



The Veteran's Voice

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As we enter the Christmas season let us remember that Jesus is the true reason for the season. (Luke 2:1-14) God sent his Son into this world to walk with man and share the word of God to all of mankind. Let us pray for our fellow military personnel who are in harm's way and will miss Christmas in America with their loved ones.

Members attending the November meeting included: Bob Matthews, Bill Dixon, Ron Wagoner, Lee Wilson, Bo Williams, Ron Harris, RJ Del Vecchio, Lee Booher, Dennis Abels and Bobby Thrower.

An excellent, home cooked meal was provided by Bill Dixon which consisted of turkey, sweet potatoes, beans and corn. RJ Del Vecchio provided a home baked fudge and nut dessert.

Finance

Checking: \$1,145.69
Bridge Back: \$1,000.00
Scholarship: \$20,688.00

Education

NCVVI continues to communicate with Global Spectrum Company in relation to the needs of the school, orphanage and the blind school. Bob Matthews continues to lead the search for ways that we may assist them. Play ground equipment and more bicycles are only a couple of the ideas. The faces of the children and their appreciation of the many items delivered to them are still strong on our minds. It is rare to see the appreciation that they shared with us. We can change a country through their youth, not the older generations.

Bob reminded us of the need to stay in touch with the LOV teachers and for us to get into the class rooms to assist. The students are eager to hear about the Bridge Back trip and have a ton of questions that only we can answer. Our participation in the classroom is the best way to keep the LOV classes in the true form that we intend.



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President:

Ron Wagoner

Vice President:

Bo Williams

Treasurer:

Bud Gross

Secretary:

Bobby Thrower

Directors:

Bill Dixon

Joe Harsh

John Odom

Bob Matthews

Al Ely, III

The 2010 scholarship program is on schedule and the topic for 2010 is: "It is generally believed that the armed forces of South Viet Nam (RVN) were never really effective in fighting the VC or the NVA. Is this a valid judgment?" The essay topic and the application form with instructions can be found on our website, www.ncvvi.org or www.ncvvi.com.

During your visits with the schools, you are encouraged to discuss the scholarship program with the teachers and students and tell them where they can get the application form and instructions. Let them know what we are looking for in a good essay. (Little things like a title, correct spelling, references, page numbers and other basics of a good essay.) If nothing else, tell them about a bad essay. They will get the point.



Upcoming Events

- 1) Saturday December 5th – MIA/POW service at the Viet Nam memorial – Raleigh Capital grounds. 12.00 Noon -- This is also the kick off for the Rolling Thunder **Toys 4 Tots** program. Bring a toy for the Rolling Thunder members to deliver to the tots.
- 2) Sunday, December 20th – NCVVI will hold a candle lighting service at the Viet Nam Memorial on the State Capital grounds starting at 6:00 PM.
- 3) Saturday, January 2nd – MIA/POW service at the Viet Nam memorial – Raleigh Capital grounds. 12:00 Noon
- 4) Saturday January 30th 2010 - Monte Carlo Night
Time: 7:00 PM
Where: Raleigh Elks Lodge # 735 (corner of Leadmine & Millbrook)
Why: To support NCVVI programs
Donations: \$20.00 (single) \$30.00 (couple)
For tickets or information call Bo Williams: 919-760-9845
or Bill Dixon: 919-434-7345 or any member of NCVVI.
This will be a time of fun, games, free hors d'oeuvres and a cash bar.
Games will consist of black jack, poker, roulette, and craps.
- 5) **NOTICE: NCVVI will not hold a formal meeting for December. Our next formal meeting is Tuesday, January 26, 2010 in Cary.** I look forward to seeing you there. Come out and spend some quality time with us

Old Business

- 1) Check out this web site. cellphoneforsolders.com This is good information to dispose of used cell phones and help the Military personnel at the same time.

New Business

- 1) A motion was made by Bill Dixon and seconded by Bob Matthews and carried by voice vote for NCVVI to hold an annual fund raiser. Any funds will go to either the Viet Nam blind school or the orphanage we visited on the Bridge Back trip. Marcia with Global Spectrum has agreed to get any money hand carried to the people we choose. This way we can be assured that it will get into the correct hands. More information on the fund raiser will be forthcoming from future meetings.
- 2) We all share a concern about the lack of participation for The Veterans Day events and especially the parade. After a lengthy discussion, it was decided that Lee Booher and Bill Dixon will head up a committee to investigate and find a solution to this situation. They will work with the Veterans Day chairman (Harvey Yates), local merchants, LOV classes and others to boost awareness of the parade and get the attendance up to an acceptable level. All of our assistance is much needed. Ask your friends and neighbors – “Without the veterans, what language would we be speaking?”



Information

- 1) Bob Matthews will be our cook for the January 26th meeting in Cary.
- 2) www.ncvvi.org The newsletters are posted on this site...
- 3) You may request your military medal or award report (Form 210A) by searching <http://www.amervets.com/210areq.htm>
- 4) In order for your veteran's status to be listed with The American War Library, they must receive a copy of your DD-214 or another report of separation document validating your military service.

Address: The American War Library
Attn: Confirmation Director
16907 Brighton Avenue
Gardena Ca. 90247-5420

Phone & Fax: 1-310-532-0634

You may also Email (pdf only) or Fax (1-310-532-0634) a copy of your DD-214 Form or another validation document.



Dues Due List: (If your dues are paid up, please forgive this list.)

Acai, Steve	Dyer, James E.	McNeely, Michael J.
Batton, Roy M.	Ely, III, Al	Melton, Norman
Beane, Phil	Faulkner, Brady	Murray, Lou J.
Beddingfield, Robert E.	Harris, Ron	Palmer, Mark A.
Bimbo, Carl L.	Johnson, Steve	Patrikios, Bob
Bozeman, Rob	Kelly, Edward J.	Peters, Ralph W.
Brooks, David	Kenney, Whit	Rawlings, John
Brown, Robert	Kenny, Dean	Samuels, David
Bywater, Mike	Kesgen, Edward	Seagroves, Ted
Carter, Robert	King, Donald	Sodan, Robert J.
Cook, George G.	Kuhr, Bonnie	Toothaker, David
Cook, Michael J.	Larson, Keith	Walters, Ron
Davis, Kevin M.	Loving, John C.	West, Dale
Dawson, Robert L.	Mahnke, Nancy C.	White, Robert
Dutcher, Dale	McGinnis, Dwight R.	Whitmire, Warren T. (ret)
Dyer, George D.		



Membership Renewal

NCVVI is proud to have you as a member.

(Last Name) (First Name) (MI)

(Spouse's name)

(Street Address)

(City) (State) (Zip code)

(Home Phone) (Work Phone) (Occupation)

_____ Full Membership (\$20 per Year) _____ (check amount)

_____ Associate Membership (\$10 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 in Cary, NC. (6:00 PM)

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Member of: N.C. Vietnam Veterans Council, Wake County Veterans Council, National Vietnam Veterans Coalition

