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NCVVI Website:

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Bridge Back Foundation

Website:

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President:

Ron Wagoner

Vice President:

Joe Harsch

Treasurer:

Bud Gross

Secretary/ Newsletter:

Volunteer wanted

Directors:

Bill Dixon

Dennis Abels

Bo Williams

Lee Booher

Bob Allen

The meeting was called to order. Those present were Dennis Abels, Dennis Abels, Jr., Bob Allen, Lee Booher, Monica, Cash, Bill Dixon, Al Ely, Ron Fitzsimmons, Bud Gross, Ron Harris, Joe Harsch, Jeff Kanner, Bob Krzynowek, Mike Lynch, Bob Matthews, Bert Rosefield, Dave Samuels, Robert Smith Ron Wagoner and Bo Williams. After the Pledge and National Anthem, the treasurer gave his financial report which was approved. The minutes of the March meeting were posted online with hard copies made available. They, too, were approved.

Bob Matthews gave the Bridge Back report. The parents of the young man from Briarcliff Elementary (robbed while raising money for wheelchair basketball) told Bob that \$35,000 in donations had been received and they needed nothing else. It was suggested that we have a small ceremony with the presentation of a certificate from NCVVI. Also, Bob and crew traveled to Northwest Guilford High School to spearhead the LOV course for them next year. He reported enthusiastic participation. Bob, Bill Dixon and Joe Harsch represented us at the VVA regional meeting in Asheville. They set up the small wall and an information table.

NCVVI chartered a bus for the Welcome Home celebration in Charlotte. Members, family, friends and several of our Vietnamese brothers made the trip. Everyone seemed to have a really good time. Ron Harris pointed out that the highlight for him was meeting and talking with six Medal of Honor winners who were together in a group.

The group decided that a new set of flag poles were needed. Ron Wagoner and Bud Gross will investigate.

Information is still being gathered for the 25th anniversary of the Vietnam Memorial.

After hearing a letter from the state capitol informing us that we could do our POW/MIA ceremony but that we were no longer an official part of the program because of the heat and the length of the program, the membership voted to not participate in the July 4th ceremonies.

We will have a ceremony on Memorial Day, Monday, May 28th, at noon at the Vietnam Memorial in Raleigh. The small wall will be set up as will be the Soldier's Cross and the barbed wire wreath. Bagpipes and bugle will be played by member Bob White.

Our POW/MIA ceremony will be performed at the Rockingham Dragway on June 1st. There will be a benefit concert that night with a donation to us by the events sponsors.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned.

A permanent Secretary is still needed.

There are no new Military.Com notes as I failed to send them my new email address. Xin loi.



Membership Renewal and Application

NCVVI is proud to have you as a member.

Note: DD214 showing Vietnam service required for Full Membership

(Print) _____
(Last Name) (First Name) (MI)

(Spouse's name)

(Street Address)

(City) (State) (Zip code)

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(Home Phone) (Work Phone) (Occupation)

_____ Full Membership (\$25 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 at VFW 7383, 522 Reedy Creek Road, Cary, NC. (Dinner at 6:00 PM)

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