

North Carolina Vietnam Veterans

The Veteran's Voice

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The September meeting of NCVVI was held on Sept. 27, 2011 with Chef Mike Lynch doing the honors. Thanks Mike for a great meal. The education Czar, Bob Matthews has volunteered to be the quest Chef for the October 25, 2011 meeting.

NCVVI's one of a kind exclusive bracelets have sold well and a new order was discussed and agreed to pending new pricing from the manufacturer to be secured by Monica Cash. There are several upcoming events that NCVVI will be participating in that they could be available.

NCVVI's Bridge Back Foundation has had a busy September, and needs more membership participation. The Encore class on the Lessons of Vietnam started September 13th with 16 adult students. Several members of NCVVI and wives have spoken to the class with great response. See below. ATTA BOY BOB

Hi Bob,

I have heard nothing but great praise for your class and I can't tell you the number of members who have asked if we could offer this during the day at some point. I know you teach at the schools, but if an opportunity ever lends itself to teaching this during the day, we'd love to work with you on this. The earliest would be fall 2012 at this point for us and we'll start working on our fall grid in January.

Just wanted to let you know that you've gotten major "thumbs up" for this course!

Nancy

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The final Encore class is October 20, 2011. Dalat Rolls will be served to the students. The Wake County Schools continuing education LOV class has been canceled due to limited adult enrolment. Members of The Bridge Back left the Encore Class on Sept. 13th and drove to Kinston to represent NCVVI. While in Kinston they spoke at Kinston Charter School and later in the day manned a display at the Wall That Heals and participated in a very moving POW/MIA service

POW/MIA Recognition Day was September 14th. With some of the membership in Kinston. President Wagoner led fellow NCVVI members and guest in a ceremony of remembrance at the capitol.

Treasures' Report by Bud Gross: The Heather Hills Casino Night gave NCVVI some working capital.

The Scholarship funds have mostly been paid for this past years winners. There are still several years funds left for this long standing project. Be sure to spread the word of the NCVVI Scholarship Program. If you don't know about it just go to the NCVVI website and read the requirements. Your scholarship program is a lot to be proud of.

Heather Hills Casino Night was a roaring success thanks to the president and all members and friends who worked hard to set up, play and tear down. They have been very good to NCVVI over the years as NCVVI has put on a great event for them. **Special Thank You** goes to NCVVI friend and supporter Whit Kenney. Whit with severe back challenges (hope he felt better than he looked) was a Poker Dealer all night.

NCVVI and Raleigh Elks Lodge 735 Casino Night, will be held on November 4, 2011. at the Elks Lodge on the corner of Lead Mine and Millbrook. This is a joint venture with the two organizations selling tickets, furnishing finger food and securing prizes. This can be a very profitable venture for both if all members will get behind this opportunity. There are a limited number of tickets, to get yours to sell call Bo Williams at 760-9845. Bud Gross has put together a great letter that all you need to do is to hand it to your favorite restaurant, car wash, plumber, barber, etc. and wait for the gift certificate. You can be too scared to talk, just hand them Bud's Letter. Contact Bud if you need copies. We need dealers, set up and tear down crews, Pit Boss Dave Samuels will need you to contact him to sign up

North Carolina Veterans Day Parade will be on Friday November 11, 2011. Line up will start around 8:30. This year NCVVI will be near the front the exact location has not been set. The location will be sent out or plan on meeting at the Vietnam Memorial between 8:30-8:45. You can march or ride, but NCVVI needs all Vietnam Veterans to participate. After the 11:00 Ceremony, NCVVI will hold the POW/MIA ceremony at the Vietnam Memorial. There will also be a membership and Bridge Back Table set up. You' all come!! NCVVI voted to make a \$50.00 donation to the parade fund, come see how your money was spent.

Dixie Gun and knife Show, November 19th and 20th. NCVVI will have an information and recruiting table set up. For a great experience volunteer to man the table for a short period. Contact President Wagoner.

Strikeout Hunger in Raleigh Challenge, featuring a softball game between the Raleigh Police and Fire Departments vs. The King of Diamonds featuring the Wounded Warrior Amputee Softball Team. Saturday 22 at the Knights of Columbus Softball Complex in Raleigh. 2:00 PM with gates opening at 12:00. \$10.00 admission or 2 cans of food get \$2.00 off. All food will be donated to NC Food Bank. Admission includes concert after the game

Homeless stand down, in Durham November 1st, volunteers needed

Veterans Day Concert to be held 11/5/11 by the Durham Community Band at the VA ground floor Atrium starting at 1:00PM

Applebees Restaurant serving free Veterans meals on Veterans Day. Just show Military ID or membership card to a veteran's organization.

