



Vietnam Veterans of America

Northern Warriors Chapter #941 Meeting

20 June 011– 1900 Hours

Kelly Inn – 3800 Main Avenue – Fargo, North Dakota

Guests tonight are Shawn Shipper and Lloyd Larson to sing for us.

Outgoing officers honored by President Wayne Wermager.

Newly sworn in officers: Art Williams-President

Larry Reed- Vice President

Jan Jorgensen- Secretary

Dave Brunsvold-Treasurer

Larry Nicholson- Membership

Wayne Ellefson- Public Affairs Officer

Treasurer's Report: Dave Brunsvold. Bills discussed. If you have a bill to be paid you need receipts and documentation in order to keep track of expenditures.

Motion to accept treasurer's report: motion by Wayne Ellefson, seconded by Ronn DuRand. Motion carried.

Mitch Campbell has been the "communications officer" if you will as he emailed information out on a regular basis. Essential to carry this job on, Jan Jorgensen volunteered to do this. Her email: jjorgensen56@gmail.com

Motion to elect Jan to this job; DuRand, Reed, seconded, motion passed.

Membership Report: Russ Stabler filling in for Larry Nicholson. Tonight we have new member in AVVA-Ron Martin, who drives a restored military police jeep in parades. He has been in multiple parades with our color guard. 98 members will soon have their membership paid.

Russ Stabler read thank you note from Karen Beyer for her lifetime membership for herself and posthumous membership for husband Tom.

Membership report: DuRand, seconded by Reed. Motion to pass carried.

Public Affairs Officer: Wayne Ellefson saw entertainers in Page, ND that might be good for the USS Block Island reunion. Women who dress up like Rosie the Riveters sing songs from WWII era.

Carol Johnson, a counselor at Jefferson School, Fargo, has special needs students who would love to have veterans come speak to them.

Motion to accept report: Wermager, Durand seconded. Motion carried.

Old business, Color guard: VVA color guard marched in parade in Page, ND, 18 June

Oakes parade on Friday 10 June 2011

This chapter is only one in state with a color guard, a great distinction.

29 June the color guard will be needed at the Gladys Ray Shelter & Veterans Drop-In Center on 1519 1st Ave. S. for its grand opening of the center. This shelter is the first in 6 states to offer homeless veterans a place to drop-in for help.

1500 for tours and refreshment and dedication is at 1430.

Saturday, 18 June the color guard will be in the festival. Form up 1000, parade 1100

Abercrombie needs a color guard for the 25th of June-form up 1200, parade 1300

There will be no parade in Moorhead on the 4th of July at this point.

President Art Williams attended the funeral in Browns Valley for the soldier whose remains were returned home after 40 years MIA. VVA Chapter 941 did the honors of color guard at the Fargo Airport when the soldier was brought home.

Other dates for color guard: 23 July, Casselton Festival

30 July, Kindred Days

Motion to accept. Passed

New Business: Jan Jorgensen would like Russ to order a set of 5 patches when a member would like to be on the color guard. Members of color guard start out with same patches but may add more of their own.

Motion accepted: Stabler, DuRand seconded and carried.

Sick and distress: prayers for the family of Donnie Rodger's whose wife died a few weeks ago. Doc" Ed Ahonen recently had eye surgery.

Meeting adjourned at 2030.

Next meeting on 18 July at 1900, Kelly Inn, Fargo, ND

Closing flag salute.