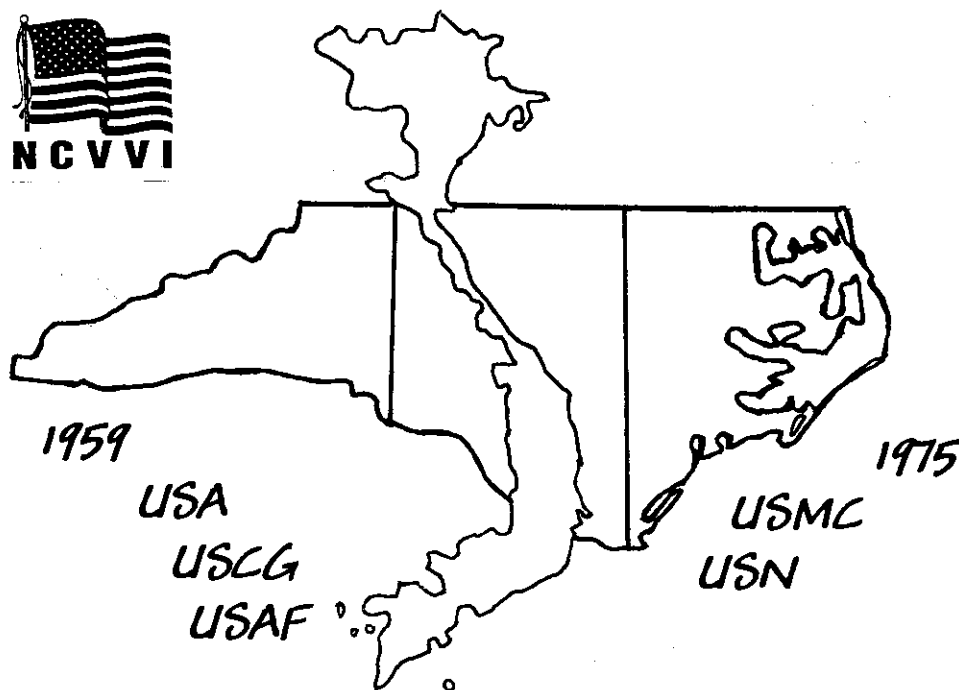
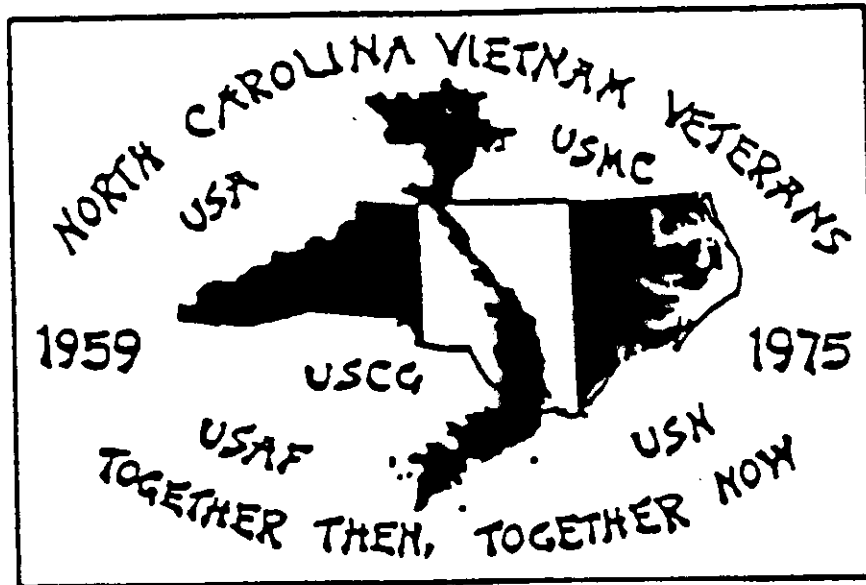


North Carolina Vietnam Veterans, Inc.



Together Then, Together Now

*North Carolina Vietnam Veterans
And their mission*



WHY/WHAT IS NCVVI

NORTH CAROLINA VIETNAM VETERANS, INC.

When local Vietnam veterans formed NCVVI in the early 1980's, it was the first coming together of men and women who shared a common bond and a common cause. The bond was war; the cause was the proposed Vietnam Veterans Memorial on the Capitol grounds in Raleigh. . .

