



The Veteran's Voice

North Carolina Vietnam Veterans, Inc
July, 2010



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Attendance

The July meeting was held in the large banquet room of the Cary VFW. Bojangles Chicken was enjoyed by Dennis Abels, Lee Booher, Bill Dixon, Bud Gross, Ron Harris, Joe Harsch, Robert Matthews, Ron Wagoner, Bo Williams & Monica Cash.

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Finance Report and Minutes where approved

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He is back "TWO FLAGS OVER FUQUAY" FUNDERBOTZ AIRLINES and more. Pat Patterson and Charlie Brown are back on radio AM 850 playing music of the 60's

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Education

The education Czar Bob Matthews gave a report on the activities of the "Bridge Back Foundation". Six members of NCVVI took a road trip to New Jersey to the New Jersey Vietnam Memorial and Education Center. The Memorial was a circle of 366 wall panels; each panel represented a day in a year of the Vietnam War. Each panel had the names of those lost from New Jersey for that day. They lost 1,500+. The Education Center has everything that the Veteran's Freedom Park in Cary was to have plus. It was well done and very informative of the life and times of the Vietnam War, in the world, US and Vietnam. Even with their fantastic Education Center they do not have the education system that NCVVI has in the LOV curriculum. The Directors were very impressed with the Bridge Back presentation and would like to visit here. Future plans for a collaborative effort are in the works.

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Bob Matthews, Joe Harsch and Bill Dixon met with the new Director of Wake County Schools Social Studies Department. She wanted to have a "Teachers Academy" for all Social Studies teachers in the school system. The date selected is September 25th from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM. The Raleigh Elks Lodge has been very supportive and offered the use of their lower level room. NCVVI will be furnishing a breakfast and lunch for the teachers. The school system will be offering CEU credit to the teachers. All members are encouraged to attend and support NCVVI. Please contact Bob at 469-9892 to see what you can do to help

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Correspondence between Bob Matthews and "Boys Town" continue with a date "still be determined". More information will be at the next meeting. See you there in August.

President:

Ron Wagoner

Vice President:

Joe Harsch

Treasurer:

Bud Gross

Secretary:

Bill Dixon

Directors:

Bill Dixon

Bobby Thrower

Dennis Abels

Bo Williams

Lee Booher

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Austin Rich, owner of Rich's Barbershop a long time Cary business and supporter of NCVVI, had a stroke and is recovering at home.

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Bob Matthews presented a Certificate of Appreciation to Creative Screening of Cary. They printed the Bridge Back shirts for no charge. Thanks Bing, Brenda, Mike and Diane.

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Recent headlines in *The News and Observer*, "Resistance fighter's girl conquers law school." This story is about Anna Buonya a Montagnard refugee who came to the US in 1986 with nothing but the clothes on their backs and very little English. When the group came to the old Hospital in Apex, Paul Campbell took a leave of absence from his job to assist the new immigrants. NCVVI help supply them with food. The Special Forces Association donated funds for a special Montagnard Scholarship and asked NCVVI to handle it for them. Anna was a recipient of that scholarship and has since graduated from Elon Law School and will be setting for the Bar exam soon. NCVVI was invited to a special reception in her honor on July 31. President Ron Wagoner, Joe Harsch and Bill Dixon represented NCVVI and presented the family with \$60.00 to help offset their education debt. Good crowd of people, and great food attended to celebrate this "first."

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UPCOMING EVENTS

August 7 Monthly POW/MIA ceremony at the Capitol

September 11th Heather Hills Casino Night, all members and friends are needed to assist with this fund raiser

September 4 Monthly POW/MIA ceremony at the Capitol

September 18 Presidents Dinner to be held at Elks Lodge. Invite all Vietnam Veterans, old members and supporters, Please let President Ron Wagoner know who is coming so the proper amount of food can be prepared.

September 28th Monthly meeting with dinner at 6:00, Cary VFW main hall. Please come we need your input in your organization.

TBD-NCVVI members voted to hold a special Casino Night Fund raiser to support the playground fund for the orphanage in Vietnam.

TBD-Dalat Vietnamese Restaurant has offered to do another Luncheon or dinner fund raiser for the playground.

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Rolling Thunder Chapter 7 presented NCVVI with a \$100.00 check to go toward the playground.

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Rolling Thunder Chapter 4 is holding a raffle to support Veterans; tickets are \$10.00 with first prize \$2,500 cash, second is \$1,000 cash and third is \$500.00. Several members of NCVVI bought raffle tickets and put the orphanage down as recipients. If you would like to purchase tickets for the orphanage or your own see Bill Dixon.

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Rotary International has made a donation to the "Bridge Back Foundation"

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Ron Harris mentioned how several of our members had come from NCVVI's State Fair booth and suggested we look into having one again. President Wagoner is looking into the cost

and feasibility of NCVVI returning to the fair.

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Monica Cash our newest Associate member has joined on the run. She presented the idea of a special POW/MIA shirt to be sold at functions as a fund raiser. Bob Matthews and Joe Harsch are talking with Creative Screening to get prices and ability to use Monica's design

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Thao Le of Dalat has finally gotten her Dalat Seafood Restaurant open in Cary. She has always been a strong supporter of NCVVI.

If you get an opportunity to stop by with your family and friends to eat she would be very grateful. And you will enjoy!

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Membership, Scholarship and participation

As all organizations NCVVI needs new members and existing members to be involved with the group activities. NCVVI is only as good as its members and their efforts. The Vietnamese community and the Montagnard community are reaching out for more joint participation with NCVVI. There are Vietnam Veterans moving to this area daily. If you get an opportunity share the NCVVI story and invite them to dinner and meeting

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Would you like to represent NCVVI at the Wake County Council of Veterans at their monthly meeting on the last Wednesday of the month? Please contact President Wagoner.

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Bud Gross the Scholarship Czar recently sent out an email asking for items and or changes that had been discussed in the rules of format of the scholarships. Did you send him anything? Adding to the word count was one thing discussed. This will allow a more in depth essay. Have you been thinking of the subject of this year's essay? I know there will be Vietnamese and Montagnard applicants this year. They are Vietnam Veterans.

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Please if you have an idea or subject for this news letter, contact Bill Dixon at 434-7345 or bill.dixon@ziprealty.com.

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Don't forget the POW/MIA, August 7th, or September 4th, the Casino night on the 11th, Presidents dinner on the 18th and Teachers Academy on September 25th or the meeting on September 28th. NCVVI has lots of opportunities to reach out to the community and to have fun. It will be better with you.



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)

(Work Phone)

(Occupation)

_____ Full Membership (\$20 per Year) _____ (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 (4th) Tuesday of each month in Cary, NC. (6:00 PM)

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