



The Veteran's Voice

2014 and 2015 for the
North Carolina Vietnam Veterans, Inc.



There are two meetings left in 2014, October 28th and November 25th with our Candle Lighting Ceremony being on December 14.

2014 has been a good year for NCVVI and its membership. NCVVI has the good fortune to have some outstanding members who work hard to support our organization. We lost some, gained some and need more. NCVVI and its work is something for every member to take great pride in, please share our story at every opportunity.

2014 Highlights:

1. The streaming on line show, "The Lessons of Vietnam" has continued to grow in viewers and participants. If you have missed seeing them you can do so on the NCVVI website, ncvvi.org or nissancommunications.com. The show is on live 8-9PM the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of each Month or can be seen anytime on demand. There has been outstanding guests with a lot of informative shows. Be sure to watch the show from Vietnam at the orphanage.
2. November 2013 found NCVVI members in McAllen, Texas for the premier of Ron Harris' Drama, "Etchings in Stone" as well as guest, at the Texas, War Memorial dedication. There were great reviews and outstanding press coverage. The 29 hour straight through drive back was tough but it depends on how you look at it. Special Thanks to Fathom Realty for helping under-righting the trip.
3. NCVVI has established relations with VVA 530 in Durham and 990 in Smithfield; working together will only add to the strength of all involved. A joint venture with NCVVI, VVA 530 and VVA National will be coming up, with the first being in November 2014.
4. The monthly and special days POW/MIA ceremonies have been well attended with a variety of guest participants. Thank you to all members who continue to

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support one of our original missions. We continue to remember our 41 North Carolinians who are still missing.

5. The Capitol (Dianna) invited us back for the July 4th ceremonies. Not only did we have our ceremony as a part of the program, we had a Ron Harris built Tigger Cage with Bo Williams as a POW along with the "Small Wall" and its set up. Along with the Wall we have a computer and printer set up to look up names on the wall and give the public a printout story of the man or woman behind the name.
6. Ron Harris established a partnership with the North Carolina History Museum for numerous events to be held together at the museum throughout 2015. The first to be a symposium on January 5th with subject being the first major battle of the Vietnam War. Joe Galloway (One of the Authors of "We Were Soldiers Once and Young" that the movie was taken from. Joe Marm who was awarded the Medal of Honor due to his efforts at the battle and another soldier who was in the replacement group that replaced the 7th and marched out and survived massive ambushes on the way.
7. February 2th there will be a symposium on POW/MIA's with former American and South Vietnamese prisoners.
8. March 27, 28, 29th will be the NC Premier of Ron's, "Etchings in Stone" Drama. The Small Wall and other displays will be on hand for the public viewing. These will be big events for NCVVI and we will need all members and everyone else's support to have a successful series with the North Carolina Museum of History. They would like to make this a yearly event.
9. May 7-19 eight members of NCVVI traveled to Vietnam and Dong Ha to install a Playground that we had purchased with the outstanding support of WoodPlay of the Carolinas and shipped over. In Dong Ha there is a home for 30 children of unusual circumstances and next door a home and school for 110 Autistic and Deaf children. The children and their caregivers could not have been more appreciative of NCVVI's playground. (See the on line show from there). While there, the team met a young lady who was extremely helpful to our building efforts and was turning 18 and would have to be leaving the home. She had no support from family so NCVVI membership voted to give her a special scholarship for college and she will be starting this school year.
10. Memorial Day NCVVI held a Memorial Day Service at the Vietnam Memorial on the Capitol grounds.
11. May 31 NCVVI held a special presentation with a group of local ladies of the Quilts of Valor Organization. Three of our local Heroes were presented special quilts with their names on them. The recipients were Anne Capucille, Bill Tschudy, and Norman Gaddis. As each hero related their stories the entire audience was in awe.
12. A special video showing for NCVVI and special guest of the Texas, Nikki Rowe High School presentation of "Etchings in Stone" was held. One of Nick Rowe's sons was on hand for the show. He, like the entire audience was greatly moved by what they experienced.
13. Bob Matthews held his Encore course on Vietnam through the NC State University Adult Education Program. He has been asked to give a repeat of the popular course this school year.