Now, as the years have gone by, there is less and less talk of war. You still have to be a Vietnam Veteran to join and there is still a lot of old soldier teasing among vets of different branches of service, but those gut-wrenching beery teary nights when cold truths were told and hot wounds ripped open have become rare.

Now the talk is how to raise money for scholarships . . . Memorials are designed for future generations, but they are really about remembering the past, especially for those who place them. Scholarships on the other hand, are about the future . . . *Excerpts from the Dennis Rogers column, "Maybe Vietnam is finally over" in the News and Observer.

The NCVVI is a group of people brought together by the past, looking to the future, proving that the Vietnam Veteran, is a good and productive part of society and having a good time doing it with friends.

FUND RAISERS

GOLF TOURNAMENT

Mike Hooks was playing in a golf tournament and was paired up with his sports hero, Roman Gabriel. Mike talking about one of his most favorite subjects after family, mention NCVVI scholarships. Roman suggested that NCVVI do a golf tournament. Mike told him NCVVI knew nothing about holding a tournament. Roman said that he did, and shortly sent Mike everything that he needed to know on having a golf tournament.



The first couple of years Mike carried the majority of the load, financial and work himself. Taking Joe Harsch as his assistant, with Romans help Mike developed a growing tournament. Unfortunately we lost Mike due to a virus in his heart. But Joe and Roman and the members of NCVVI have kept the ball rolling and funding scholarships. Roman and his celebrity friends have given and given to NCVVI. There is a place for all members to participate.

CASINO NIGHT

The Monte Carlo/Casino Nights started as a fund raiser for NCVVI with is members selling tickets, getting prizes, (like a \$600.00 commode) dealing the games and everything else. The night became so popular that we were asked to take the show on the road. Pit Boss Dave Samuels books several events a year, that we arrive, set up, deal, take down, collect a fee and go home. The way the games are played, there isn't much of a game of chance, everyone is a winner. NCVVI has a pretty professional set up to take on the road, often helping the host organization raise funds as well as NCVVI. Dave has a place just for you. Even if you don't know how to play cards or whatever.



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The NCVVI scholarship program was formed to grant scholarships for study at accredited institutions of learning in appreciation for the service and sacrifices of Vietnam Veterans to their country. The amount of a scholarship is \$500.00 and can be used to pay expenses for any year of undergraduate study at any College, Junior College, Community College, or Trade School. The recipient must currently be a resident of Wake, Durham, Harnett, Johnston, Franklin, Nash, Chatham, or Granville counties of North Carolina. This residency requirement is waived for the families of current members in good standing of NCVVI. The recipient must be a Vietnam Veteran (defined as serving in the Vietnam theater of operations and the recipient of a Vietnam Service ribbon as documented on the veteran's DD214), or the spouse, child, step-child, or grandchild of a Vietnam Veteran. The scholarship is awarded without regard to race, sex, religion, age, or national origin. Applicants are not restricted from re-applying each year of their undergraduate study (winners from previous years are not eligible from 1996 and forward). No special consideration will be given to an applicant who has applied in previous years except that they will only be required to submit an essay and any additional changes to the Civic and Academic activities, honors, awards, offices and special recognition that you may have received since your original submission and you want considered. Their previous submissions for all other required documents will be counted.

A scholarship administrator, appointed by the NCVVI Board of Directors, shall receive all applications between January 1st and February 28th. All applications will be acknowledged and scholarship recipients will be notified in May. The scholarship administrator will serve as a non-voting member of the selection committee. The scholarship administrator may select, if deemed necessary, a volunteer staff to assist in the processing and presentation of applications to the selection committee. All applications will be held in strict confidence and to insure that all applications are selected on their merits, a confidential code will be assigned by the administrator to each application.

The Scholarship Committee will be appointed and will consist of active members of NCVVI. They shall be responsible for the administrative oversight and awarding of all scholarships. Up to a maximum of four members of the general public may be selected to assist in the selection process. A member shall abstain from voting for a family member applicant or for themselves if they are an applicant. The NCVVI Scholarship Fund shall be a separate entity from all other NCVVI accounts and funds. If NCVVI or any subsequent organizations cease to exist, all monies in the scholarship fund will be used until depleted for the management and awarding of NCVVI scholarships. The NCVVI Board of Directors may at their discretion honor an individual (living or dead) they deem worthy by naming a scholarship after that individual on a year to year basis. In accordance with this provision, one scholarship will be awarded each year as the Mike Hooks Memorial scholarship.