Heroes Homecoming Presents...Our brave Vietnam Veterans are getting 10 days of events and celebrations, all to say "Welcome Home." Heroes Homecoming is a 60-event "welcome home" celebration for Vietnam veterans from across the country. **Heroes Homecoming is Fayetteville/Cumberland County's** way of showing all Vietnam veterans that we remember and appreciate their courage, their sacrifice and everything they've done to defend our freedom - now and forever. For event locations and times, visit www.HeroesHomecoming.com.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 3 :Miss Saigon (Thru Nov. 20) - Performance of the hit Broadway play.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 4: Event Kickoff - Opening ceremony for Heroes Homecoming event.

The Heroes Crusade: Golf Tournament - Charity golf tournament to benefit Wounded Warrior Project, Green Beret Foundation and RDU AMBUCS.

History Displays in Downtown Windows (Thru Nov. 13) - Posters in downtown storefronts offering a chronological history of the conflict.

A Tribute to Local Vietnam War Veterans (Thru Nov. 13) - Wall-mounted panels containing profiles of local war veterans, along with weapons, uniforms and military gear.

Voices of the Vietnam War (Thru Nov. 13) - Oral histories of Vietnam veterans.

JFK Special Warfare Exhibits (Thru Nov. 13) - Displays and exhibits of Special Forces involvement in the conflict.

The 82nd's Golden Brigade, Vietnam (Thru Nov. 13) - Displays and exhibits of 82nd Airborne Division involvement in the conflict.

Vietnam Photography Project (Thru Nov. 13) - Preserved photographs and slides from the war.

MARS and Ham Radio - Talking Home From Vietnam (Thru Nov. 13) - Displays of MARS Grams and Phone Patches.

"Truth and Consequences" (Thru Nov. 5) - Reading of an original script set in Vietnam during the conflict, as well as Vietnam-related songs and poetry readings.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 5: The Heroes Crusade: Fallen Warrior Rugby Tournament - Charity rugby tournament played in honor of Fallen Ruggers to benefit Wounded Warrior Project, Green Beret Foundation and RDU AMBUCS.

Vietnamese Cultural Event - Food, dress and cultural entertainment of native Vietnam.

Native Vietnamese Experiences - Panel discussion including a native Vietnamese imprisoned by Communists; a native born Vietnamese man who now works for DuPont; and a successful local Vietnamese family.

ASOM Film Festival - Operation Dumbo Drop, Vietnam War-era movie showing.

ASOM Film Festival - The Green Berets, Vietnam War-era movie showing.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 6: The Heroes Crusade: Run/Walk/Bike - Charity run/walk/bike to benefit Wounded Warrior Project, Green Beret Foundation, RDU AMBUCS and Ride 2 Recovery.

Call for Photos (Also Nov. 10-12) - Efforts of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund to collect photos of all names on the Vietnam Memorial Wall.

ASOM Foundation "Salute to Veterans" (Thru Nov. 14) - Display of American flags near the Moving Wall.

Vietnam Traveling Memorial Wall (Thru Nov. 14) - Half-size replica of the Washington, D.C., Vietnam Veterans Memorial.

Fayetteville Then & Now - Panel discussion about the changes in the city, downtown and Fort Bragg.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 7: Keynote Address - Speech by retired U.S. Army General and Vietnam Veteran James Lindsay.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 8: ASOM Film Festival - Platoon, Vietnam War-era movie showing.

Friends of Library Author Visit - James D. Johnson, Lecture by Fayetteville author and retired Lt. Col. James Johnson about his book, "Combat Trauma: A Personal Look at Long-term Consequences."

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 9: Aircraft Display with SF A-Camp Display (Thru Nov. 12) - Display of vintage aircraft and other items from SF A-Camps.

Montagnard Marketplace Exhibit (Thru Nov. 12) - Static displays of a Montagnard village and personal accounts from Montagnards.

Veterans Benefits Fair - Information fair for veterans.

POW/MIA Symposium - Briefings and Q&A from representatives of the DOD Prisoner of War, Missing Personnel Office.

