



# The Veteran's Voice

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Members attending: Bob Matthews, Bill Dixon, Bud Gross, Ron Wagoner, Lee Wilson, Joe Harsch, Bo Williams, Ron Harris, Dave Samuels, Al Ely, Lee Booher, Del Vecchio and Bobby Thrower.

Meal was provided by Bo Williams which consisted of a chicken and rice mix with all the fixings. Del Vecchio provided a home baked brown nut and banana bread. Bo surprised all of us with a home baked chocolate cake. It was decorated with toy military personnel positioned around a helicopter and topped with the number 34. The number represents the number of years since the fall of South Viet Nam and marks our return on the Bridge Back trip.

## **Finance**

Checking: \$1,292.62  
Savings: \$2,340.38  
Bridge Back: Checking: \$1,668.34

## **Education**

Bob Matthews, Bill Dixon and Joe Harsch recently spoke to students at Athens Drive High School and Cary High School. Bob now has a DVD titled "Viet Nam 101" which will be used to assist in teaching the "Lessons on Viet Nam" classes.

There is still the possibility that some of the LOV classes will not be taught in the schools this year. Bob is working hard to keep all of the classes and start more.

Plans are still in the works for us to travel to Texas Tech. (Lubbock, Texas) and Washington DC, to attend conferences on Viet Nam. This has proven to be a great way to assist us in spreading the LOV classes. Bob Matthews continues to do an excellent job of overseeing the LOV classes. Thanks to Bob and other members for taking their time to speak in the classes. This personal application is well received by the teachers and students.

## *President:*

*Ron Wagoner*

## *Vice President:*

*Bo Williams*

## *Treasurer:*

*Bud Gross*

## *Secretary:*

*Bobby Thrower*

## *Directors:*

*Bill Dixon*

*Joe Harsh*

*John Odom*

*Bob Matthews*

*Al Ely, III*



### Upcoming Events

Saturday, October 3<sup>rd</sup> --- POW/MIA service at Capital grounds 12:00 Noon

- 1) Saturday, October 10<sup>th</sup> the Blue Star Mothers are holding a yard sale in Wake Forest to raise funds and items to support the Military serving in Iraq and Afghanistan. [www.ncbluestarmothers.org](http://www.ncbluestarmothers.org) for more information.
- 2) Sunday, October 18<sup>th</sup> – R J Del Vecchio will host a Vietnamese function to raise funds for his charity. Contact him at [TechConsultServ@juno.com](mailto:TechConsultServ@juno.com) or (H)\_326-1469 © 270-5336

Saturday, November 7<sup>th</sup> --- Veterans Day parade start at 9:30 AM. Chairman is Harvey Yates, Major, USAF (Retired) [vetparadechair09@att.net](mailto:vetparadechair09@att.net)

- 5) Sunday, November 8 – Blue Star Mothers will be selling orchid flowers. for more information [www.ncbluestarmothers.org](http://www.ncbluestarmothers.org)
- 6) Wednesday, November 11<sup>th</sup>-- (Actual Veterans Day) --- NCVVI will lay wreath at Viet Nam Memorial -- 11:00 Am -- Raleigh, State Capital grounds.
- 7) Wednesday November 11<sup>th</sup> – Bill Dixon is the Chairman of a service at the War Memorial on the North side of the State Capital. It will be held at 11:00 AM. Watch for more information in future newsletters.
- 8) Sunday, December 20<sup>th</sup> – NCVVI will hold a candle lighting service at the Viet Nam Memorial on the State Capital grounds starting at 6:00 PM.

### Old Business

- A) In the August news letter I failed to give proper appreciation to the people who worked hard to make the Casino night at the Heather Hill Club such a success. Without these people the night would have not been a success and we would have not have the money to support much needed charities. Dave Samuels was the lead person on this project and ran the “craps” table. Ron Harris, Bonnie Ely and Lee Wilson ran the “roulette” tables. Bill Dixon, Bo Williams, Joe Harsch, John Odom, Bud Gross and Ron Wagoner ran the “black jack” tables. Bob Matthews and Whitt Kenny ran the “poker” tables. Al Ely III and Bobby Thrower assisted with the “set up and repacking of the supplies and tables”  
This is approximately five different Casino events the NCVVI has presented at the Heather Hills Club. Each has been enjoyed by all and these events greatly assist the NCVVI in financing selected charities.



B) Bo Williams reported that the Elks Lodge #735 has agreed for us to use their inside facilities any Friday in January, 2010 and their outside facilities at any time. A motion was made and passed by voice vote for a committee of Ron Wagoner, Joe Harsch, Bill Dixon and Bob Matthews to investigate what type of event we can put together. They will report back with recommendations for us to have a fund raiser for NCVVI.

C) The Bridge Back trip is set on go. (Depart RDU October 13<sup>th</sup>). Joe Harsch has a banner that we will each sign along with the children we visit in Viet Nam. It will be presented to Thao Le, owner and operator of the Dalat Oriental Restaurant, located at 2109-110 Avent Ferry Rd., Raleigh, N.C., in appreciation for her help of allowing us use of her restaurant for a fund raiser to purchase needed items for the orphanages in Nam.

**New Business**

1) Check out this web site. [cellphoneforsoilders.com](http://cellphoneforsoilders.com) This is good information to dispose of used cell phones and help the Military personnel at the same time.

2) The Meal for October 27<sup>th</sup> NCVVI meeting will be provided by Al Ely. I hope to see you at the meeting.

3) [ncvvi.org](http://ncvvi.org) The newsletters are posted on this site...

**Dues Due List: (If your dues are paid up, please forgive this list.)**

Acai, Steve	Dyer, James E.	McNeely, Michael J.
Batton, Roy M.	Ely, III, Al	Melton, Norman
Beane, Phil	Faulkner, Brady	Murray, Lou J.
Beddingfield, Robert E.	Frisbee, Larry J.	Palmer, Mark A.
Bimbo, Carl L.	Gibson, Hoot	Patrikios, Bob
Bozeman, Rob	Harris, Ron	Peters, Ralph W.
Brooks, David	Johnson, Steve	Rawlings, John
Brown, Robert	Kelly, Edward J.	Samuels, David
Bywater, Mike	Kenney, Whit	Seagroves, Ted
Carter, Robert	Kenny, Dean	Sodan, Robert J.
Cook, George G.	Kesgen, Edward	Toothaker, David
Cook, Michael J.	King, Donald	Walters, Ron
Davis, Kevin M.	Kuhr, Bonnie	West, Dale
Dawson, Robert L.	Larson, Keith	White, Robert
Dutcher, Dale	Loving, John C.	Whitmire, Warren T. (ret)
Dyer, George D.	Mahnke, Nancy C.	
	McGinnis, Dwight R.	



## Membership Renewal

NCVVI is proud to have **you** as a member.

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(Last Name)

(First Name)

(MI)

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(Spouse's name)

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(Street Address)

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(City)

(State)

(Zip code)

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(Home Phone)

(\_\_\_\_)

(Work Phone)

(Occupation)

\_\_\_\_\_ Full Membership (\$20 per Year) \_\_\_\_\_ (check amount)

\_\_\_\_\_ Associate Membership (\$10 per year)

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

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**(Signature)**

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**(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 (4<sup>th</sup>) Tuesday of each month in Cary, NC. (6:00 PM)

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