14. NCVVI member Sam Searcy's daughter won a 2014 NCVVI scholarship award. Her scholarship was the only one selected for the award from a large group of applicants.
15. Members continued their speaking at schools all over North Carolina as well as holding special assembly presentations. Please check your emails for a list of teachers in Wake County Schools.
16. Mike Cooke had his outstanding static display at the Durham Stand Down.
17. NCVVI had the Small Wall at the Raleigh/Wake County Stand Down.
18. NCVVI or its members represented NCVVI well at other events in many other venues.

UP COMING EVENT DATES

October 22, 2014 NCVVI's streaming show 8-9 on ncvvi.org

October 28, 2014 NCVVI monthly meeting dinner at 6:30

November 1, 2014 Monthly POW/MIA ceremony

November 1, 2014 NCVVI will have the Small Wall with set up in Dunn.

All members not going to Dunn are asked to support the POW/MIA Ceremony at the Capitol.

November 8, 2014 North Carolina Veterans Parade. Our John Odom is the Grand Marshall. Line up in position 11 at 8:00 (11 is on the right facing toward the Capitol on the right side of Salisbury Street and the intersection of Lenoir Street).

Transportation is being supplied by Amnon Nissan for anyone needing a ride. Invite all Vietnam Veterans to join us, not just members.

November 8, 2014 immediately following the 11:00 Ceremony at the War Memorial, NCVVI will hold its POW/MIA Ceremony as well as the Small Wall and set up will be in place.

November 9, 2014 NCVVI members are invited to Raleigh Elks 735 for a special Thank You Luncheon.

November 9, 2014 NCVVI will have the Small Wall and set up at St. Andrews Baptist Church in Oxford.

November 12, 2014 will be the first of joint ventures with VVA 530 and VVA National and NCVVI. The online streaming show "Lesson of Vietnam" will be a Town Hall Meeting on Agent Orange, its effects and applying for benefits. The effects are reported to possibly cover 7 generations and skips generations, with children and grandchildren being affected. Not just Vietnam Veterans are affected, defoliants were first used in 1944 in the US as well as today.

November 15, 2014 NCVVI will be doing a presentation in Zebulon.

November 16, 2014 NCVVI has been asked to have the Small Wall at the American Legion Post 116 in Fuquay-Varina.

November 21, 22, 23 the Education Team of NCVVI will be in Boston presenting to the National Social Studies Conference, "The Lessons of

Vietnam Curriculum.”

November 25, 2014 The Last monthly meeting of NCVVI for 2014
November 26, 2014 part 2 of the Agent Orange on line show which can be seen at ncvvi.org or nissancommunications.com 8-9 PM.
December 6, 2014 Monthly POW/MIA Ceremony.
December 14, 2014 Annual Candle Light Ceremony at 6:00 on Capitol grounds. NCVVI party to be held following.
December 25, 2014 MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL.
December 31, 2014 New Year’s Eve, please enjoy carefully.
January 3, 2015 Monthly POW/MIA Ceremony.
January 5, 2015 First symposium with NC Museum of History at the museum. The First Major Battle of Vietnam 6-8 PM.
January 13, 2015 The online streaming “Lessons of Vietnam Show”.
January 27, 2015 First monthly meeting of 2015.
January 28, 2014 The online streaming show “Lesson of Vietnam.”
February 7, 2015 First POW/MIA Ceremony of the year.
February 9, 2015 Second symposium with NC Museum of History on POWs.

Dates have yet to been set for VVA and NCVVI joint ventures online “Town Hall Meetings” on PTSD and The Vietnam Initiative. March will be a big month with the History Museum with the performance of Ron’s “Etchings in Stone” on 27, 28, 29 (National Vietnam Veterans Day).

Use these outstanding events to recruit new members and if you know of financial support opportunities we definitely could use help with all the events coming along. Call on the officers with anything they can do to assist you. NCVVI has also been asked to support a special event being held on Memorial Day 2015, more information to follow.

Thank you for your membership, participation and belief in NCVVI and its programs to tell the real stories of the Vietnam War and those who fought it and its support of Veterans. New officers are to be elected in May, please think about stepping up and taking a position.

Bill Dixon
President





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 (\$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. (6:00 PM dinner 7:00 PM meeting)

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