



**Vietnam Veterans of America
Northern Warriors Chapter 941 Meeting
19 December 2011- 1900 Hours
Kelly Inn- 3800 Main Avenue- Fargo, North Dakota**

Meeting called to order by Vice President Larry Reed at 1900 Hours. President Art Williams ill.

Members present: Jan Jorgensen, Ronn DuRand, Larry Nicholson, Les Bakke, Ed Ahonen, Dave Rice, Larry Reed, Wayne Ellefson, David Brunsvold, Joe Bennett. Guests Joe Erickson, Corey Bennett.

Pledge of Allegiance

Moment of Silence for POWs and MIAs

Announcements: Joe Erickson is a guest, Vietnam Veteran, Joe Bennett is new associate member here with wife Corey. Ronn DuRand's birthday

Treasurer's Report: Chapter made \$300 from pancake feed and \$1300 from 5K run. David Brunsvold gave report, passed. Next year radio personality Jay Thomas will help with the 5K run that took place Veteran's Day weekend.

Secretary's Report: minutes were read by Les Bakke, Jan Jorgensen absent from November meeting. Passed as read.

Membership: 83 members, 14 AVVA. Larry estimates there are at least 100 full time members, 120 paid members once paperwork has all been processed. Report passed.

Public Affairs Officer: Wayne Ellefson noted that chapter members need to get posters out into public business' for Steak Fry on 28 January, Teamsters, Fargo. Fundraiser for the USS Block Island. Teamsters will give donation for cost of Elvis entertainment. We will need at least 250 steaks. VP Reed noted we need at least 2 or 3 folks to cook steaks. Dave Rice noted it would be good idea to ask AMVETS, VFW and American Legion for money.

Letter of request for donations needs the nonprofit number listed on it. Dave Brunsvold noted. Report passed.

New Business: Silent auction on 28 January needs members to collect items for. Items needed at least 24 hours before auction. Information on each item important such as: address, retail value, minimum bid, incremental bid, donated by whom. Les Bakke will make up forms for auction.

Old Business: Next meeting for USS Block Island will be on 21 December at Fargo, Fryn Pan, Main Ave. at 1730. Meetings every Wednesday.

Meeting adjourned at 1955.

Next meeting on 16 January 2012

Jan Jorgensen, secretary