



The Veteran's Voice



Minutes
March 27, 2018

Attending: Dennis Abels, Ron Fitzsimmons, Paul White, Dave Samuels, Benny Hoots, Jeff Kanner, Del Vecchio, Larry Kall, Monica Cash, Bo Williams, Bonnie Kuhr

The pledge of allegiance was said. The meeting was conducted by the Board.

On motion made, seconded and passed the minutes were approved as sent. There was no treasurer's report as Bob K. was traveling. Reminder that dues are from January to December. It's \$25 for members and \$15 for associate members.

New Members: Edward Barrows, Associate Member Cheri Williams (History Museum)

POW/MIA Monthly Ceremony:

April 7: American Legion Riders 382 Sanford
Dennis Abels, NCVVI

The retirement ceremony of Col. Davis' name was discussed. His name will be removed from the POW/MIA card. The retirement will occur after the reading of the names of the missing. Family will be invited. Hopefully the bell will be available. **Followup: It was a very rainy day but a beautiful ceremony. One of the sons read Col. Davis' name and asked to keep the card the name was on. Dave Samuels made remarks. See end of Minutes.**

Return of Col. Davis' remains. Col. Davis' remains will be flown into Raleigh April 5. He will be buried in Goldsboro. **I understand it was a very moving tribute with hundreds of bikes and fire trucks at every over pass. It was featured on TV news as well.**

Scholarship: Have received one essay. The applicant interviewed Paul White as part of the requirement. The deadline is April 13. **(Eleven essays have now been submitted.)**

Education: Bob Matthews relayed the following information: he has had several meetings with veterans and is awaiting the Teach-In article which is to appear in the local newspaper. Jim Bahm is helping with the Wake County Schools.

Vietnam Experience:
Jeff Kanner reported he had a lot of people stop by his exhibit on the second floor of the Museum. It was estimated there were at least 800 people looking at the Huey on Saturday and the Loche on Sunday. Forty-four people viewed Etchings on Saturday and 55 on Sunday which was only from 12 to 5.

**POW/MIA Monthly
Scholarship
Education
Vietnam Experience
Etchings in Stone
Col. Davis
Helicopter Pilot Monument**

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Ron Harris will not be in charge next year but will be available for consultation. Donna Bartlett, Monica Cash and Bonnie Kuhr will try to fill his shoes. The dates will be Friday, March 29, and Saturday, March 30. Some members would like to relook at having it on Sunday as well. Our biggest problem is marketing.
UPDATE: On Saturday there were 1898, on Sunday 1522 attendees for a total of 3420. In 2017 the total was 4001 (Friday 1558, Saturday 1569, 874 Sunday).

Etchings in Stone: Monica Cash updated the request of POW/MIA Darrell Johnson's sister of NC League of Families to show Etchings at their June convention in D.C. They would like to show it next year because it will be an anniversary year. Further discussion needed early next year.

How can we make money on Etchings? Dave had talked with Cherri at the Museum and they discussed a black tie casino night at the Museum. There were some questions raised about the legality of a casino in a government building This needs to be determined before further thought is given to this means of fundraising.

Vietnam Voices Advisory Committee: Mike Lynch confirmed that Matthew M. Peck of the Military Collection, State Archives, will attend our April 24 meeting to explain their request to interview Vietnam Vets.

Casino: Last year NCVVI members participated in a casino at Searstone. They have invited us back to do one the first in May. We had voted not to do any more casinos, but this is NCVVI's only fund raiser. Another vote was taken and it was agreed to do it. Larry Kall will get dealers and Bo Williams will recruit the Elks dealers. Dave Samuels will contact Searstone for May 11. Fourteen volunteers are needed to work the casino. **(It's been postponed until the fall.)**

TV Show at NCVVI.org done on April 11: Comparisons and Myth Killers - Part 2

Del has a number of DVDs entitled Stolen Honor. Let Del know if you'd like one.

Old Business:

P.A. System: Benny Hoots invites members to personally donate money for a new system. Others indicated they would donate to a system. The present system is heavy and very cumbersome. The microphone does work. The speakers need to be light weight and compatible with the microphone. The money would go through the treasury. Postponed for further discussion.

Dennis Abels was thanked for dinner; Bonnie Kuhr will try to cook in April.

From Del:

The long fight: Helicopter pilots from Vietnam War finally get their due with Arlington memorial. "To the men fighting the war, it was the sound of hope ... to carry them out of hell"

The new Vietnam Helicopter Pilot and Crewmember Monument stand in Section 35 of Arlington National Cemetery, feet from the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. [By Carlo Muñoz - The Washington Times - Wednesday, April 18, 2018](#)

Dave Samuels Remarks:

Air Force Col. Edgar Felton Davis
December 15, 1935-March 5, 1979
Ceremony to Retire His Name from the Roles of the MIA's from North Carolina

It is with great sorrow and respect that today, April 7, 2018, at the monthly POW/MIA ceremony at the Vietnam Memorial in Raleigh, NC, we will retire the name of Col. Edgar Davis, United States Air Force, Goldsboro, NC.

Col. Davis was a back-seat navigator on an F4 Phantom fighter bomber on a mission against communist forces over the country of Laos in Southeast Asia on September 17, 1968. His Phantom jet was hit by enemy

fire and fell out of the sky. The pilot ejected the aircraft and was rescued safely. Col. Davis was not found. On March 3, 1979, he was declared KIA. Due to efforts of the United States and the Laotian Government, Col. Davis' remains were found on April 29, 2015. His remains were identified in December 2017.

This memorial was dedicated on Memorial Day 1987. For the last 31 years we have been honoring his memory, his family and the United States Air Force every month by reading his name, branch of service, and home town.

Col. Davis was returned to NC on April 5, 2018, and interned at the East Carolina Veterans Cemetery in Goldsboro, NC, on April 6, 2018.

Col. Davis graduated from NC State University in 1958 and was a member of the ROTC at NCSU.

His name will no longer be read at the MIA ceremony, but his memory will never be forgotten.



Membership Application

NCVVI is proud to have you as a member.

A DD214 is required for full membership

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(Street Address)

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_____ 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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