



POW/MIA Ceremony
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Wake Forest Moving Wall
Gen. Gaddis Ceremony at
Barton College

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Minutes
 September 25, 2018



Attending: Ron Harris, Ron Fitzsimmons, Larry Kall, Dennis Abels, Paul White, Benny Hoots, Richard Johnson, Monica Cash, Joe Harsch, Mike Lynch

These minutes were taken from a "stick".

The pledge of allegiance was said.

The meeting was conducted by Ron Harris. On motion made, seconded and passed the minutes as sent and the treasurer's report as read by Ron Harris in the absence of Bob K. were approved after some discussion about the dividends on the scholarship account.

POW/MIA Ceremony:
October 6 – RT NC 7, Joe Allison (919-673-5766)
NCVVI – Larry Kall
November 3 – ALR 72 Sandhills
NCVVI – need someone

Reported on the September 21 POW/MIA ceremony. The ceremony was moved to 6:00 p.m. because of the parking situation. Tom Small with the American Legion of Selma conducted the ceremony. There were groups from Johnston County and Durham attending. Small obtained a Junior ROTC group from Smithfield/Selma High School. The flags were not displayed because the Museum was closed. The Color Guard had flags. Tom Small announced they would not do it next year.

Rolling Thunder will do October 6 and they know what to do. Larry Kall volunteered to be NCVVI's representative. This will be Larry's first time but other NCVVI members will be there to show him the "ropes". He was advised to come at 11:15.

To refresh memories, NCVVI will always help. The Museum has allowed NCVVI a quarter of a store room in the basement. There is a hand cart to bring things up the elevator to the street.

The list containing the names of those reading at the memorial ceremony needs to be updated. Monica, Curtis and Bonnie have lists.

Monica Cash reported on the POW/MIA ride to Georgia. There were 8 POWs at her hotel and 120 honored guests. The whole town flew POW/MIA flags. The designer of the POW flag was the speaker. The very first POW flag was displayed. There was also an Andersonville re-enactment.

Casinos: Ron reported for Dave Samuels. Searstone cannot do a casino until January. There is nothing from the Swim Club in Garner.

Live Streaming: September 26: Vietnam's Medal of Honor.
October 10: The Vietnam War and Dubious Politics

Etchings in Stone: Discussed the Moving Wall in Wake Forest. Ron was contacted by the Renaissance Center for showing Etchings. It seats 300 people. On October 14 at 6:30 p.m. Etchings will be shown at the Renaissance Center. You must have a free ticket to view. Call 919-435-9428 for a ticket. Mike Cooke, Bill Dixon, Jeff Kanner and Ron Harris will be there at 3:00 to set up their displays to be ready at 5:30 to 6:30 before the showing. There will be a computer for bios of the people on the Wall. There will be a reading of the names as well as the missing man table. The Wall has a granite cover on it so can do name rubbings.

The opening ceremony is October 18 at 8 p.m. even though the showing is on the 14th. Etchings will also be shown Thursday, October 18, Friday, October 19, and Saturday night, October 20, at 6:30 depending on the darkness at the Amphitheatre. Chairs or blankets will be needed as there is no seating.

Wake Forest Proudly Hosts The Wall that Heals

October 18-21, 2018

Exhibit open 24 hours a day

E. Carroll Joyner Park

701 Harris Road

Wake Forest

Free and open to the public

Wake Forest is the only town in North Carolina to host this exhibit in 2018.

The wall stands 7.5 feet high at its tallest. Visitors can do name rubbings of names on The Wall.

There will be a mobile education center.

Education: Bob Matthews had a conference in Pittsburgh with 300 teachers and educators. He presented the course Lessons of Vietnam and talked about Etchings. He made quite a few inroads and will be on You Tube: Vietnam a Working Class War. Jackie Cavalier from the Community College is interested but wants to preview Etchings first. It was suggested she look at the snippets on You Tube. She is doing that. (See Bob's program below.)

General Norman Gaddis: On 9/11 Gen. Norman Gaddis received an honorary degree from Barton College in Wilson, N.C. Bill Dixon, Ange Carmen, Whit Kenny and Dave Samuels attended. He was very pleased to be honored with a degree as his military career interrupted his college graduation.

Ron Harris, the cook, was thanked. No chef was named for September.

Bob Matthews program in Pittsburg:

Greetings all -

- > As we approach the day we've all been planning for so long, please find
- > below the format and times for the respective panels and other activities
- > of the day. Each panelist and participant will receive a hard copy of the
- > program upon arrival on Saturday however, we wanted to ensure that you each
- > had the information in preparation for the event. Just as a reminder, each
- > panel will follow the following format:
- > 1. Each panelist will be briefly introduced at the start of the panel to
- > allow every individual to expand upon those experiences and biographical
- > information they wish to share with the audience.
- > 2. After the introduction, each panelist is afforded 10-12 minutes to
- > share their experiences and/or prepared remarks.
- > 3. Audience members are going to be provided a 3x5 note card in the
- > program where they can submit questions OR they may offer impromptu

- > questions/comments from the floor. The moderated question and answer
- > session will be during the last 15-20 minutes of each panel.
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- > Registration is from 8:00 a.m. until 8:45 a.m. Opening remarks will begin
- > at 8:45 as people are making their way into the auditorium. The first
- > panel will begin promptly at 9:00 a.m.
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- > *PANEL ONE: 9:00 - 10:15 a.m.*
- > *1. Chris Moore*
- > *2. Pat Conroy*
- > *3. Nick Molnar*
- > *4. Jack Wagner*
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- > *PANEL TWO: 10:30 - 11:45 a.m.*
- > *1. Rick Adams*
- > *2. Carl Davidson*
- > *3. Sandy Kelson*
- > *4. Jessie Medvan*
- > *5. Mike Stout*
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- > *LUNCH: 12:00 noon - 12:45*
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- > *PANEL THREE: 1:00 - 2:15 pm.*
- > *1. Diana Nelson Jones*
- > *2. Tony Accamondo*
- > *3. Khoi Tran*
- > *4. Bob Matthews*
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- > *CLOSING FILM EXCERPT: **Building Pittsburgh *(Featuring T.J. McGarvey and
- > Walter Bentley at the Vietnam Veterans Monument).
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- > *2:30 - 3:00 p.m. (shuttle service to Vietnam Veterans Memorial -
- > program begins there at 3:15 p.m).*
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- > As always, please do not hesitate to contact me (724-557-1994) or Charlie
- > (412-848-3079) if you have any questions. In respect to parking, there are
- > plenty of spaces available as all of the CCAC -Allegheny Campus lots will
- > be open that day. In addition, there will be many handicapped-accessible
- > parking spaces in the lot directly behind the Foerster Student Services
- > Center where the event is scheduled. If you notify the guard stationed at
- > that lot that you are a panelist, they should give you access to it if
- > there are parkings spaces available.
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- > Without each of you, this program would not have been possible - we are
- > looking so forward to seeing you on Saturday!
- > Jacqui and Charlie



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 (\$15 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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