

## *North Carolina Vietnam Veterans, Inc.*

### March Meeting

Attendees: Lee Wilson, Bo Williams, Ron Wagoner, Bob Matthews, Bill Dixon, Joe Harsch, Al Ely, Dave Samuels, Ron Harris, Lee Booher & Bobby Thrower.

Joe Harsch provided a fine meal and the meeting was started with the pledge to the flag.

### Finance

In the absence of Bud Gross, Ron Wagoner gave the report. Checking: \$1465. Savings: \$22373. Scholarship: \$21,400. Bridge Back: \$22,000.

### Education

Bob Matthews reported that Holly Springs & Panther Creek & Athens schools are starting the LOV studies. NCVVI members are encouraged to participate with speaking in the classrooms. During the recent trip to DC, our "Teach the Nation" was well received by the three Representatives with the possibility of funds to follow. The "Bridge Back" trip is on schedule. Several stops to include orphanages & schools. Final itinerary is in the works.

Scholarships: Bud Gross has the essays ready for reading and selection.

### Upcoming Events

Saturday March 28, 2009 - First "National Vietnam Veterans Day" (H. Res. 1231) celebration: "Pig picking" - - Raleigh Elks Lodge #735 - {corner of Lead Mine Rd. & Millbrook Rd., Raleigh, NC.} Parking on site - 12:00 noon to 4:00 PM - Sponsored by NCVVI - large program with several ceremonies - displays - food - fellowship & more. - Donations accepted to support charities.

April 4<sup>th</sup> MIA/POW Remembrance - State Capital grounds

April 4<sup>th</sup> - Veterans Archives

April 4<sup>th</sup> - Vietnam Vets Motorcycle Club - Patriot Run VII - The Fisher House benefit - (smileyvnvmc@hotmail.com)

May 25<sup>th</sup> - Memorial Day - State Capital grounds

June 13<sup>th</sup> - Onslow County Vietnam Veterans Memorial Dedication - 11:00 AM

July 4<sup>th</sup> - State Capital grounds



Finances

Education:  
Bridge Back

Upcoming Events

Dues Due

#### **President**

Ron Wagoner

#### **Vice President**

Bo Williams

#### **Treasurer**

Bud Gross

#### **Secretary**

Bobby Thrower

#### **Directors**

Bill Dixon

Joe Harsch

John Odom

Bob Matthews

Al Ely, III

## Old Business

Ron Wagoner has made contact with a Merchant Marine (Captian) who offered to supply a Merchant Marine flag for our MIA/POW services.

## New Business

Discussion of the need for an additional person to sign checks in the absence of the treasurer. No decision made at this time.

Dave Samuels shared a news article about a Vietnam Veteran who is in dire need of assistance. ("Illness knocks older adults into bankruptcy" The News & Observer - Monday, March 2, 2009). Bob Matthews will check on this situation and report back to NCVVI.

Dave also shared several web sites where information on service records and earned awards can be researched.

Ron Harris will provide food for April 4<sup>th</sup> meeting.

## Dues List

Dryer, James E.	Patrikios, Bob	Page, Russell T.
Lynch, Mike	Cox, Robert	Roberts, Surry P.
Dean, Robert	Loving, John C.	Sodan, Robert J.
Corbett, Leroy V.	Wilson, Lee	Kelly, Edward J.
Dixon, Bill	Acai, Steve	Osman, Alfred T.
Dutcher, Dale	Rogers, Dennis S.	Cook, George G.
Harsch, Joe	Page, Linwood	Dyer, George D.
Kuhr, Bobbie	Beddingfield, Robert E.	Kesgen, Edward
Murphy, William W.	Johnson, Steve	Whitmire, Warren T.
Dawson, Robert L.	Murray, Lou J.	Waters, Ron
Peters, Ralph W.		

Please disregard above list if your dues have been paid.

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