



*POW/MIA Ceremony
Education*

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The Veteran's Voice

Minutes
November 24, 2020



Attending: Bob Krzynowek, Dave Samuels, Benny Hoots, Dennis Abels, Bonnie Kuhr

The pledge of allegiance was said. David Samuels presided. The meeting was again held at Baileywick Park due to COVID-19. It was a bit dark and chilly.

A motion was made, seconded and passed to accept the secretary's minutes as sent. The treasurer's report on motion made, seconded and passed was accepted as read.

POW/MIA Ceremonies:

December 5

ALR 7 Durham

NCVVI – Ron Harris (if not able, Dave Samuels will do). Monica Cash has Missing Man table. Dave will call the electrician. May need to use the megaphone.

The Capitol Police have been notified. The barriers are back up until mid-December. The crowd limit is still at 50.

December 20 – Annual Candlelight Ceremony (conditions allowing): set up at 5:30, ceremony at 6:00. Al Ely and Dave Samuels, candles; Ron Harris sand; Bags – need 25; Paul White, if available, will do Taps, Bob White will bring his bagpipes. It was recommended that the teachers having classes on Vietnam be invited along with their students. It was also suggested inviting the scholarship winners and their parents. Dave Samuels will check with Bo and Ron to see if they are able to participate. Monica will get the bell from Mark Palmer. The megaphone might have to be used. (Update: There were approximately 18 attendees.)

January 2, 2021 ALR 124 Apex

NCVVI – Monica Cash

Dennis reported they found the flag holes that had been covered with dirt and grass. Dave asked if they could be raised up with a fitting. This will be a spring project. Dennis also mentioned that at the November ceremony the group brought the flags over from the Museum.

The list of readers at the monument was distributed and emailed to all to check and then to let Bonnie (bkuhr@nc.rr.com) know if you are keeping the same Saturday as 2020.

The capitol permit was also raised. Bonnie will request July 4, Memorial Day, the annual POW/MIA Day in September and Veterans Day in case it was decided to participate in a ceremony on these dates. A date can always be canceled.

Education: Dave was a guest speaker at the DAR and also Wakefield High (virtually). The students sent thank you notes (which were emailed to members).

Scholarships: There is one outstanding for \$500.

Live Streaming: November 25: Vets to Vets United, Inc.

January 13: Understanding the Vietnam War – A Report from a Frustrated Vietnam Veteran.

Next Meeting in January: IHop still closes at 3:00. Dave Samuels asked about having the meeting at noon. It was mentioned that it has come up “should we have a meeting every month”. There was a consensus of all 5 of us that we should continue and most liked the idea of noon. **It is confirmed for 1:00 at the IHOP on Six Forks and Sawmill. The address is: 7471 Six Forks.**

Just a note:

In December an article on Tay Ninh was emailed to everyone. “As the Vietnam War raged 50 years ago, a US special-operations task force attempted a daring prisoner rescue at a camp right next to Hanoi, the North Vietnamese capital. Operation Ivory Coast, as the raid on Son Tay prison was known, didn't free any US POWs, but it did have a profound effect on how US special operations were conducted.”

Ron Wagoner responded to the email: Wanted you to know that my friend from Broughton High School in Raleigh, Tommy Powell, was a significant part of that raid. He enlisted in the Army right out of school, became a Green Beret and was a SSGT at the time of the raid. Tommy was awarded the Distinguished Service Cross for continually exposing himself so as to draw enemy fire. He retired as a Major and died several years ago.

Remember this? Trip to Vietnam





Membership Application

NCVVI is proud to have you as a member.

A DD214 is required for full membership

(Last Name) (First Name) (MI)

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(Street Address)

(City) (State) (Zip code)

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_____ 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 a location to be announced.

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