



The Veteran's Voice



Minutes
March 26, 2019

Attending: Ron Harris, Ron Fitzsimmons, Dennis Abels, Paul White, Dave Samuels, Jeff Kanner, Larry Kall, Bill Dixon, Bob Kryznovek, Steve Hensley, Bonnie Kuhr

The pledge of allegiance was said.

On motion made and seconded the minutes as sent and the treasurer's report as read by Bob Kryznovek were approved.

POW/MIA Ceremony:

April 6 – ALR 382 Sanford
NCVVI – Dennis Abels

May 4 – CVMA 15-6 – Paul Briggs
NCVVI – Paul White

It was noted that every time the bags with the poles are opened the ropes are in knots. It was recommended not taking the flag off of the pole and putting a zip cord around pole and the flag and putting them in a ski pole bag as there isn't enough room in the present bags. Also, the holes for the flag poles are filling up with dirt.

Education: Bob Matthews called in with a report that there was a recent seminar at Duquesne University. They are thinking about doing what we are doing. There is another spring festival on Vietnam at the Heinz Center.

Etchings: Bill Dixon will show at the 6-states VVA Conference in Durham on March 22 at 7:00.

Vietnam Experience: The replica of the wall will not be there as Al had a death in the family. Instead, Cheri suggested using the large TV on the back wall. One can type in the name and it appears on the TV screen with the photo. Bill Dixon would be in charge of that. Mike Cook has arranged for a number of speakers to be at the Museum. Each will have a name tag with the military unit he was with and there will be a sign saying, for example: I was with the American Embassy in Saigon. Ask me a Question. Ron Harris spoke to Cary High School and they are sending 6 students.

The 1,000 Photograph Exhibit will be on the third floor along with Jeff Kanner's exhibit. Etchings will run continuously. Del Vecchio's combat photos will be on the first floor. **UPDATE: There were 2201 visitors on Friday and 2118 on Saturday. (Previous years: 2016 - 5356 with evening visitors; 2017 – 4001 with evening visitors; 2018 – 3420 Saturday and Sunday.) There were 40 plus a class viewing Etchings on Friday and 85 on Saturday. Ron's painted rocks were a hit. All proceeds donated to NCVVI.**

POW/MIA Ceremony
Etchings
Vietnam Experience – March
29 and 30
H.R. 1019
Tarboro – Military Museum
Tarboro – The Wall that
Heals

President:

Dave Samuels

Vice President:

Benny Hoots

Treasurer:

Bob Krzyznovek

Secretary:

Bonnie Kuhr

Director:

Ron Harris

Scholarships: As of today, only two. When going into the schools, need to stress the scholarship.

UPDATE: There are now 20 applicants as of this writing.

Humana Commemoration of Veterans: The event to which we are invited is Friday, March 29, at the VFW. Most members will be at the Museum that day. **(Note:** Val Price attended for NCVVI. Humana had visitors from The Pentagon and they were to stop by the Vietnam Experience but spent too much time at the VA Hospital.)

Live Streaming: Bill reported 9,000 people watched Bob Matthews' show on NCVVI.org. The March 27 show is "Vietnam Veterans, Your Legacy".

New Business:

The newsletter writer is sorry she didn't get this notice out: Bill Dixon said the National Guard wanted to have something for Vietnam Veterans Day and will be holding an early lunch from 11-1 on April 1 at the National Guard Facilities off of Blue Ridge. .

April 10 is Legislative Day. Topics to be discussed: Gold Star Families, property tax relief for people retiring from the military and the Bailey Act. Those able should meet at the American Legion at 4 North Blount Street, Raleigh, at 7:00 a.m.. The hearing will be at 9:00 at the Legislative Building.

Bob Kryznovek was thanked for dinner. Dennis Abel will cook in April.

Additional INFORMATION:

It is important to call our U.S. representatives about H.R. 1019 – Full Military Honors Act of 2019. This is an amendment to Title 10 of the U.S. Code to require a full military honors ceremony for certain deceased veterans and for other purposes. You can search H.R. 1019 on the web. N.C. representatives are Mark Meadows, David Price, Virginia Foxx, Mark Walker, Alma Adams, Patrick McHenry, George Holding, Richard Hudson, Robert Pittenger, David Rouzer

There is an Edgecombe County Veterans Military Museum, 106 West Church Street, Tarboro. I'll bring information to the meeting.

The Wall that Heals will be in Tarboro at Indian Lake Park on October 17-20.



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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