



The Veteran's Voice

Minutes
July 23, 2019



Attending: Ron Harris, Ron Fitzsimmons, Dennis Abels, Larry Kall, David Samuels, Benny Hoots, Bonnie Kuhr

The pledge of allegiance was said. David Samuels presided.

The secretary's minutes were approved as sent. The treasurer's report as read by Dave Samuels in the absence of Bob Krzynowek was approved. Dave brought up an audit of the books in accordance with our bylaws which state: based on the books and the accounts audited annually by a certified or other public accountant, or an auditing committee. No action was taken.

*POW/MIA Ceremony
Scholarship Ceremony
Speaker System
Veterans Day Parade
Casino Night
Live Streaming*

POW/MIA Ceremony:

August 3 – Purple Heart

NCVVI – Ron Harris/David Samuels – Scholarship Awards

September 7 – VEMA (Bill Holmes)

NCVVI – Benny Hoots

3rd Friday of September at 6 p.m., POW/MIA Commemoration – ALR 19 Tarboro

President:

Dave Samuels

Vice President:

Benny Hoots

Treasurer:

Bob Krzynowek

Secretary:

Bonnie Kuhr

Director:

Ron Harris

Monica called in to say that the November reading of names will be by ALR 72 Sandhills; that has not changed. She will be sending out a new list in the near future.

Veterans Day Parade in November: Amnon has offered an open vehicle for NCVVI to use for the parade. Those at the meeting agreed to ride, perhaps adding family members..

Scholarship Ceremony: Dave Samuels will open the ceremony and mention the history of the scholarship. It's the 25th anniversary of the scholarship program. Gen Gaddis will present the scholarship to Michael Nichols. Whit Kenney will bring Gen. Gaddis. Dave will assist in the presentation. Ron Harris will present the Mike Hooks Scholarship to his granddaughter Skylar. There are two other scholarships—one is named after Russell Paige and that will go to his LOV student Walid Ait Amrou. The other is named after Benny Hoots' grandson. This scholarship will go to Alexandra Hart. The Purple Heart representatives should try to be there by 11:00. We are trying to get a commitment from the DAR. (The President of the DAR did attend with Liz Samuels.) **See Photos at the end of the Newsletter.)**

Speaker System The system costs about \$1100. So far, several members have contributed to the cost. Dave's comment was that we should have no trouble getting the \$1100. Monica said some members of the different clubs will be bringing contributions to the next ceremony. The system of placing the flags and poles in the bag has been corrected.

Education: No report.

Etchings: Nothing to report.

Casino Night: Heather Hills asked NCVVI for September 6. They didn't ask us last year because they were under the impression we weren't doing it any more. Several weren't able to commit for September 6 so the date will be September 20. Setup is at 6:30; games commence at 7:30. Dave will contact Angie and John Odom. We need 2 full poker tables.

Storage of Casino Equipment: Will be putting the casino tables in the VFW; Dave will keep chips and cards at his home. Just make sure there is no wedding at the VFW when we need to take the tables.

Live Streaming: July 24: "Secrets & Mysteries of the Vietnam War Part 3"

August 7: "Vietnam Experience Action Center"

New Business: Joe Harsch is back at home. .

The V.A. and PTSD were discussed. It was recommended if anyone has PTSD which can be manifested in many ways should get in touch with the V.A.

Benny Hoots' grandson has an incurable disease--Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy. Benny told the group about an upcoming fund raiser on September 7 for the Parent Project Muscular Dystrophy at TreeRunners Adventure Park at 12840 Norwood Road, off of Highway 50 and Norwood Road. The following is the notice of the event. I looked at the website and the park is awesome. And if you are able to go (and all are encouraged to go) think of how you will be helping and probably have a lot of fun.

QUOTE: We have a special event coming up that is near and dear to us here at TreeRunner.

On September 7th, we will be hosting our first Climb for a Cure. Come join us in the fight to find a cure for Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy; DMD. Come enjoy a full day of games, activities, programs and much more.

Be sure to come dressed as your favorite superhero or villain as we soar the trees towards a cure.

A percentage of all ticket sales and merchandise sales will be donated to PPMD; Parent Project Muscular Dystrophy. There will also be an opportunity to donate on site or online. Plus, you never know which actual superheroes or villains may show up at the park!! *Cost is General Admission* **You MUST reserve your spot in advance** Remember that reservations are required and can be made by visiting our website at www.treerunnerraleigh.com or by giving us a call at (919) 410-7347.

Shey was thanked for dinner. Dennis Abels will cook in August..



Walid's brother, Walid Ait Amrou, Russell and Janice Page



Benny Hoots, Alexandra Hart Page, Tim Hart, Jeff Kanner



Dave Samuels, Gen. Gaddis, Whit Kenney, Michael Nichols (back to camera)



Skylar Harris Cranston and Granddad Ron Harris



Alexandra Page and Jeff Kanner – I love this photo



Gen. Gaddis



Membership Application

NCVVI is proud to have you as a member.

A DD214 is required for full membership

(Last Name) (First Name) (MI)

(Spouse's name)

(Street Address)

(City) (State) (Zip code)

(____) _____ (____) _____
(Home Phone) (Work Phone) (Occupation)

_____ Full Membership (\$25 per Year) _____ (check amount) DD214 supplied ___Y ___N

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

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