



# The Veteran's Voice

Minutes  
November 26, 2019



**Attending:** Ron Fitzsimmons, Dennis Abels, Larry Kall, Bob Kryznowek, Paul White, Steve Hensley, Jeff Kanner, Dave Samuels, Bo Williams, Ron Harris, Richard Johnson, Bonnie Kuhr

The pledge of allegiance was said. David Samuels presided. The meeting was held at the IHop on Six Forks.

A motion was made, seconded and passed to accept the secretary's minutes as published. The treasurer's report on motion made, seconded and passed was accepted as read. A question was asked about the Small Wall money mentioned in the report. It was used for repairs. However, Al Ely recently closed the Small Wall account and turned the money over to the treasury. **DUES: At the January meeting Bob K. will collect dues: \$25 per member; \$15 per associate.**

*POW/MIA Ceremony  
Candlelight Ceremony  
Veterans Day Parade  
Etchings  
Live Streaming  
Audit*

**December 7 – Pearl Harbor Day  
ALR 7 Durham  
NCVVI – Ron Harris**

**President:**

*Dave Samuels*

**Vice President:**

*Benny Hoots*

**Treasurer:**

*Bob Krzynowek*

**Secretary:**

*Bonnie Kuhr*

**Director:**

*Ron Harris*

**December 15 – Candlelight Ceremony - NCVVI  
Need to be at the Museum at 5:00 to set up.  
Ron Harris – provide sand  
Bonnie Kuhr – labels and program  
Dave Samuels - candles and contact Bob White for bagpipe  
Paul White – taps  
John Odom will provide white bags  
Mark Palmer – bells**

**January 4 – ALR 124 Apex  
NCVVI – Monica Cash**

One person will read the names. The power outlet needs to be checked (Dave Samuels will contact the electrician at the Capitol). The DAR expressed an interest in reading names. It was decided they could place the bags. Larry Kall will ring the bell after each name is called. At the end of the readings, the audience will be asked if there is anyone he/she would like to remember. Bo Williams will do convocation. The flags will be kept after the December 7 ceremony.

Next year's dates for the monthly ceremony were discussed. July 4 is our regular ceremony day. We will not do on Memorial Day. Talked about doing it after the Veterans Day parade. A copy of the readers' list was handed out for review. After reviewing, please contact Bonnie if changes.

**Education:** No report. Richard Johnson spoke to 8<sup>th</sup> grade students at Fuquay Charter School. He said they had excellent questions.

**Etchings:** The Museum in Albemarle would like to show Etchings. They are opening an exhibit "A Thousand Words: Photographs by Vietnam Veterans" starting in November to April 30, 2020. Ron Harris has been in touch with them and they will get back to Ron in February. He is thinking of providing a thumb drive. Cherri (History Museum) is interested in showing on Veterans Day but there will be no event. It was suggested that Ron should put a thumb drive in the hands of Vet groups globally.

**Veterans Day Parade on November 9 at 9:30:** Amnon provided the vehicle. Dennis and his two grandchildren rode along with Bo Williams and Jeff Kanner. It was mentioned that Golden Corral did a good job of feeding veterans.

**Live Streaming: November 27:** "Medal of Honor (part 2)"

**January 8:** "Vietnam Politics Today"

**January 22:** "Phoenix Program with Col. Andrew Finlayson, USMC (Ret.)"

**Old Business:**

**Audit:** Dave Samuels will contact Val Price about auditing our books.

Bo Williams explained **The Healing Waters Fly Fishing Project** sponsored by Raleigh Elks Lodge. There are 15 slots and it is filling up fast. <https://projecthealingwaters.org/regional/phwff-durham-north-carolina-program-news/>.

It was decided to give a **plaque to Tam Van Cao and Bich Nga Loung**. A suggestion the group decided would be a good idea is to present the plaque to them at their church so it could be mounted at the church for everyone to see how supportive they've been of NCVVI.

Raleigh Elks Lodge #735 Veterans Day Appreciation on November 17. Mike and Ann Cook, Bill and Jo Dixon, Bo and Mary Ann Williams, Dave Samuels and yours truly attended. Mike Cook gave a moving presentation about the American flag his mother made for him to carry in Vietnam.

**VFW and NCVVI Relationship:** There was a board meeting on Veterans Day to discuss the treatment NCVVI members received from the Cary VFW. (NCVVI was accused of not cleaning up after the meetings.) Dave Samuels sent an email to David Wagoner of the VFW. He received no response. It was suggested a letter be sent to the Cary VFW so all of the members would know what happened. It wasn't sure the letter would get to the members. Ron Harris thinks a representative should go to the meeting. It was decided to send a letter to the State Commander of the VFW with a copy to the Cary VFW. This has been done.

**New Location for Meeting:** Ron Harris and Bob Kryznovek went to the American Legion on Chapel Hill Road, Cary. It is big enough. They are bringing it up to their board. It would cost \$25 a month. The Elks would allow us to have their downstairs room on the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday. Larry Kall also investigated the IHOP on Kildaire Farm Road. They have a meeting room. A poll was taken: 7 liked meeting at restaurants, 1 at the Elks and 3 at the American Legion.

**Scholarship Essay Topic:** The draft during the Vietnam War had a special effect on the country. Interview a regular army and a draftee to get their viewpoints on how they were affected. (One essay has been received.)

**New Business:**

Karla Nantz would like veterans to come and share their experiences on Monday, December 9, for their social studies classes. Details are being worked out. Jeff Kanner and Richard Johnson have volunteered so far. Need more members to participate. (Class canceled due to lack of participation by NCVVI.)



# Membership Application

NCVVI is proud to have you as a member.

**A DD214 is required for full membership**

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(Last Name) (First Name) (MI)

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(Spouse's name)

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(Street Address)

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(City) (State) (Zip code)

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(Home Phone) (Work Phone) (Occupation)

\_\_\_\_\_ Full Membership (\$25 per Year) \_\_\_\_\_ (check amount) DD214 supplied \_\_\_Y \_\_\_N

\_\_\_\_\_ Associate Membership (\$15 per year)

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(E-MAIL ADDRESS :) **{Need this to send the unit's monthly newsletter}**

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**(Signature)**

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**(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 (4<sup>th</sup>) Tuesday of each month at a location to be announced.

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