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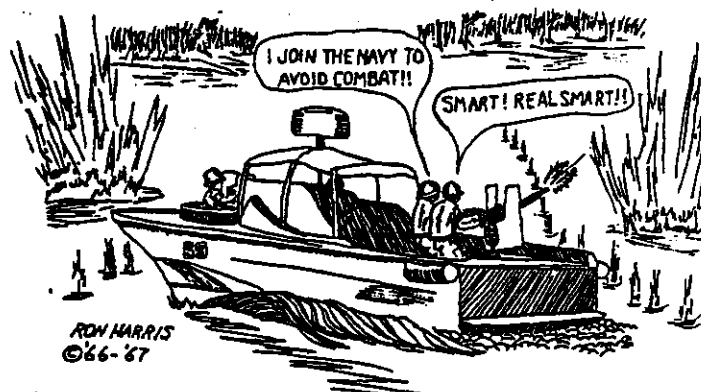
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NCVVI COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

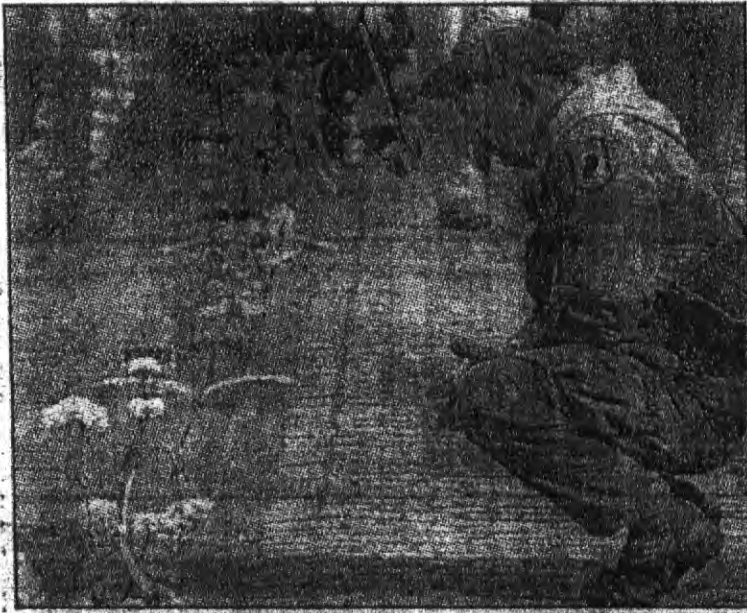
- * School programs
 - Lessons of Vietnam, (LOV) a full curriculum course in Wake County High Schools.
 - Linkage program where students and veterans work together
 - Guest lecturer, where members go into Middle and High Schools for segment in US History.
- * Special Olympics, NCVVI volunteers as a group to assist.
- * POW/MIA awareness and ceremonies.
- * Participate in Wake County Veterans Day Parade.
- * Assist in directing the Raleigh Christmas Parade.
- * Vietnam Veterans Memorial up-keep.
- * Veterans support for needy veterans.
- * Toys for Tots
- * Christmas family
- * 4th of July capital ceremonies
- * Montagnards support and scholarship fund.
- * Student trips to the Wall
- * Presenting flags to schools and other groups
- * Support for national POW/MIA activities

NCVVI ORGANIZATIONAL ACTIVITIES

- * Monthly dinners
- * Monthly Meetings
- * Candle light service at memorial
- * Last minute un planned get togethers
- * Golf Tournament banquets
- * After Monte Carlo breakfasts
- * Luncheons
- * Honor guards
- * Pledge at city council meetings
- * Special events
- * Mid night bowling(proposed)



News summary



A wall of memories, emotions

A veteran, above, looks at names of fallen comrades on Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington, while two others, at right, embrace with emotion. This week marked the 10th anniversary of the dedication of the 492-foot wall with



Dear Mr.

Thank you for your visit to our Lessons of Vietnam class on Friday. The way you presented the information was very pleasing to the ear and kept the entire class hanging on your every word. Many of our other speakers have

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Trips to the wall, going with a class DC, being a guest speaker in class Receiving thank you letters from the students, being in line and have someone come up and say, "aren't you _____", you spoke in my class, thank you for coming in and for all you did in Vietnam. THAT IS SOME OF THE BENEFIT MEMBERSHIP IN THE NORTH CAROLINA VIETNAM VETERANS CAN BRING TO YOU!

Dear

It just wanted to take a minute and thank you for coming to our Lessons of Vietnam class. It has not a lot about your experience in Vietnam and it has great respect for you out of all the speakers we have had. It enjoyed your comments the most. It's amazing that plans are unexpected.

