



The Veteran's Voice



Minutes
October 22, 2019

Attending: Ron Fitzsimmons, Dennis Abels, Larry Kall, John Odom, Bob Kryznovek, Monica Cash, Paul White, Bill Dixon, Dave Samuels, Bo Williams, Angie Edwards, Bonnie Kuhr

The pledge of allegiance was said. David Samuels presided.

A motion was made, seconded and passed to accept the secretary's minutes as published. The treasurer's report on motion made, seconded and passed was accepted as read. A question was asked about the Small Wall money mentioned in the report. This is used for repairs to the wall. Bill Dixon reported that at one time it was being considered having panels named for distinguished persons.

*POW/MIA Ceremony
Candlelight Ceremony
Veterans Day Parade
Etchings
Live Streaming
Audit*

**POW/MIA Ceremony:
November 2 – ALR 72 Sandhills
NCVVI – John Odom**

**December 7 – Pearl Harbor Day
ALR 7 Durham
NCVVI – Ron Harris**

**December 15 – Candlelight Ceremony - NCVVI
Need to be at the Museum before 6:00 to get the equipment.
Ron Harris – provide sand
Bonnie Kuhr – labels and program
Dave Samuels - candles and contact Bob White for bagpipe
Paul White – taps
John Odom will provide white bags
Does anyone know of a choir that would like to sing at the ceremony?**

President:

Dave Samuels

Vice President:

Benny Hoots

Treasurer:

Bob Krzynowek

Secretary:

Bonnie Kuhr

Director:

Ron Harris

Education: No report.

Bill Dixon made several announcements of upcoming events (see last page). He reported that the Cary veterans event was very successful. One hundred thirty eight attended. He mentioned that Sjaan Bernard in Fayetteville wants to have a veterans night. Bill also reminded everyone of the monthly veterans breakfast at Carver Living Center. He and Mike Cooke attend these breakfasts.

Etchings: The Museum in Albemarle would like to show Etchings. They are opening an exhibit "A Thousand Words: Photographs by Vietnam Veterans" starting in November to April 30, 2020. Ron Harris was traveling. Tabled.

Veterans Day Parade on November 9 at 9:30: Amnon has offered an open vehicle for NCVVI to use for the parade. Grandchildren are welcomed. Email bkuhr@nc.rr.com if you are planning on riding and if family members will be with you. If there are only 3 and it is nice, he will

use the jeep. If it rains, it will be the 1957 M35A2. NCVVI has been approved for a slot.

Live Streaming: October 23: The US & Vietnam War by Dates (Part 2).

Old Business:

Audit: Val Price will be asked if he is willing to audit the NCVVI books.

New Business:

Sound System: NCVVI had a request to use our sound system at the Veterans Day parade. Bill said Post One normally furnishes the sound system but was unable to this year. A motion was made, seconded and passed that NCVVI let them use the system on the condition that someone be designated from NCVVI to assist. Terry Chatfield should work with NCVVI. They need to be there by 9:00 to get the sound system from the Museum to the Capitol. **(Update: Bill Dixon furnished the old sound system from NCVVI.)**

NCVVI had a request from Help.org asking NCVVI to put on its website a free guide on "Helping Veterans with Substance Abuse and Addictions" and from Maryville University if we would post their guide on PTSD. Since we don't know about these organizations, it was determined they be referred to Moses Gabriel at the V.A.

Bonnie had a request for help for getting a DD214 for the father so his grandson could apply for an NCVVI scholarship. The father is not able to apply and he is not deceased for a family member to apply. She was referred to Moses as well. **(Moses told her she needed to get her father's signature.)**

Activate Good offered to send volunteers to work on the Vietnam Memorial in November. However, we were late in responding. They did offer volunteers for a later date.

A motion was made, seconded and passed to contribute \$50 for an honorary sponsorship to the MMI Troops Golf Classic. **(We inadvertently missed the deadline so no contribution was made.)**

Bo Williams explained The Healing Waters Fly Fishing Project sponsored by Raleigh Elks Lodge. (Info was sent separately.) He also visited The Wall in Rhode Island. It was the first time The Wall was there.

It was decided to give a plaque to Tam Van Cao and Bich Nga Loung.

Dave Samuels was called aside to speak with the Commander of the VFW. Action needs to be discussed at the November meeting. **NOTE: THERE WILL BE NO FOOD.**

Events listed sent in email sent on October 29:

November 2, 9:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Vietnam War Symposium

Atlanta History Center, Woodruff Auditorium, 130 West Paces Ferry Road, N.W., Atlanta. Registration is required. Avvba-symposium.eventbrite.com

November 7, 9:30-11:00 a.m., Veterans Briefing hosted by Rep. David Price, J.C. Raulston Arboretum, 4415

Beryl Rd, Raleigh, NC. Reserve at vetsbriefing.eventbrite.com or call Price's office at 919-967-7924 or 919-859-5999.

November 8, 9:00 a.m. Veterans Day Celebration, Zebulon

November 9, Veterans Day Parade, 9:30. NCVVI will be participating.

November 10-11, MMIA Annual Troops Golf Classic at Bentwinds Country Club, Fuquay Varina (we were asked to sponsor but the time had expired for responding).

November 17, 12:30 doors open, Raleigh Elks Lodge #735 Veterans Day Appreciation Lunch, 5538 Lead Mine Road. Please reserve for yourself and spouse with Angie at 919-357-0994 or angeds27@gmail.com by November 10.

November 22, 9:30-1:00, The Aging Veteran: what they need to know in planning for their future. Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 2740, 3707 Dearborn Drive, Durham, NC 27704. Free admission. Contact Bill Dixon at dixonbill80@yahoo.com.

November 26, Monthly NCVVI Meeting. Please try to attend as we have an important matter to discuss: NCVVI relationship with VFW.

December 7, POW/MIA Ceremony

ALR 7 Durham

NCVVI – Ron Harris

December 15 – Candlelight Ceremony – NCVVI – setup 5:30.

January 2020 – Project Healing Waters Fly Fishing, Raleigh Elks Lodge – see following website. Early reservations are suggested.

<https://projecthealingwaters.org/regional/phwff-durham-north-carolina-program-news/>



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

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