



The Veteran's Voice

Minutes
May 28, 2019



Attending: Ron Harris, Ron Fitzsimmons, Dennis Abels, Larry Kall, Bob Kryznowek, Benny Hoots, Bo Williams, Richard Johnson, David Samuels, Angie Edwards, John Odom, 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 Kryznowek were approved

POW/MIA Ceremony:

**June 1 – American Legion Riders 232 Garner
NCVVI – Bo Williams**

July 4 – No NCVVI participation

**July 6 – ALR 436 Angier
NCVVI – Bob Kryznowek**

The list of readers from NCVVI was reviewed. This is the new list:

January – Monica Cash	July – Bob Kryznowek
February – David Samuels	August – Ron Harris
March – Ron Fitzsimmons	September – Benny Hoots
April – Dennis Abels	October – Dennis Abels
May – Paul White	November – John Odom
June – Bo Williams	December – Ron Harris

Two other dates: POW/MIA day in September – NCVVI ?
Candle Light Vigil – NCVVI

At the August meeting, NCVVI will present the scholarships.

NOTE: There was no functioning sound system at the June ceremony.

Education: Bob Matthews recommended everyone look at the Heinz Center website under exhibits. There are a couple of Vietnam Exhibits

Etchings: Burgess had an Uncle Sam's Memorial Tribute in Winston-Salem on May 25-May 27. Al Ely brought the Wall. Bill Dixon took Etchings and spoke to 17 people. Bo Williams is waiting for Wake Forest to respond as they expressed an interest. There are no other showings scheduled.

Casino Night: It was very successful; they had a good crowd. It was done in connection with Kentucky Derby. We could have used some more dealers. They would like us back. Dave Samuels suggested to them a 50-50 raffle the next time. John Odom knows of an organization wanting to do a casino night. The room would have to hold 200 people.

*POW/MIA Ceremony
List of Readers
Sound System
Education
Etchings
Casino
Scholarships*

President:

Dave Samuels

Vice President:

Benny Hoots

Treasurer:

Bob Krzynowek

Secretary:

Bonnie Kuhr

Director:

Ron Harris

Storage of Casino Equipment: The Elks was considered but there really wasn't a place for the equipment. The VFW was contacted to see if we could use their shed for storage. It was also suggested we put the plywood in our meeting room where the chairs and tables are kept. The chips and cards would have to be stored elsewhere. Dave will be in touch with David Warner for a decision about the shed.

Scholarships: In 2018 we had 11 submissions. We awarded \$4500 in scholarships. This year we had 21 submissions. One student had 13 points, one 11 points and two 9 points. It was decided to award the student with 13 points \$1500, 11 points \$1000 and the 2 with 9 points \$750. Skylar Cranston (Ron's granddaughter) had 11 points and will be awarded \$1000. Her scholarship will be in honor of Mike Hooks. Other names recommended to be honored by naming a scholarship are Benny Hoots grandson (Matthew Jordan Hoots), Gen. Gaddis and Russell Page. The scholarships will be awarded at the August 3 POW/MIA ceremony. Letters will go out to those who haven't won and to those who won inviting them to the ceremony. Dave Samuels recommended we give a background for each student who won when presenting the scholarship. The history of the scholarship should also be mentioned.

Live Streaming: To see go to <http://www.ncvvi.org> and click "TV Show" in the menu.

Old Business: An email came in from a woman who is looking for a veteran who can connect with her father. Bo Williams contacted him. He is a Marine. Bo recommended he look at the NCVVI.org website, told him about our monthly ceremony and recommended he join NCVVI. Bo is to get his address so we can follow up with a letter.

New Business: When asked who wanted to meet in June and July, everyone agreed we should meet.

Bonnie was thanked for dinner. Larry Kall will be chef for June.



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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