Dear Mr. [Name] for coming to our class. I enjoyed your presentation a lot. Your stories were the most detailed of anybody that has come in. I guess you must have felt bad when you looked up and saw that tiger. I thought it was funny that one of your jobs was to burn the crap. I'm sure you were a real find of burning crap, but not at.

Dear

Thank you for coming to speak to my Lessons of Vietnam. You have been one of the best speakers we have had in this class. You shared a lighter side to the war. Everyone knows that the Vietnam war was a very serious war but it was funny to hear you talking about it. I wish I had been there. I really enjoyed when you talked about the assassination of Martin Luther King Jr. You talked about so many interesting things. I also enjoyed when you talked about the life of a Vietnam veteran. Again, thank you for sharing your thoughts and feelings on Vietnam.

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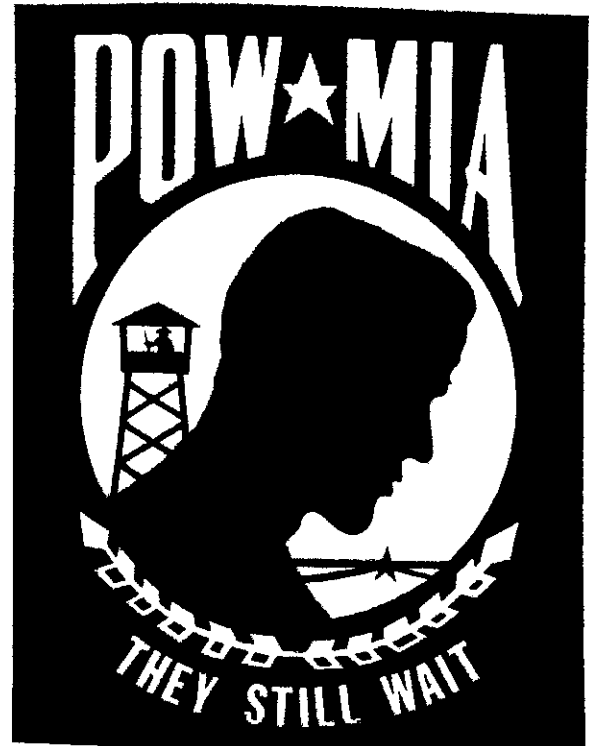
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should get the highest degree of respect. Thank you again for your time.

POW/MIA

The idea of a monthly POW/MIA ceremony was conceived by the members of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Committee. North Carolina Vietnam Veterans, Inc. and the Raleigh USMC Reserve have taken part in each ceremony since the dedication. NCVVI has a mandate to man these monthly ceremonies until there is a full accountability of all of our fellow North Carolinians who are still listed as missing in action as a direct result of the Vietnam War.



*THE CEREMONY IS HELD ON
THE FIRST SATURDAY OF EVERY
MONTH AT 12:00 NOON. AT THE
MEMORIAL ON THE CAPITAL
GROUNDS
GUEST PARTICIPATION IS
ENCOURAGED*

**Wake County killed in action or
missing in action due to the war in Vietnam**

Raleigh

Dwight Hunter Pittard
Charles Edward Alston
David Leon Caplan
James Oliver Godwin
Joseph Lee Hopkins, Jr.
Harold Vann Mann Jr.
Clarence Cecil Ratliff
Marshal Lee Robinson
Donald Lee Voorhees
William Howard Rivers
Curtis Franklin Baggett
Robert Porter Breeden
Clyde Ray Carter, Jr.
Leon Gordon Chadwick, III
James Allen Copeland
Dwight Thomas
Linwood Earl Edron
Ollie Forte
James Robert King, Jr.
Ernest C. McGrimmon, Jr.
Donald Frank Rhodes
Willard Harold Till, Jr.
William James McGee, IV
Robert M. Robertson
John B. Davis, III

William Edward Davis, Jr.
Wayland Dunn, Jr.
Donald Homer Dwiggin, Jr.
Larry Wayne Ellis
Phillip Harry Fleming
Donald Jermon Frazelle
Richard Joseph Grienne
Jonnie David Harris
Samuel Adams James, Jr.
Robert Lewis Jones
Joseph Macon
Larry Holmes McLaughlin
Douglas Eugene Moore
Lee Arthur Moore, Jr.
Robert Alton Pretty
Edward Shepherd
Bennie Allen Smith
Stephen Neil Thomas
Remer Garth Williams
Ronnie Marshall Duncan
Robert Earl Sanders
Nathaniel Hudson
*Phillip Rogerson Wellons (MIA)
James Edward Oxley

