred	White, Robert
Gibson, Claude	McGinnis, Dwight R.	Williams, Bob (B0)



# Membership Renewal

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

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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)

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(Occupation)

\_\_\_\_\_ Full Membership (\$20 per Year) \_\_\_\_\_ (check amount)

\_\_\_\_\_ 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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**(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 forth (4<sup>th</sup>) Tuesday of each month in Cary, NC. (6:00 PM)

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