



### **Education**

**Update - Etchings in Stone  
Candlelight Ceremony  
Membership renewal form**

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*Bill Dixon*

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# The Veteran's Voice

Minutes

Tuesday, November 22, 2016



Attending: Ron Harris, Bob Matthews, Dennis Abels, Joe Harsch, Steve Henley, Bo Williams, Bob Krzynowek, Dave Samuels, Bill Dixon, Ron Fitzsimmons, Al Ely, Bonnie Kuhr

Ron Harris opened the meeting with the pledge of allegiance. Lonnie Connors was welcomed back after a medical absence.

The minutes were approved as sent and the treasurer's report as read.

**Education:** Bob encouraged everyone to go into the schools to speak. Members may be getting an email from a student to set up an interview. Last month it was reported that the trip to Vietnam was put on hold due to lack of interest. It seems there is renewed interest in a spring trip to Vietnam by educators. Bill Dixon, Joe Harsch and Bob Matthews are hoping to speak to at least 100 teachers at the National Convention on Saturday, December 3, at 1:30. Bob received a request to speak to a Charter School junior class in Chapel Hill. Anyone interested in doing this should let Bob know. Joe Harsch met a teacher who asked if NCVVI would go into an elementary school to talk about Vietnam. Maybe some NCVVI members could go to the school and bring a lesson plan.

**Scholarship Topics:** Bob has received six so far. Let Bonnie Kuhr or Bob Matthews know of any scholarship subjects.

**Update on Etchings in Stone:** Bob Matthews and Ron Harris talked with SAS contact Louis; they are interested in helping us. SAS saved us \$300 for a projector, 5x8 screen and two blue tooth speakers. The cost to NCVVI will be \$900. Ron will be meeting with Louis to get a lesson on how to run the equipment. The lesson is open to anyone who would like to know how to run the machine. We will then be ready to show Etchings. It lasts 90 minutes. There will be no charge but donations will be accepted. Ron is working on a card to hand out about showing Etchings in Stone.

Ron had the first showing for 85 residents at Sears Stone Retirement Center which was well received. Bill Dixon had the 31 panels there, Ron the diorama and Amnon a jeep. Joe Harsch showed it to one individual. He has one scheduled for January 17 at a church and the VVA will be scheduled sometime in the future. The Vet Center wants to see it. Bo Williams will keep pushing the Elks for a show. Ron Harris needs to know the venue when one is set up.

**Veterans Day Parade:** It was a good parade but per usual there was a lack of spectators. There was very little publicity.

**POW/MIA Ceremony on Saturday, December 3:** Keeping in mind that Bill Dixon, Bob Matthews and Joe Harsch will be in D.C. at that time, it is important that members attend as well as help set up. It is the Ray Price

Toys for Tots Saturday. Ron Harris will bring the flags. The Ray Price group will do the names. There is still the problem of a place for storage.

**Old Business:** Bob Kryznowek read a thank you note from Frank Morgan of Cape Hatteras for the donation NCVVI made to him. Al Ely visited and reported on the damage that Matthew inflicted on Morgan's restaurant. Al delivered some freezers and a refrigerator to Morgan as everything was destroyed.

**New Business:** Ron Harris and Bob Kryznowek will not be here in January and Ron may not be here in February either. Ron set up a nominating committee for the offices of president and vice president. Committee members are Bob Matthews, Joe Harsch, Dennis Abels and Dave Samuels.

When Johnny Ray talked to our group, we had offered to help assembling boxes for veterans for the holidays. A query was made about what happened with this offer. Ron Fitzsimmons office contributed to the group.

**Candlelight Ceremony:** The date is December 18 with a 5:00 setup and a 6:00 ceremony. Duties are:

Bob Matthews –bags, candles, sand and labels

Lighters ???

Steve Henley – flag and stand

Bo Williams –opening prayer

Ron Harris - greeting

Bob White –bagpipes

Dave Samuels –special poem

Eric Cantu – missing man table

Guests –read names and light candles

Guests –remembrances

Ron Harris –final remarks

Bill Dixon –closing prayer

**Walking Wounded:** Lonnie Conner was welcomed back. Ron Fitzsimmons will be going into the hospital overnight for a procedure. Ange is fighting a severe infection. Paul White is scheduled for surgery on December 14.

**Casino:** Dave Samuels had a call from the Elks about a casino night. Bo too had a talk with the Elks. They are having a New Year's party with the theme of a speakeasy. They want to rent casino tables and the roulette wheel and will run the casino themselves. Dave Samuels and Bo Williams will talk to Terry Rawls face to face for details.

Thanks to Dennis Abels for dinner. Next month's chef is a mystery. Bonnie is considering. It will definitely be a mystery meal.

Merry Christmas to everyone and all the best for 2017. Bonnie



# 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 (\$10 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 VFW 7383, 522 Reedy Creek Road, Cary, NC. (6:15 PM dinner 7:00 PM meeting)

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