



The Veteran's Voice

Minutes
September 24, 2019



Attending: Ron Harris, Ron Fitzsimmons, Dennis Abels, Larry Kall, Jeff Kanner, Benny Hoots, John Odom, Bob Kryznovek, Paul White, Bill Dixon, Joe Harsch

Guest: Bob Matthews

The pledge of allegiance was said. Benny Hoots, in David Samuels' absence, presided.

A motion was made, seconded and passed to accept the secretary's minutes as published. The treasurer's report on motion made, seconded and passed was accepted as read.

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**POW/MIA Ceremony:
October 5 – CVMA 15-6 (Paul Briggs)
NCVVI – Benny Hoots
November 2 – ALR 72 Sandhills
NCVVI – John Odom**

President:

Dave Samuels

Vice President:

Benny Hoots

Treasurer:

Bob Krzynowek

Secretary:

Bonnie Kuhr

Director:

Ron Harris

Benny Hoots and Dave Samuels were at the September 20 National POW/MIA Ceremony at the Capitol. There were very few people there. At the September 7 ceremony another group (NC Women Breaking Barriers) had reserved the grounds for the day which was disruptive to our ceremony. Bill Dixon mentioned the names of the POWs should be reviewed as well as the use of the microphone should be explained to new readers. Members have done this.

CANDLE LIGHT CEREMONY: The date selected was Sunday, December 15. The date has been reserved at the Capitol.

Education: Bob Matthews waived phoning in. He was happy to see everyone as the veteran climate is very different in Pittsburgh. The schools are independent. He has visited at least a dozen schools. He has made some good inroads. He spoke to two junior colleges that have an elective on Vietnam. Everyone he sees he gives out a copy of the LOV book. There is going to be a new TV series on POWs and The Wall. A lot of the veterans there have not had the challenge of going into the classroom. He had great people in Raleigh to work with. He is a member of a Veterans Breakfast Group and they are going to Vietnam this week.

Etchings: Nothing to report.

Veterans Day Parade on November 9: Amnon has offered an open vehicle for NCVVI to use for the parade. Those at the meeting agreed to ride, perhaps adding family members. **Amnon needs to know how many will be riding.** Email bkuhr@nc.rr.com if you are planning on riding and if family members will be with you. If there are only 3 and it is

nice, he will use the jeep. If it rains, it will be the 1957 M35A2. NCVVI has been approved for a slot.

Live Streaming: September 25 – Part II of the Grunt. Bill Dixon has 9000 people watching it live. In November he will have a friend of Ron Fitzsimmons.

Old Business: Audit: Bud Gross recommended member Val Price. Jeff Kanner asked what the rules were for an audit. It is for the protection of the treasurer as well as for the members. (From the bylaws: ...an accounting of all his transactions as Treasurer and of the financial condition of the corporation and a full financial report, based on the books and the accounts AUDITED ANNUALLY by a certified or other public accountant or an auditing committee.)

The fundraiser for Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy raised \$1600 for research. Benny said it might be too late for his grandson but it will help others with this disease. There is one being planned for next year.

The Wall That Heals will be at Indian Lake Park on October 17-20.

Suggestions were made for recognition of the Vietnamese family who bring fruit to the monthly ceremony. A plaque; making them honorary members; include a card with everyone signing and indicating service year and place in Vietnam.

New Business: Bill Dixon is putting together an event at the Durham VFW “planning for the future of aging veterans”. He handed out the brochure for the event.

Who will cook in October?



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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