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## North Carolina Vietnam Veterans, Inc. The Veteran's Voice

### September News Letter for August meeting



The August 27<sup>th</sup> meeting was well attended with Chef Al Ely cooking a great dinner for all.

Nickki Rowe High School in Texas is doing a play by our own in house playwright Ron Harris. Rowe High School has requested Ron and his entourage to come to Texas in November for the presentation of the play. They have asked to have the group there November 7-12. There is quite a big community (3Counties) event planned. Al Ely will be going with the "Small Wall". Earlier NCVVI had voted to defray some of the cost for Ron. Being the man he is he asked to use the money to help pay for the entire group that had committed to going. To lower cost those going elected to drive. So the expense will be for car rental, gas and 2 rooms for 7 nights. NCVVI voted to allocate \$500.00 to the project.

Joe and Betsy Harsch were excited and very thankful for the generosity of NCVVI's membership with the food donations for the Johnston County Hospice. Our members always step up when there is a need. Thank you to everyone who participated.

Friday September 20 is National POW/MIA Day. NCVVI will be holding its special ceremony on the capitol grounds **at 6:00 PM or 1800**. All are invited to Dalat afterwards for a buy your own dinner and social.

The Streaming "Lessons of Vietnam" is growing with people logging in for the show. You don't want to miss it, but if for some reason you do, it can be watched at your convenience. The shows have been great, Al Ely was a recent guest talking about the "Brown Water Navy" surfing and ice cream. Joe Harsch also was a great guest talking about LRRPs. Your time will be coming up soon. How do you see

this show you asked? On the second and fourth Wednesday of the month currently from 7:30-8:30 you can log in on [nissancommunications.com](http://nissancommunications.com) or call in and talk on 919-518-9773 or even better be seen and be a part of the show if you have skype go to computers2kvoice and participate. The next guest **on September 25<sup>th</sup> will be Col. Hien Vo** who fought to the last day when Saigon fell and was put in a prison camp by the North Vietnamese for 8+ years.

The Playground fund raising is in full force. Volunteers along with the Vietnamese volunteers have been out working the Nail Saloon warehouses and grocery stores. **September 22** you can volunteer to go to Greensboro for a half a day. Have fun and raise funds. Be proud of the good works you and your organization are doing, step up and do your part. Donations from individual members are also accepted on a limited basis. Ask if you qualify to make a donation for the playground!

**September 28<sup>th</sup> NCVVI** will be doing a Monte Carlo for Heather Hills Swim Club in Garner; all members are needed along with your friends. Don't gamble, neither do we. Don't know how to deal cards that's alright. Can you count to 21 or spin a wheel? Be there or be square.

The educational report by Bob Matthews shows our ongoing commitment to our school programs. Earlier Bud had sent out the list of teachers, teaching the LOV course. If you did not get one and want one please contact Bud or Bill. The trip scheduled for Tennessee was canceled due to their lack of funds. The New Jersey Vietnam Veterans Center has been in discussions about NCVVI doing a teacher symposium there. **November 22, 23 24 Bob and Bill will be in St. Louis Mo.** They will be doing a presentation for the National Social Studies Conference. NCVVI voted to allocate \$480 for Bob's flight to the conference.

September 24 will be NCVVI meeting night with Chef Joe Harsch having dinner for everyone.

**October 18<sup>th</sup> TGIF** restaurant on Wake Forest Road here in Raleigh and NCVVI will be doing a lunch and dinner fund raiser. TGIF is donating 15% of the food price to NCVVI. Diners will need to present a flyer stating they are there to support NCVVI. We need members to distribute these flyers to everyone they know. Flyers will be available at the meeting also you can contact Ange Carmen or Bill for flyers good for lunch and or dinner.

**October 5<sup>th</sup>** is the first Saturday POW/MIA ceremony with VFW 7383 as guest readers. The South Vietnamese Military purchased a new sound system for the ceremony as the old one keeps breaking down. Unfortunately the new one is not strong enough to use on a regular basis, but will be a good back up.

NCVVI is a viable strong member of the community thanks to its members. NCVVI touches a lot of lives in many ways, and you as a member can be a part of any event that NCVVI is participating in. We need you, we need new members to volunteer as much as you can and wish to participate. We are an all volunteer group of men and women with opportunities for everyone.

**PS. NCVVI has lowered the two cemetery plots to \$3,500** in Montlawn. That is two slots with vaults that sell for \$6,005. It is a great opportunity to help a veteran or their family in their time of need.

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# Membership Renewal and Application

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

## DD214 Required with Full Membership

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\_\_\_\_\_ Full Membership (**\$25 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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***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. at VFW 7383 Reedy Creek Road (6:30 PM)***

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