



The Veteran's Voice

Minutes
May 22, 2018



Attending: Ron Harris, Dennis Abels, Bo Williams, Bob Krzynowek, Monica Cash, Ron Fitzsimmons, Larry Kall, Mike Lynch, Joe Harsch, Paul White, Dave Samuels, Richard Johnson, Bonnie Kuhr

The pledge of allegiance was said.

The meeting was conducted by the Board. The minutes and the treasurer's report were approved on motion made and seconded.

New member Arnold Gregory was introduced.

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POW/MIA Ceremony:

June 2
ALR232 Garner
Bo Williams, NCVVI

July 7
ALR436 Angier
Robert Kryznowek, NCVVI

When asked if NCVVI would be doing a ceremony on Memorial Day and July 4, the members agreed that there would not be enough members in town on those holidays to participate in a ceremony. The Capitol grounds people were notified. (NOTE: Colfax Elementary School placed flags at the Vietnam Monument on Memorial Day.)

Ron Harris recalled that last year NCVVI made a decision to have other people do the monthly POW/MIA ceremony, setting up the sound system and reading the names. It is working very very well. A huge thanks to Monica and Curtis Cash.

Education: Green Hope High School students are looking for veterans to interview. Ron Fitzsimmons has responded.

John Odom, Ron Harris, Benny Hoots, Ron Fitzsimmons, Paul White, Bill Dixon, Arnold Gregory and Bonnie Kuhr were on a panel at Cary High School. The students came from Russell Page's class, history and social studies classes.

Bob Matthews called in. The moving wall will be coming to a small town outside of Pittsburgh. Bob would like to show Etchings in mid-June. He has to go from school to school to promote LOV. Pittsburgh is not as interested as Wake County has been. There will be a teach-in in Pittsburgh in the summer. There is also the possibility of a showing of Etchings in Annapolis.

President:

Vice President:

Treasurer:

Bob Krzynowek

Secretary:

Bonnie Kuhr

Directors:

Dennis Abels

Paul White

Dave Samuels

Bill Dixon

Angelo Carmen

Etchings in Stone: Etchings will be shown at the Renaissance Building in Wake Forest on October 24. The moving wall will be in Wake Forest on October 21, 22, 23.

Scholarships: .There were two essays scoring 14 points, 1 essay 11 points, two at 6 points, 1 at 5 points, 1 at 3 points, 2 at 2 points, 1 at 1 and 1 at zero. Joe Harsch suggested that the two with 14 points be awarded \$1500 each, the one at 11 \$1000 and the one at six \$500. David Samuels made the following motion: That we give four scholarships in 2018--the two highest \$1,000 (Lydia Cook, Amanda Locker), the one with 11 points \$500 (Caitlin Miller) and one grandchild of Ron Harris \$500 (Skylar Cranston) for a total of \$3,000. The motion was seconded and passed by majority vote. The names on the scholarships will be: Michael Hooks Scholarship, Col. Edgar Felton Davis, Brigadier General Norman C. Gaddis, and Staff Sgt. Nathan B. Henry. The essay winners will be honored at the POW/MIA ceremony on Saturday, August 4. Bonnie will be sending out letters to the winners inviting them to the ceremony and also a letter to those who didn't get a scholarship.

Purple Heart Foundation: The annual Purple Heart dinner will be held on August 4.

Casinos: Dave Samuels noted that at a previous meeting we voted not to do casinos, but he reminded everyone we have no way of raising money for the expenses if we don't do casinos. Dave Samuels motioned that we continue doing casinos to help fund our general fund as long as we are physically able to do it. Discussion: Bo will ask the Elks if they will store the equipment. Motion was seconded and passed to continue doing casinos.

Live Streaming:

May 23 – Memorial Day

June 13 – Dogs of War

Speaker System: Discussion postponed until June meeting.

Ange, the cook, was thanked. We don't have a cook for June.

Website from Del: We got this note from Mack Payne, who runs the Viet Nam vets site for vets by vets. Vietnam Veteran News website:
<http://vietnamveterannews.com/1209/>



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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