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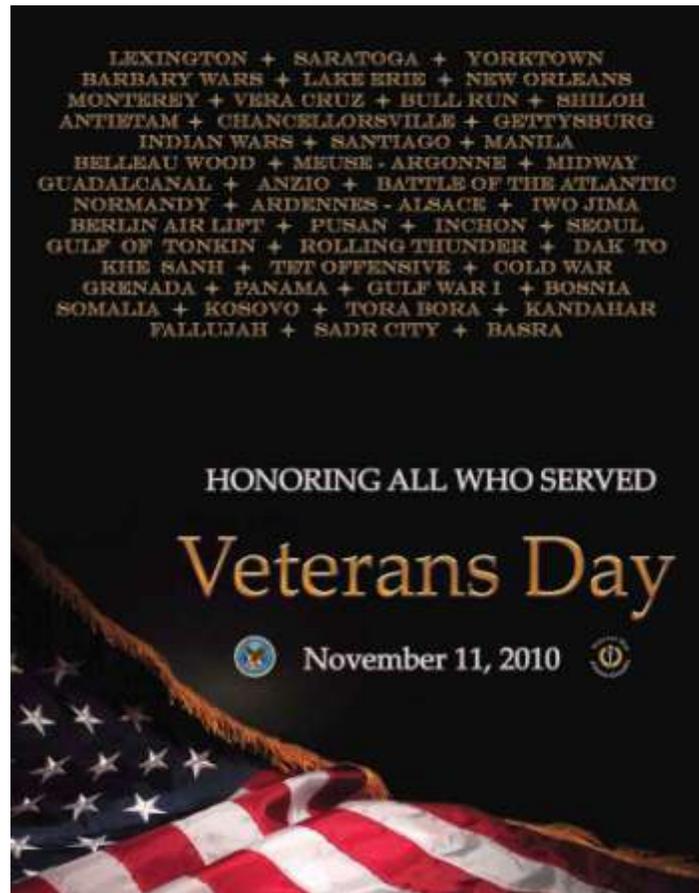
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November is a busy time for NCVVI.

November 6, 2010
Please join with NCVVI and march in the North Carolina Veterans Parade in Raleigh. Line up at 9:00 AM at VN monument.

November 11, 2010
Attend the Veterans Day Service and POW/MIA

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President Calvin Coolidge said, "The nation which forgets its defenders will be itself forgotten". Not all Veterans have seen war, but a common bond that they share is an oath in which they express their willingness to die defending this nation

October meeting Attendance

Members present at the October meeting held at the VFW on Reedy Creek Rd. in Cary on the 4th Tuesday of the month: Ron Wagoner, Joe Harsch, Bud Gross, David Samuels, Ron Harris, Chef Dennis Abels, Bob Williams, Bob Allen, Lee Booher, Monica Cash, Bob Matthews Bill Dixon and a new member, Marine Ken Carlquest and his wife Gay.

Greetings and Welcome

New VFW Post 7383 Commander stopped by to welcome NCVVI to the post. There are many positive changes being made by the post membership. NCVVI members are invited and welcome to join or re-join the VFW. Membership applications can be secured from the secretary.

Education

Bob Matthews gave the education report. The Bridge Back team traveled to Ft. Monroe in Va. to talk with the headquarters of the JROTC. The JROTC is interested in having a Vietnam War course in their curriculum and has been talking with the National Social Studies Association about developing a course. The meeting went well and more is expected to come from the visit.

The Teachers Academy was cancel again. It appears the date was a bad time for teachers to participate. No new date was set.

For those who were on the last Bridge Back trip to Vietnam, Mr. Song, the guide will be in Washington, DC on November 14th. Global Spectrum will be hosting a cookout in his honor. The Bridge Back has been invited to attend. Any NCVVI member who would like to go should contact Bob Matthews immediately

Upcoming Events

November 2: VOTE

November 5: Murder Mystery Dinner sponsored by VLC-Cares to support Heroes in Need. The location is Newton Square at 230 Newton Road, Raleigh. Advanced tickets are \$60 (\$110 couple). At the door, tickets are \$75.00. Time 7:00 PM.

November 6: North Carolina Veterans Parade. Please bring a Vietnam Veteran with you and meet at the memorial before 9:00. A ride will be provided to anyone that cannot march. Let's have a great turnout (Bring an application to give out)

November 6: Monthly POW/MIA service with the Blue Star Mothers organization will be the guest readers. The service will be held immediately after the Wake County Council of Veterans Organization has their Veterans Ceremony.

November 9: 2010 Veterans Job Fair. Held at Raleigh Community & Safety Club at 513 Branch Street, Raleigh from 10AM to 2PM. For more information, call 919-212-3849 x227

November 11: VETERANS DAY, when you see a fellow veteran or active duty military please take a moment of your time to say, "Thank You"

November 11: NCVVI will be holding a special Veterans Day Service at the Capitol. The event will begin at 11:00 and will end with the POW/MIA service.

November 11: NCVVI has been invited to be guests at the Hurricanes game. Tickets were limited and members present at the meeting reserved them. If you would like to be on a waiting list in case a ticket becomes available, contact Ron Wagoner. Those going should meet at 6:00 at Dalat.

November 11 Restaurant Thanks freebies; Veterans and Active Duty Military, Free Entrée from Applebee's. Proof of service is required. /Subway offers free 6 inch subs for active and veterans. /on November 7th, McCormick & Schmick's restaurants offer free entrees. Bud sent a more detailed list this past week.

November 15: A previous email listed this as the 16th but the Golden Corral website gives the date as Monday the 15th. From 5-9 PM Free Veterans and Active Duty military dinners.