ASOM Film Festival - Hamburger Hill, Vietnam War-era movie showing.

FSU Chancellors Series - Lecture by Dr. Sharon Raynor, author of "Breaking the Silence: The Unspoken Brotherhood of Vietnam Veterans."

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 10: Adrian Cronauer (Thru Nov. 12) - Multiple appearances at select events.

Martha Raye Exhibit (Thru Nov. 13) - Exhibit of living room and memorabilia from Academy Award-winning actress known for her devotion to our troops.

Flag in Cemeteries (Thru Nov. 13) - Display of American flags in every cemetery in the city.

Robert Patterson Return to Massey Hill - Presentation to seniors by Sgt. Patterson.

Rededication of Vietnam War Memorial on Fort Bragg - Rededication of the relocated Vietnam War Memorial.

VA Hospital - Vietnam Veterans Recognition, Recognition service for veterans at local VA Hospital.

Honoring the Nurses Who Served in Vietnam - Luncheon featuring guest speaker LTC Teresa Hendrix, U.S. Army Nurse Corps Historian.

ASOM Film Festival - We Were Soldiers, Vietnam War-era movie showing.

Stephen Mansfield - Lecture by international bestselling author of "The Faith of the American Soldier."

American Red Cross - Red and White Wine Gala - Gala showcasing the American Red Cross support of the military and their families.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 11: Veterans Day Service - Wreath Laying Ceremony at Vietnam Memorial, Formal Veterans Day service. Rededication of Vietnam POW/MIA Plaque - Rededication of the plaque originally dedicated in 1973 that was recently intercepted by U.S. Customs and Border Protection agents in California.
Veterans Day Ceremony - Official state recognition of Veterans Day in the new North Carolina Veterans Park.
POW/MIA Vigil & MIA Recognition Ceremony - Missing Man Table Ceremony.
ASOM Film Festival - Good Morning, Vietnam, Vietnam War-era movie showing. Adrian Cronauer will speak.
Community Concerts and The Crown Arena Present Darius Rucker - Concert.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 12: Knights of Pythias Pancake Breakfast - Breakfast for veterans.

Veterans Day Parade - Annual Veterans Day Parade.
Vietnam War Living History Day - Living history program with Vietnam War-era re-enactors.
Veterans Day Car Event: Car Show/Cruise-in - Car show.
Veterans Family Day in the Park - Post-parade activity featuring entertainment, children's activities, food vendors and veteran organizations.
Oral Histories Presentation - Presentation of the oral histories of Vietnam Veterans, native-born Vietnamese and residents of Fayetteville during that period.
Killing Memories Documentary - Screening of award-winning film about four Vietnam Veterans' return to Vietnam, three of whom will be present.
Veterans Graduation - Graduation ceremony for service members who left high school to serve in war.
USO of NC Variety Show - Variety show featuring Connie Stevens, Adrian Cronauer and the USO Liberty Bells.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 13: Fellowship Breakfast - Fellowship breakfast for veteran attendees featuring Lt. Colonel James Johnson.

From our Donna Bartlett> Please check out the very generous matching funds donation opportunity. Ends this veterans day.
VVMF Announces Veterans Day Challenge Match

Recently, a dedicated group of patriotic Americans — military officials, celebrities and business leaders, many of whom are Vietnam veterans — came together to put forth a generous donation to help build the new Education Center at The Wall. These loyal supporters are leading this effort by collectively offering to match every dollar contributed by VVMF supporters up to \$5 million dollars. The funds raised through this campaign will go toward the remaining \$40 million needed to build the Education Center at The Wall. We must raise the \$5 million before the final day of the match opportunity: Veterans Day, November 11, 2011. If we are able to do so, our benefactors will match it with their own gift of \$5 million, resulting in a total of \$10 million raised! Veterans Day will be here before you know it. Please give today to honor all Vietnam veterans and their service to our country. Join us and support our Veterans Day Match Campaign.

HISTORY Channel Joins VVMF Call for Photos Campaign this October: The Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund (VVMF) is proud to announce a new partnership with the HISTORY® Channel in support of the Call for Photos initiative. As you may know, the VVMF Call for Photos campaign is a national effort to collect a photo for every one of the 58,272 names on The Wall. These photos are being collected for a permanent exhibit in the Education Center at The Wall, a visitor and learning center that will be built adjacent to The Wall in D.C. and is scheduled to open in 2014.

