



*POW/MIA Ceremony  
Etchings  
Scholarships  
Live Streaming*

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# The Veteran's Voice

Minutes  
October 27, 2020



**Attending:** Ron Fitzsimmons, Bob Krzynowek, Paul White, Dave Samuels, Benny Hoots, Larry Kall, Ron Harris, Bill Dixon, Bonnie Kuhr

**Guests:** Jo Dixon, Tank and Rosie

The pledge of allegiance was said. David Samuels presided. The meeting was again held at Baileywick Park due to COVID-19.

**Under the Weather:** Our thoughts go out to Ron Harris, Joe Harsch and Linda Odom.

A motion was made, seconded and passed to accept the secretary's minutes as sent. The treasurer's report on motion made, seconded and passed was accepted as read.

It was announced that we have a new member. Robert Nixon, Vietnam Vet, from Burlington, has joined NCVVI. We hope he can attend one of the meetings.

**POW/MIA Ceremonies:** Monica Cash will continue live streaming.

**October 3:** The American Legion Riders joined the ceremony. It was held at the Vietnam monument as the Capitol was open. There was no problem with the huge crowd. George Young of the Riders reported the event "went fine".

**November 7:**

**ALR 72 Sandhills:** Todd Chandler 910-330-4882

**NCVVI:** John Odom

Benny Hoots will bring the Missing Man Table.

Ron Harris had suggested everything be moved out of the Museum in case things were shut down again. Since there is no other place to store the equipment, it was decided to keep the items in the Museum. Benny Hoots has the Missing Man Table. The flags had previously been stored in the Capitol building, but the Capitol may not be accessible because of COVID-19. As for the dirt in the flag pole holes, two were found. It was suggested painting the grass when and where they are located. The electrician said there is no repair date on the calendar for the faulty electricity. Bill Dixon said he was assured there was power available at the old place by the light pole.

**Candlelight Ceremony:** The ceremony is scheduled for December 20 at 6:00, setup at 5:30. We have a permit. Assignments: Bonnie Kuhr, bags with labels; John Odom, bags. Ron Harris, sand. Dave Samuels will talk to Bob White (bagpipes) and Al Ely about lights. Paul White will play taps if available.

**Scholarships:** The scholarship ceremony was postponed again. We have three winners who have not submitted vouchers for their scholarships. Bonnie has emailed them and will follow up with a phone call. Have followed up with the three remaining students who will be sending their receipts. In regard to 2021 scholarships, a motion was made, seconded and passed that NCVVI postpone the scholarship for one year based on the COVID epidemic. (8 for, 1 against)

**Etchings – none due to COVID.**

**Live Streaming:**

**September 23:** What, if anything, were the lessons of the Vietnam War (part 2)

**October 14:** "Random Thoughts", Bits & Pieces from past shows

**October 28:** Four Corps in Mekong Delta

Go to <http://www.ncvvi.org> and click on "TV Show" in the menu.

**Old Business:**

Regarding the letter from a young woman in Kyrgyzstan about her father. He was a Vietnam vet and the family would like him buried in a veterans cemetery in the U.S. Dave Samuels emailed the young woman and never received a reply.

A check of \$100 was sent to MMIA to help recover the cost of the stolen packages for veterans. In addition, NCVVI received a letter asking for a donation for the MMIA Troops Golf Classic: \$500 US flag sponsor, \$250 Purple Heart sponsor, \$100 Friend of the Tee-Off. Due to lack of means of income, it was decided not to donate to Troops Golf Classic.

**New Business:**

A message came from Christopher Perrien, [Director@SSN777Club.org](mailto:Director@SSN777Club.org) as follows:

Thank you for your support of our USS North Carolina, SSN 777, now safely home in Pearl Harbor after a deployment of 180 days. This is the website: [SSN777Club-newsletter-13-Oct2020.pdf](#). FYI: USS North Carolina (SSN-777), a Virginia-class attack submarine, is the fourth ship of the United States Navy named for the 12th U.S. state. The contract to build her was awarded to Northrop Grumman Newport News on 30 September 1998 and her keel was laid down on 24 May 2004. She was launched on 5 May 2007.

**Veterans Day Activities:**

**November 8:** Stoney Hill Baptist Church will hold a Veterans Day Ceremony. Details will be sent out when received.

**November 11 at 11:00:** Veterans Day Celebration at the State Capitol Building. There will be an honor guard, 21 gun salute, guest speakers, and the Raleigh Vet Center Mobile unit will be available. Open to all Veterans and the public. Masks must be worn and social distance observed. There will be no parade.

**DURHAM VA Drive-up Flu Clinic** is offering flu shots October 30 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and in November on Mondays and Fridays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Veterans are asked to use the Fulton Street entrance and to proceed to the parking area on the side of the main building./

Bill Dixon noted that the Housing Opportunities and Prevention of Evictions (HOPE) program is a new statewide initiative that may provide rent and utility assistance to eligible low-and moderate-income renters experiencing financial hardship due to the economic effects of COVID-19.

**Writing for Hope: Express Yourself! Writing Workshop for Veterans.** Bill Dixon is doing and highly recommends it.

**Every veteran has a story worth telling! Via Zoom, participants will get the opportunity to explore their hopes, dreams, and experiences through fun, expressive writing exercises. The focus of the workshop – inspiring empowerment through writing – encourages veterans to share their unique stories, providing a safe, supportive environment to ‘express yourself’! Veterans, current active duty and reserve members of the armed forces are all welcome; no previous writing experience needed. Cost \$25. Please email [brooke@thejoelfund.org](mailto:brooke@thejoelfund.org) if you are interested in taking this class. There are also other classes available.**

**For Information Purposes Only: Member Del Vecchio has written a novel: *Demise: A Novel of Race, Culture Wars, and Falling Darkness*. Warriors Publishing Company released the book on September 8. (Del has written five books.)**



# 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 (\$15 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 a location to be announced.

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