



The Veteran's Voice



Minutes

Tuesday, September 22, 2015

Attending: Angelo Carmen, Bud Gross, Bo Williams, Ron Harris, Bob Matthews, Joe Harsch, Ron Fitzsimmons, Paul White, Dennis Abels, Steve Henley, Dave Samuels, and Bonnie Kuhr

Meeting opened with the pledge of allegiance. A motion was made, seconded and unanimously passed to accept the secretary's minutes as sent by email and the treasurer's report as presented. Joe Harsch turned over to the treasurer a check for \$200 from the Smithfield VVA to be used as part of the NCVVI scholarship for our student in Vietnam.

Dave Samuels reported on the casino night in Garner. He thought it was the best one yet with over 90 participants. Had the bare minimum of workers but it all worked out. If they ask us again, the vote around the room was we would do it. Bill Dixon also had a request for a casino for some realtors but it was too soon to organize so NCVVI declined.

Education: Bob Matthews reported that nine high schools are teaching Lessons of Vietnam and there may be two more schools teaching the course. The schools are: Apex, Cary, Sanderson, Millbrook, Athens Drive, S.E. Raleigh, Garner, Holly Springs and Wakefield. He will be getting shortly the list of schools, the names of the teachers, and the times and semesters teachers will be teaching.

Bob Matthews has shirts and bracelets. Bob announced he is resigning as co-host of NCVVI's TV show. So far there are 60 shows. Bill Dixon would like to continue these programs if NCVVI endorses. If anyone is interested in co-hosting, let Bob Matthews or Amnon know. The video of the Women in Vietnam symposium has not been received for showing on the TV show.

The teaching seminar is still on in New Orleans on November 11, 12 and 13. NCVVI allotted \$500 for the trip. Asked about the seminar, this is a national teachers convention. NCVVI is allotted a 2 hour slot to present Lessons on Vietnam. NCVVI members have visited 2,000 high schools in 31 states. The course is being taught in 2,000 high schools.

POW/MIA issue: The flag poles are in the ladies room at the Capitol and the flags are in Joe Harsch's truck. Joe requested that members get there early and stay to help get the poles and set up and then take them down and put away as it's too hard for one person. Joe Harsch has all of the equipment in

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Bud Gross

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Paul White

Dave Samuels

his truck which makes it hard for him to use said truck. Bud Gross agreed to take the equipment at the October meeting.

Upcoming dates:

September 25 – Black Experience in Vietnam, Museum of History

October 3 – POW/MIA Ceremony at the Capitol

November 7 – POW/MIA Ceremony

November 10 – Symposium on Those Who Waited, Museum of History

November 11 – Small wall will be at Lillington for a vet KIA. Al Ely will have the wall there.

November 14-15 – Aversboro Battlefield will be hosting the “World War II Live and Soldiering through the Ages” living history event. For information check the Aversboro Battlefield website.

December 5 – POW/MIA Ceremony

December 13, 6:00 p.m. – Candlelight Ceremony (A motion was made, seconded and passed to have the ceremony on the 13th rather than the 20th as that is too close to Christmas)

A request was made but turned down to have the small wall on the 17th of November in Harnett County.

New Business:

Bud Gross checked if everyone received the email from Pam Saulsby.

Ron Harris reported that there is now an **Etchings in Stone** website. There are snippets from the play on the website. Google etchingsinstone.org.

We still need a president and vice-president for the organization. Presently Bob Matthews and Bud Gross are handling the meetings. (Bill Dixon was part of this leadership council but with his resignation, he has been dropped).

Dave Samuels visited the Vietnam Vets Education Center in New Jersey. He thought it was one of the best he has seen. There is trouble getting our course into the schools these for budgetary reasons but they are interested in learning about Etchings in Stone.

Bud thanked Joe Harsch for an outstanding dinner. Ron Fitzsimmons volunteered to be Chef for the October meeting.

Bonnie Kuhr, Secretary



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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