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Minutes

Tuesday, October 25, 2016



Attending: Ron Harris, Bob Matthews, Paul White, Dennis Abels, Joe Harsch, Steve Henley, Bo Williams, Bob Krzynowek, Dave Samuels, Bill Dixon, Ron Fitzsimmons

Ron Harris opened the meeting with the pledge of allegiance. Guest: John Cope from the NC Museum of History gave a talk on the military section of the Museum.

The minutes were approved as sent and the treasurer's report as read.

Education: Some members have already been in the schools. All of the schools are now ready speakers. The spring trip to Vietnam has been postponed because of zero interest. Bill Dixon, Bob Matthews and Joe Harsch have credentials for the December 2 and 3 meeting in D.C. Two other members expressed interest and Bob will secure the necessary credentials if they are able to go. There is an opportunity while in D.C. to meet Mary Beth Tinker who won a Supreme Court decision on wearing arm bands. Bob Matthews received a call from a teacher of LOV classes from S.E. Raleigh. October 29 was a makeup day and she asked for speakers to talk to the students about Vietnam. Several members expressed interest and Bob will follow up with them if it is a go.

Update on Etchings in Stone: On November 11, Veterans Day, Ron Harris will take the Etchings in Stone DVD to residents of the Sears Stone Retirement Center in Cary. He will bring his diorama. Bill Dixon will bring the display board. The Wall will not be there. Annon might attend with a vehicle. The showing at the Elks is off. They asked for January but Ron Harris will not be here. Joe Harsch reported the Smithfield VVA is trying to set up at a theatre in Smithfield to show Etchings probably next year. They will give NCVVI an honorarium.

Casino Night: Century 21 Real Estate asked NCVVI to do a casino on January 27 from 7:30-10:30 for about 125 for the casino portion. Dave Samuels thought this would exceed the membership's limits considering how many dealers are needed. Bob Matthews made the following motion:

A motion was made, seconded and passed that
NCVVI decline the invitation.

It was thought that it may be time to reassess our commitment to doing casinos. It was decided to take it case by case.

Veterans Day Parade: The parade is November 5 starting at 9 a.m. There will be transportation for those not able to walk the distance. Everyone will meet at the statue at 8:30.

POW/MIA Ceremony: The November ceremony will be held after the parade as it is the first Saturday. Discussion was had on turning the logistical part of the ceremony; i.e., getting the flags and poles set up and returned to storage, setting up the table, etc. to a veteran group with younger members. NCVVI would still have control of the ceremony. Bill Dixon was chosen to lead the ceremony. The Combat Veterans Motorcycle Group, the Patriot Guard, the 116 American Legion Riders, Jr. ROTC groups were mentioned as possibilities. The Jr. ROTC groups could do for credit. There is not enough room for all of the equipment in the storage area in the Capitol. It was suggested we ask the Museum if they could store. It was also suggested we buy a trailer.

Ron Harris moved that a committee of two or three people approach different groups to see what they think and report back at the November meeting on who is interested and what that group would like NCVVI to do. The motion was seconded and passed.

Ron appointed Ron Harris, Bill Dixon, Bo Williams and Bob Matthews to make up the committee.

We need a responsible group to take charge. The ceremony will die if we don't do something.

Walking Wounded: Ron Harris gave an update on Lonnie Conner, Ron Fitzsimmons, Angelo Carmen and Lee Wilson.

New Business: Donna Bartlett sent an email about a veteran who lost everything with Hurricane Matthew.

MOTION: That this group send \$100 to Frank Morgan in Cape Hatteras who lost everything in the storm. The motion was amended to \$200.

Motion was seconded and passed. Dave Samuels will get the check to the proper person. (There is a copy of the email in the file.)

Bill Dixon also noted that the Museum in Kinston was flooded. NCVVI will check to find out how much damage there was from Matthew.

Bill also reported on our student in Vietnam to whom we gave a scholarship. She started in August 2016 with a full schedule. This summer she volunteered with high school students preparing them for exams.

Bob Krzynowek talked to Tan in Vietnam. He is trying to get him to get a van to pick up the Ron Harris Vietnam trip group on January 27 in Danang and then hoping to spend the whole day with him.

Bill Dixon received an email from the National Guard Museum. In 1924 the Secretary of War allocated American-captured weapons to each state based on the number of servicemen from the state. The National Guard Museum is now trying to get a list of all distributed so eventually they can open up the collection to the public. If you know of anyone with weapons from that era, the National Guard would like to know where they are.

Joe Harsch mentioned that on November 11 Smithfield High School has a day for veterans. Last year Joe went and the gym was full. The school does a good job.

Candlelight Ceremony: The date is December 18 with a 5:00 setup and a 6:00 ceremony. Bill will do programs and names and labels, Al Ely candles, Bob Matthews sand and bags. Not certain about Paul White on the bugle nor the bagpiper.

Upcoming Events: December 10 is the Wake Forest Christmas parade. It does a good job of representing vets.

The chef was thanked with Dennis Abels doing the honors 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)

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(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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