



Vietnam Veterans of America
Northern Warriors Chapter #941 Meeting
15 Aug 2011– 1900 Hours
Kelly Inn – 3800 Main Avenue – Fargo, North Dakota

Minutes

- Meeting called to order Art Williams President at 1904 Hours
- Members present: 11 members
- Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag
- Moment of Silence for POWs-MIAs
- Announcements:
- Treasurer's Report by Dave Brunsvold:
 - \$1,471.61 in account
 - Larry Nicholson will be paid \$651.48 for his trip to New Orleans for U.S.S. Block Island reunion
 - One outstanding check for \$100.00
 - Our account will drop to under \$720.07
 - We are unable to get a debit card per VVA Constitution which requires two signatures on each check.
 - Ellefson makes motion to accept
 - Stabler 2nd motion to pass treasurer's report, passes
- Secretary Report: Wayne Wermager read minutes from last month. Motion to accept Larry Nicholson, 2nd by Wayne Wermager
- Membership Report: 85 active members, 10 AVVA and 5 inactive. Nicholson suggested we contact inactive members to check on status.
 - Motion to accept, Stabler, 2nd, Ellefson. Passed
- Public Affairs Officer Report: Wayne Ellefson suggested we have Carol Johnson from Fgo. Public Schools Development Foundation, Adopt a School Program come to speak to us.
 - Last month we approved a "bakeless sale," now we need letter from President Art Williams to send out to members
 - We need other means to raise money for chapter
 - Suggested we contact the Waterford Retirement Home again this year for Veteran's Day functions like we did last year. Color guard went there.
 - Larry Nicholson will check with Eventide Home, Moorhead
 - Villa Maria will have color guard visit on 25 August
 - Reed made motion to pass, Stabler 2nd, report passed
- Old Business
 - Color guard duty recap: Russ Stabler-23 July Casselton Days, 27th Patriot flag at Jack Williams Stadium and the 30th Kindred
 - August 3rd-Minnesota Business College, 13th Redhawks game military appreciation day
 - 20 August- Sabin parade followed by Bonanzaville parade
 - 25 August-Barnesville Potato Days at 1630 at the fairgrounds
 - 9 Sept.-Moorhead Days, 1700 Form up, parade starts at 1800.
 - 10 Sept.-Harwood, 1000 form up at the Zion church, parade at 1100

- Wayne Ellefson mentioned West Fest

Motion to pass report, Jorgensen, 2nd by Ellefson, report passed

- New Business
 - USS Block Island; Jane Matacjeck, a RN from the Fargo VA would like to help raise money via the hospital employees. We will meet with her on 22 August 2010.
 - Larry Nicholson would like to get "letter of introduction" off so we can get going on fundraising
 - Wayne Wermager will contact Lance Akers
 - Suggest a committee for USS Block Island organizing. Members volunteered-Larry Nicholson, Ronn DuRand, Wayne Ellefson, Wayne Wermager, Russ Stabler, Bill Peterson.
 - DONATIONS FOR USS BLOCK ISLAND: Checks made out to VVA Chapter 941, send to David Brunsvold, 2810 15th St. S., Unit H, Fargo, ND 58103
 - How do we attract new members? Can we go to other service organizations, Churches United, or VA hospital? It is hoped someday we can have "social" to meet to potential members.
- Sick and distress: Mitch Campbell is in the VA Hospital Fargo
- Closing flag salute
- Adjourn at 2020
- Next meeting 19 Sept 11 – Kelly Inn – 1900 Hours

Respectfully Submitted by:

Jan Jorgensen, Secretary