



The Veteran's Voice

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Members attending: Bob Matthews, Bill Dixon, Bud Gross, Ron Wagoner, Lee Wilson, Joe Harsch, Bo Williams, Ron Harris, Dave Samuels, Al Ely, RJ Del Vecchio, Sam Searcy and Bobby Thrower.

Meal was provided by Al Ely which consisted of several types of pizza. Del Vecchio provided a home baked brown nut and banana bread.

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Finance

Checking: \$1,300.77
Savings: \$1,841.03
Bridge Back: \$884.42
All Scholarships paid.

Education

The travelers have returned from the Bridge Back trip to Viet Nam, which was a great success. Our itinerary was full and we had 12 days of constant movement. It was a time of anxiety and enjoyment for all. Even during the trip we made some minor changes and Mr. Song, our guide, and Global Spectrum filled our request. Bob Matthews demonstrated his excellent leadership skills and lead us on to victory on several occasions. Keeping track of us at the airports and during times of changing modes of transportation did get a little confusing. Thanks Bob. You certainly filled your task as our leader. I will travel with you anytime.

Our visits to the blind school and orphanage and the higher learning school was a huge success. All of the school and medical supplies were left with the teachers and I believe the children were very surprised. The joy they demonstrated and smiles on the faces spoke volumes of appreciation. We extend a special thanks to the school students and the many unnamed people in our local area who contributed with time, supplies and money. The teachers and students were stunned to see and feel the special items that we delivered to their small groups. The teachers really appreciated the much needed items for the blind school. Every item we delivered will be put to use for

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Al Ely, III

the entertainment and education of the children. The visits to the schools really touched our hearts and made us realize the hours of flying were worth the effort. Half way around the world is just as far as it was when we went to serve in Viet Nam.

We extend a special thanks to Al Ely III for allowing us to borrow his phone and to Dave Samuels and Bill Dixon for the use of their lap top computers. We were able to stay in communication with our families and I know it was a good feeling for my family to hear from me.

The current LOV classes are in progress for this school year and Bob Matthews reminded us to contact the instructors and plan on speaking in the class rooms and assist the teachers in any way requested.



Upcoming Events

- 1) Saturday, November 7th --- Veterans Day parade start at 9:30 AM. Chairman is Harvey Yates, Major, USAF (Retired) vetparadechair09@att.net
- 2) Sunday, Nov. 8th ---The Blue Star Mothers will be selling orchid flowers. For more information www.ncbluestarmothers.org
- 3) Wednesday, Nov. 11th --- (Actual Veterans Day) --- Bill Dixon is the Chairman of a service at the War Memorial on the North side of the State Capital. It will be held at 11:00 AM. NCVVI will lay a wreath at The Viet Nam Memorial -- 12:00 noon -- Raleigh, State Capital grounds.
- 4) Saturday, Nov. 14th – Interviews of veterans held at the Elks Lodge #735.
- 5) Sunday, December 20th – NCVVI will hold a candle lighting service at the Viet Nam Memorial on the State Capital grounds starting at 6:00 PM.
- 6) There will be no December formal meeting of the NCVVI **BUT** we will get together at Bonnie and Al Ely's home after the candle lighting service on Dec. 20th. See Al for directions and how you can assist with this event. adr@adrhyrocut.com (H) 851-2046

Old Business

- 1) Check out this web site. cellphoneforsoldiers.com This is good information to dispose of used cell phones and help the Military personnel at the same time.
- 2) A motion was made and seconded and accepted by voice vote for us to hold a casino night at the Raleigh Elks Lodge #735. Joe Harsch will head up this effort and will pick his helpers to plan the event. Joe will fill us in on the date and plans during the November meeting.



New Business

The meal for the November 24th NCVVI meeting will be provided by Bill Dixon. I hope to see you at the meeting in Cary.

ncvvi.org The newsletters are posted on this site...

Dues Due List: (If your dues are paid up, please forgive this list.)

Acai, Steve	Dyer, James E.	McNeely, Michael J.
Batton, Roy M.	Dyer, George D.	Melton, Norman
Beane, Phil	Ely, III, Al	Murray, Lou J.
Beddingfield, Robert E.	Faulkner, Brady	Palmer, Mark A.
Bimbo, Carl L.	Harris, Ron	Patrikios, Bob
Bozeman, Rob	Johnson, Steve	Peters, Ralph W.
Brooks, David	Kelly, Edward J.	Rawlings, John
Brown, Robert	Kenney, Whit	Samuels, David
Bywater, Mike	Kenny, Dean	Seagroves, Ted
Carter, Robert	Kesgen, Edward	Sodan, Robert J.
Cook, George G.	King, Donald	Toothaker, David
Cook, Michael J.	Kuhr, Bonnie	Walters, Ron
Davis, Kevin M.	Larson, Keith	West, Dale
Dawson, Robert L.	Loving, John C.	White, Robert
Dutcher, Dale	McGinnis, Dwight R.	Whitmire, Warren T. (ret)



Membership Renewal

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}**

(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)

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