November 20: Raleigh Christmas Parade directed by member John Odom

November 23: The last official meeting of NCVVI for the year of 2010. Please try to be there. There are a lot of events being planned for next year and your insight is needed

November 25: Please enjoy and remember all you have to be Thankful for. Happy Thanksgiving!

December 4: Kick off for Marines, Toys for Tots. The monthly POW/MIA ceremony will have the Marine Corps Reserve and Ray Price's Raleigh Hog owners as guest readers.

December 19: NCVVI's annual Candle Light service will be held at the Vietnam Memorial. Time is 6:00. Bring your family and friends along with a Vietnam Veteran and their family

Old Business

Bob Matthews reported that he and Del Vecchio had ordered 100 T shirts with the design the membership had approved. Delivery date is not known at this time.

The South Vietnamese Military Petition was passed around for signatures. The petition is to recognize the former South Vietnam Flag as the Heritage Flag of Vietnam/US Citizens. The request is to be presented to the Raleigh City Council for action. Members may be called on to attend and support at the council meeting. Date and time will go out in an email when it is' known.

The fund raiser for the Orphanage play ground was discussed. A Casino Night will be held in January if the Elks Lodge is available. Luncheon at the Dalat is to be scheduled. A NCVVI Golf Tournament is being looked into for the spring, any suggestions or sources of a free course please contact Joe Harsch. A "Ride" sponsored by NCVVI and Bone Daddy's Biker Bar is being planned for early spring.

Bud Gross had the previous year's unselected possible essay subjects for the members to vote on. The vote will be by e-mail and at the Nov. 6th POW/MIA ceremony. Results will be given at the November meeting and reported by e-mail after tabulation.

Nuoc Ngot Orphanage

Nuoc Ngot Orphanage is located in An Bang Village, Loc Thuy Commune, Phu Loc District, Thua Thien Province, it is run by the Catholic nuns of the Daughters of Mary the Immaculate Conception. The orphanage is currently supporting seventy-five children with disabilities in-house (19 hearing impaired and 56 mentally handicapped youths). There are totally dependent on Nuoc Ngot for shelter, nutrition, health care and other supports.

With the large number of children with disabilities ranging from 4 to 26 years of age, the budget at the orphanage is very limited. However, the Sisters are hoping to build a safe play area for outdoor activities to provide some mental and physical stimulation.

Currently, the shared front yard of the buildings is damaged by weather and heavy bus traffic. With the high humidity and the rainy season, the road and walkways lead to the center are muddy and slippery with moss.

The new playground will be designed to accommodate the 75 in-house and up to 300 children who commute to the orphanage regularly for day care. This play ground will need to accommodate children of different age groups and handicaps.

Proposed scope and budget of the project

To remove the existing old crumbling moss covered pavers and bad soil, bring in new soil, re-grade and install a drainage system. Then an area of 9,418 Sq. ft. will be repaved with concrete and landscaping. Then the installation of play ground equipment, benches and

some lighting is planned to complete a safe environment for the children to learn, live and play. Cost estimates for the entire project is \$10,000. **FLASH NOTICE:** This just in, **NCVVI won \$500** from a Rolling Thunder Raffle. The proceeds will be donated to the Nuoc Ngot Orphanage fund.

New Business

David Samuels suggested that NCVVI do a joint “Casino Night” with VFW Post 7383, President Ron Wagoner and Bo Williams are to talk with Post Commander.

Monica Cash reported that the USO may want to do a “Casino Night Valentines Party” with NCVVI. This has been discussed in the past but the old administration of the USO was not interested at that time. More to come at a later time.

John Odom would like to see NCVVI help and sponsor a Raleigh Crime Stoppers fund raiser. Any comments or suggestions would be appreciated at the November meeting.

Editorial from Editor

Thanks to great leadership and dedicated members, NCVVI is a strong and active organization. Its membership consists of some of the greatest men and women in the nation. But the membership is small. As you can see in this newsletter, NCVVI has a lot of potential community and international opportunities to get involved with. Please get the word out how great NCVVI is and there is something for everyone to be a part of. Friendship, healing, fellow veterans, education, veteran support, humanitarian and more. Get yourself some applications and keep with you and encourage anyone who might possibly be interested in joining to try NCVVI out. Vietnam Veterans, Associate Members, all have something to offer NCVVI. Bring some applications to the Veterans Parade, and give them out. That being said remember, NCVVI is not a political organization (even though some of its membership is active) and does not allow any political opinions or other controversial opinions to be a part of NCVVI’s agenda. Members are encouraged to pursue their own agendas but do it outside of NCVVI. Together NCVVI can continue to do great things for Veterans and the community they live in. Please do your part to help NCVVI continue to grow!

New Website

NCVVI has a website for you to visit and share with your Veteran friends and the public, www.ncvvi.org

Amnon Nissan is working on a new website for Bridge Back Education and the Orphanage. It is now under construction.

November Meeting

The last meeting of the year will be held at 522 Reedy Creek Road, Cary VFW Post 7383. Dinner on NCVVI,

will be served from 6:15 until 7:00. The meeting will start at 7:00 and the official meeting is generally over around 8:00. The date is the 4th Tuesday of the month and for November that is November 23rd. All members are encouraged to attend and bring a guest.



Membership Application

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}**

For new Vietnam Veteran members: DD214 attached _____ To be provided later _____

(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)

Mail your completed application, your DD214 and check to:

North Carolina Vietnam Veterans, Inc.
601 Compton Road
Raleigh, North Carolina 27609

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