

NCVVI ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

The Articles of Incorporation was signed 22 May, 1987 by Jimmy Joe Stallings, Lee Wilson, Perry Draper, Ken Watson, Chris Moore, Dennis Hancock, Jeff Kanner, Rick Middleton, and David "Doc" Lee.

The purpose of the organization as stated in the articles were:

- a. To provide a fraternal organization for Vietnam Veterans
- b. To provide comradery amongst members
- c. To provide assistance to disabled and needy war veterans and to the widows and orphans of deceased veterans
- d. To provide care and assistance to hospitalized veterans
- e. to conduct programs for education and historical purposes
- f. To provide social and recreational activities for its members

NORTH CAROLINA VIETNAM VETERANS MEMORIAL COMMITTEE

In the year of 1982, a group of Vietnam Veterans got together and decided that the state of North Carolina needed their own memorial and that it should be located on the capital grounds. This was the same year that the "Wall" was dedicated and this inspired the group to drive forward on their memorial project. The core group was headed up by John Saputoe, Bill Beardall and Steve Acai with other vets involved. This group along with a number of concerned citizens, worked tirelessly trying to raise funds for the memorial. The first year monies were only trickling in, but the core group never gave up at the same time. The group of Vietnam had strong wills, thick heads and the spirit of brotherhood for their fellow veterans and fallen comrades. Out of this group and project came North Carolina Vietnam Veterans, Inc. with Steve Acai as the first president