Zebulon

Everdene Baker, Jr.
Isiah Barnes, Jr.
Alton Durham Price
Lessie Keith Strickland

Wendell

William N. Williamson

Wake Forest

Benny Charles Jackson
Ronnie Marshal Duncan

Holly Springs

Charles Allen Collins

Garner

Thomas Warren Davis
Robert Clark Dawson
Allen Sheffield Stroud
Donald Lee Wall

Fuquay-Varina

Henry Lee McArthur
Jesse Leonard West

L O V CLASS IN WAKE COUNTY SCHOOLS

The Lessons of Vietnam

Editorial from Vietnam Magazine

With the passages of three decades and the attendant period of reflection and assessment, the good news is that the Vietnam War is finally getting the recognition that it deserves. "Vietnam is resurfacing as a hot topic on campus," read the headlines in the November 2, 1997 *New York Times*.

"An unpopular war is now popular to study," the article said. The number of college faculty members teaching history courses on the Vietnam war grew from 157 in 1986 to 351 today. At Harvard University, the second most popular history course is "America and Vietnam". An increasing number of graduate students are studying the war too as "new research materials are becoming available domestically and abroad."

The bad news is that the academic ivory tower syndrome is alive and well, "Studying the political and social effects of the conflict is more easily done by people who were not involved," said one doctoral candidate. Only in academia

could the notion flourish that ignorance is bliss. History is being rewritten by the historians. It has no bliss in reality. As former Defense Secretary James Schlesinger once said, "While everyone is entitled to his own set of opinions, not everyone is entitled to his own set of facts." Those of us who were there owe it to the school children of tomorrow, as well as to our fallen comrades, to tell the truth.



The Mission of Teaching the Vietnam Era

A goal of the North Carolina Vietnam Veterans, Inc. (NCVVI) is to be part of the Social Studies curriculum in every school in Wake County. We feel that the lessons of the Vietnam War and the Vietnam Era are too important to avoid or be covered in a 30 minute segment at the close of a semester. Our concerted efforts over the past years have paid great dividends. The speaker bureau was established, the official course of study was written and adopted and the length of the course was expanded to a full semester. This goal was never to force a time in history to be studied, it has been to include the study of the era as part of every students social/studies education. We have been able to bridge the gap between generations and destroy the myths created during the Vietnam Era. As part of this evolution, it has enabled the Vietnam Veteran a more valuable part of their community.

The Linkage Program

The teaming together of a "Lessons Of Vietnam" student and a Vietnam Veteran allows both the student and the veteran to explore the attitude, motivation, feelings and effects the class and the war have on both. A living history, and the future, both with a free exchange of ideas and thoughts. Some long standing relationships are developed between the student and the veteran. The end of the semester visit to DC is a special and inspirational trip, with veterans going along to help with all the questions and emotions brought out at "The Wall".

NORTH CAROLINA VIETNAM VETERANS MEMORIAL

At the end of 1984 the Memorial Committee had put together a plan and started the search for a sculpture. One was found in Greensboro by the name of Abby Godwin. Over the next couple of years, the design and modeling took place, with committee members meeting with the sculptor to insure that the Memorial was perfect down to the most minuet detail. Three Vietnam veterans were picked to pose with equipment brought back from Vietnam. Different periods are represented by different equipment on the figures. On a hot 23rd of May 1987 the memorial was dedicated, but not finished. The original plan was to have a marble bench out in front of the sculpture but funds ran out, and for three years there was no bench. NCVVI president Chris Moore proposed that the memorial be finished. With some wheeling and dealing the marble was secured and with over 30 members and families working over 4 weekends the bench was finished and dedicated July 4, 1990



Vietnam Memorial Capital Grounds Raleigh

The memorial to the more than 206,000 men and women from the state who served in the Vietnam War was dedicated on May 23, 1987.

Sculptured by North Carolinian Abby Godwin, this monument is the only one on the square to depict an African-American and the first to be sculptured by a woman. It is entitled "After the Firefight" and depicts three soldiers in the aftermath of the fight. Two soldiers carry a wounded comrade to the evacuation helicopter.

In front of the monument is a granite base displaying bronze service emblems identical to those located at the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington, D.C.

Seven North Carolinians were awarded the Medal of Honor for their service in Vietnam