



*POW/MIA Ceremony
Scholarships*

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We again had the virtual meeting through Zoom. Thanks to Angie for letting us use her Zoom account.

The secretary attached the notes from the March-April meetings to the May agenda. The treasurer's report was presented. A question was asked about the Etchings account. Ron Harris was not at the meeting to respond. A list of who has paid dues and who has not will be sent out by Bob Krzynowek.

POW/MIA Ceremonies: May: Because of COVID-19 there was no formal ceremony as there was still a restriction on gatherings. LuAnn Spain, President of RT7, read and Monica Cash live streamed the event. Thanks again to Monica for streaming for NCVVI. Monica will follow the format of the names that was used at the candlelight ceremony front and back instead of 8 cards. We want to keep it simple.

Also, a thank you to Monica for planting more lariope around the statue and is working with the Capitol grounds people for NCVVI volunteers to keep it weeded. The grounds people have a tendency to destroy the area. If you are a Facebook followers, you saw the volunteers at work at our monument on June 2. Our monument was not touched in the protest march.

June: ALR 232 Garner (Wayne Bullen 919-291-2129) and NCVVI Bo Williams. David Samuels and Benny Hoots plan on being there for NCVVI. An will be notified that we are still limiting numbers at the ceremony.

July 4: The POW/MIA ceremony is on the 4th of July. NCVVI will do the ceremony. Bonnie is in touch with the Capitol to get an idea of the program. As of this time, there has been no decision made as to what will be done on July 4 by the Capitol.

Scholarships: The results from the readers of the scholarship essays are: No. 1-5 votes; No. 2-5 votes; No. 3-5 votes; No. 4-1 vote; No. 5-4 votes. After some discussion, Bo Williams motioned to give all those with 5 votes \$1000; the student with 4 votes \$500. The motion was seconded and passed. The winners will be notified; the ceremony where we hand out the scholarships is usually held in June but will be held at a later date. Thanks go out to Preston Cudd, Ron Fitzsimmons, Jeff Kanner, Phil Tompkins, Del Vecchio, and Bo Williams for reading the essays.

These are the winners: Delaney Clare Edger, Panther High School senior, \$1000; Logan Bryce Earp, Broughton High School senior, \$1000; Nuriel Pehowic, Northern High School senior, \$1000; and Emily Sencenich, North Carolina Virtual Academy senior, \$500.

Live Streaming:

May 13: Clyde Hoch, Marines Tank Commander

May 27: "John McCain, Hero or Manchurian Candidate"

Old Business: Angie had offered a space downstairs at the Elks, similar to VFW, but no kitchen. She would have to bring to the floor as well as to the members for approval. Update: once things are back to normal it will be brought before the floor.

Elections: The following officers were elected: Dave Samuels has agreed to a second term as President; Benny Hoots, Vice President, will stay on as well for a second term; Bob Kryznovek, Treasurer, will also stay on; the secretary is looking for a replacement. I know many of you would love having this prestigious position. A motion was made, seconded and passed to accept the officers listed.

Education: A couple of teachers approached Dave Samuels about doing a virtual meeting but he declined.

A woman from Spectrum News contacted NCVVI. She wanted to interview someone who was involved with the installation of the Vietnam monument for a Memorial Day program. Dave returned her call and she never got back to him.

Be safe.