



The Veteran's Voice

Minutes
November 27, 2018



Attending: Ron Harris, Bob Krzynowek, Ron Fitzsimmons, Dennis Abels, Paul White, Benny Hoots, Richard Johnson, Dave Samuels, Bo Williams, Joe Harsch, Arnold Gregory

The pledge of allegiance was said.

The meeting was conducted by Ron Harris. On motion made and seconded the minutes as sent and the treasurer's report as read by Bob Krzynowek were approved.

*POW/MIA Ceremony
Candlelight Ceremony
Education
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Vietnam Experience
Patriots Point Visit
Cary High School Request
Where is NCVVI Headed?*

POW/MIA Ceremony:
December 1 – ALR 7 Durham
NCVVI – Bo Williams
January 5 – ALR 124 Apex
NCVVI

Education: Bob Matthews was silent. Bo Williams spoke at Green Hope High School.

Live Streaming: November 28 : Tunnels of War

Etchings in Stone: Nothing scheduled.

Vietnam Experience: Donna Bartlett and Bonnie will get together and divide up addresses. We are looking at sending Ron's poster as well as a letter Ron drafted last year to our address list. Ron has met with Cheri about editing the poster used at The Wall. A request was made for a group to have a table from Veteran Volunteers for Transitions LifeCare. Approval was given by the membership. Hope the helicopters will be there.

Patriots Point Visit: Benny has requested information but has not gotten anything yet. It was decided to table until spring.

Candlelight Ceremony: December 16 at 6:00 p.m.. Setup at 5:15; if weather permits flags.

- Ron Harris and Al Ely will provide sand.
- Bonnie Kuhr - labels and white bags
- Dave Samuels - candles
- Paul White – taps
- Bob White - bagpipe
- Bo Williams and Dennis Abels – flood lights
- Bo Williams – POW prayer

Dave Samuels will be the M.C. NCVVI will do the honor guard. It will depend on the weather how many flags will be flown.

Honorary Member: Bo Williams proposed that Angie Edwards of the Elks be named an Honorary Member. Angie has done a lot for NCVVI:

Chair of Board:

Ron Harris

Vice President:

Treasurer:

Bob Krzynowek

Secretary:

Bonnie Kuhr

Directors:

Dennis Abels

Paul White

Dave Samuels

Bill Dixon

Angelo Carmen

she has helped out at casinos and is a frequent attendee at the POW/MIA ceremony. Bonnie did research on the records she has and found nothing on according honorary memberships. There is a percentage ratio which we meet regarding Associate Members as we only have two members who are. Larry Hines is a lifetime member. Bo will check with Angie if she would like to be an Associate; if she agrees, a plaque will be presented to her in front of the Elks.

MOTION: Bo Williams nominated Angie Edwards as an Associate Member of NCVVI. The motion was seconded and carried provided she accepts.

As quoted from the by-laws: Associate Members shall be all other persons who are interested in promoting the goals and objectives of the corporation.

A message from the History II teachers at Cary High School: They would like to invite Vietnam Veterans to speak at their school during their study of the Cold War. Right now, the date they would like to host the veterans is **Monday, December 10** during 2nd, 3rd, and 4th periods of the day. Light snacks and coffee will be provided in the morning and lunch will be provided during our lunch break.

Arnold Gregory, Dave Samuels, Ron Harris, and maybes Benny Hoots, Paul White and Joe Harsch volunteered. This was canceled and will be rescheduled in the spring.

Ron Harris appointed a nominating committee – Benny Hoots and Dave Samuels. We had a serious discussion about NCVVI. Ron has served a number of years and will not be an officer next year. He will pay his dues but **WILL NOT SERVE** as an officer. As was mentioned, if we don't have leadership we need to dissolve the organization. This is serious. We have only 12 people at every meeting. We are getting old and some have health issues. Think seriously about stepping up to fill the roles of your present officers.

Bo was thanked for his awesome chicken casserole. Bonnie will cook in January.



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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