This October and November, HISTORY will host a series of Call for Photos events in New York City, Philadelphia, Atlanta, and Chicago with the VVMF to pay tribute to Vietnam veterans and advance the collection of the more than 35,000 photos still needed to complete the display. The events are tied to a new HISTORY special event, Vietnam in HD. Anyone with a photo of a service member listed on The Wall is urged to scan and submit their photo online or bring it to an event, where it can be scanned. Please visit www.vvmf.org/photos for details on the events and to learn how you can submit a photo.

Replacement Granite Damaged in Earthquake: The VVMF has 11 granite panels in storage at Quantico Marine Base in Virginia. These 700-pound panels can be engraved with names in the event of major damage at the Wall. When Virginia had its earthquake in August, one of the panels fell to the ground, breaking into pieces. The remaining panels have been secured with stronger straps and VVMF is consulting with experts who are examining the strength of the frames. Plans are underway by VVMF to obtain more granite if needed for the Vietnam Veterans Memorial.

Veterans Day 2011 at The Wall: Please join us for our annual Veterans Day at The Wall ceremony. The annual Veterans Day Observance at the Vietnam Veterans Memorial will take place on Friday, November 11, at 1:00 p.m. RSVP today.

VVMF Launches Virtual In Memory Honor Roll: As you know, the In Memory Program was created to pay tribute to those who died as a result of the Vietnam War, but who do not meet Department of Defense criteria to have their names added to the Vietnam Veterans Memorial. Since 1996, VVMF has been holding ceremonies every year to honor these veterans' sacrifices to their nation, bringing national attention to wounds that continue long after war has ended, and the toll that has been taken.

Over 2,000 veterans have been remembered and honored in the In Memory Program. And it is with great pleasure that we announce the unveiling of the virtual In Memory Honor Roll. The Honor Roll, like VVMF's virtual Wall, is a place for family members, comrades, and the general public to leave remembrances to your loved one. Individuals will be able to upload photos, post stories, and leave messages for everyone in the In Memory Program. All 2,000 participants have a page on the Honor Roll at www.vvmf.org/inmemory, but we need your help to add their stories. Please visit your veteran's page and share a story and remembrance. Help generations to come understand the incredible sacrifices made by your Vietnam veterans and their family



MRS DORA H. LAYTON'S 100th BIRTHDAY:

On behalf of the North Carolina Vietnam Veterans Inc. of North Carolina, (NCVVI) member Paul F. Campbell , along with Y'Guk Cil, attended Mrs. Layton's 100th Birthday Party and presented her with a framed 100th Birthday Greeting Certificate.

Mrs. Dora H. Layton the widow of the late Col. Gilbert Layton celebrated her 100th Birthday on [September 27, 2011](#). at the Ft Myer Officers' Club in Arlington. VA.

For many years the Layton's helped sponsor the NCVVI Montagnard Scholarship program.

Her late husband was in charge of the Vietnam Office of Combined Studies in the early 60's and headed up the organization and development of the Montagnard CIDG Project

This CIDG Montagnard Project, among other Special Operations missions, was accomplished with the use of the US Army Special Forces, among others. The 5th Group Special Forces Headquarters assumed Command & Control of operations in 1963, as a result of Operation Switchback.

Don't forget: October 25th General Meeting; **November 4th** Casino Night with Elks (Need to sell tickets, get prizes, plan on being there to work the tables); **November 5th** Monthly POW/MIA ceremony; **November 6th** Daylight Savings Time Ends; **November 11;** Veterans Day Parade come bring a Vet and march with NCVVI; **November 14th** Free dinner at Golden Corral; **November 19-20** Gun and Knife Show, need volunteers; **November 19th** Raleigh Christmas Parade; **November 22nd** **Last regular meeting of the year: November 24th** Thanksgiving; **December 3rd** POW/MIA ceremony with Ray Price Harley owners; **December 18th** Annual Candle Lighting Service; December 25th *MERRY CHRISTMAS*

Membership Application and 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 (\$25 per Year) _____ Associate Membership (\$15 per year)

(E-MAIL ADDRESS :) **{Need this to send the unit's monthly newsletter}**

For new Vietnam Veteran members: DD214 attached* _____ to be provided later _____

(Signature) _____ (Date) _____

***Note: Full membership requires a DD214 showing Vietnam Service**

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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