



The Veteran's Voice



Minutes
October 24, 2017

Attending: Dennis Abels, Bo Williams, Ron Fitzsimmons, Joe Harsch, Ron Harris, Paul White, Bob Krzynowek, Larry Kall, Dave Samuels, Mike Lynch, Benny Hoots, "Del" Del Vecchio, Bonnie Kuhr

The pledge of allegiance was said. The meeting was conducted by the Board. On motion made, seconded and passed the minutes were approved as sent and the treasurer's report as read.

Education:

Bob Matthews called from Pittsburgh. He thanked all of those who attended the ceremony at Apex. He should be getting the list of teachers and schools this week. There are nine. Heritage High School called Bob as they will be having an LOV course. Ron Harris is the anchor. Jim Bahm has handed off his course to a new teacher. Del talked to social studies teachers about teaching Vietnam but they say they don't have the time.

His visit to Edinboro was successful. There is the possibility of going back in late November for the entire day to include the showing of Etchings. If anyone is interested in assisting at Edinboro, contact Bob Matthews. He again asked everyone to look up the Friends of Danang. Bob will be going to their meeting in November. They are planning a trip to Vietnam in the spring. Bob is thinking of returning to Vietnam and hoped at least two from NCVVI would go with him. If interested, get in touch with Bob. The workshop at North Gate High School is pending, maybe February. An aside, Pennsylvania has a Vietnam plate and Bob has one on his jeep.

Casino at the Heather Hills Swim Club. Dave Samuels mentioned how much fun everyone had—dealers and participants. Heather Hills was told we wouldn't be doing the casino next year. Some of the participants said they would help us; they would run it and give us payment. The Elks also volunteered and would give us a portion of the money. Bo Williams has Elks permission to store the tables at the Elks. The entrance has an easy access for a truck.

POW/MIA Ceremony:

November 4: American Legion Riders 72, Sandhills
Larry Kall, NCVVI

Dave Samuels and Ron Harris have prepared guidelines for groups performing the ceremony.

Etchings in Stone:

Etchings will be shown at the Vet Center on October 27 at 12 or 12:30 which will be open to vets, family and children. Dave Samuels attended the military recognition day at NC State's football game against Syracuse. He met with several ROTC leaders to whom he mentioned

Education

Casino
Vietnam Experience
POW/MIA Ceremony List
Bob Matthews Photo
Moving Wall

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Bob Krzynowek

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Bonnie Kuhr

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Dennis Abels

Paul White

Dave Samuels

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Angelo Carmen

Etchings in Stone. They expressed interest. There are about 400 in the programs.

Scholarship Committee: The requirements need to be reviewed. It was proposed that an applicant speak with a veteran and incorporate the interview into the essay required. Does an applicant have to take the LOV class? The purpose is for the students to learn something about Vietnam. Members should bring topics to the November meeting. Committee members are: Del, Dave, Link Page and Bonnie.

Veterans Day Parade on November 11: After discussion it was decided not to participate. Bo Williams is marching with the Elks group and there are some Vietnam veterans participating.

MOTION: Ron Harris motioned that NCVVI not participate in the Veterans Day parade this year. Motion was seconded and unanimously passed.

Other Veterans Day Activities:

October 27: 12-2:30 Vet Center stand down lunch from 12 to 2:30 at 1420 South Wilmington Street.

November 12: Raleigh Elks Lodge Veterans Day Appreciation Lunch

Candlelight Ceremony: December 17. Setup at 5:15; if weather permits flags.

Ron Harris will provide sand.
Bonnie Kuhr labels and white bags
Dave Samuels candles
Paul White – taps
Dave Samuels will contact Bob Light for bagpipe playing
Del Vecchio will check with his wife's choir

Vietnam Voices Advisory Committee: Mike Lynch was approached by Dr. Kevin Cherry. In this same regard, NCVVI received an email from Kimberly Kandros, Manager of Develop and Special Projects, NC Department of Natural and Cultural Resources. The purpose is to record interviews with Vietnam Veterans to be retained in the State archives. Toward the conclusion of the project, two traveling exhibits would be developed to tell the story of the Vietnam War in museums across the state. They are to get back to Dave Samuels when it takes effect.

Live Streaming at NCVVI.org:

Wednesday, October 25, 2017 - The Ken Burns Documentary Analysis

New Business: Mike Flynn attended a meeting of the President of all USOs in North Carolina. They are interested in doing something about Vietnam but still in the planning stage.

Bracelets:

Bonnie will have the bracelets at the meeting. The cost is \$3 or 2 for \$5.

Bob Kryznovek, the chef, was thanked. Dennis Abels has volunteered to cook in November.



Membership Application

NCVVI is proud to have you as a member.

A DD214 is required for full membership

(Last Name) (First Name) (MI)

(Spouse's name)

(Street Address)

(City) (State) (Zip code)

(____) _____ (____) _____
(Home Phone) (Work Phone) (Occupation)

_____ Full Membership (\$25 per Year) _____ (check amount) DD214 supplied ___Y ___N

_____ 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 at VFW 7383, 522 Reedy Creek Road, Cary, NC. (6:15 PM dinner 7:00 PM meeting)

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