



**Vietnam Veterans of America  
Northern Warriors Chapter 941 Meeting  
19 January 2012- 1900 Hours  
Kelly Inn-3800 Main Avenue, Fargo, North Dakota**

**Meeting called to order by President Art Williams at 1900 Hours**

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Moment of silence for POW's and MIA's**

**Members present:** Bill Peterson, Bob Rennick, Art Williams, Jan Jorgensen, Wayne Ellefson, Dave Rice, Wayne Wermager, Larry Nicholson, Russell Williams, Joe Bennett, David Brunsvold, Larry Reed, Les Bakke, Phil Robley, Joe Wallevand, Ronn DuRand

**Announcements: new Associate member Alex Roesch, Ralph Lileks and John Dosland, former crew of U.S.S. Block Island. New member: Russ Williams**

**Treasurer's Report:** Dave Brunsvold read report. Chapter has earned \$725 from fundraising efforts, few expenses out. Our ending balance as of now is \$2,642.43

Report approved and passed.

**Secretary's Report:** Jan Jorgensen read minutes from last meeting. Report approved and passed.

**Membership:** Larry Nicholson stated he called National for a report, has not heard back from them. States we can add another 21 to our member list giving us 125 paid members including VVA and AVVA. Letters have been sent out to 72 members regarding the upcoming steak fry on 28 January

**Public Affairs Officer:** Wayne Ellefson states that solicitation of donations has been ongoing this month for 28 January steak fry and silent auction. Robbie Daniels of Froggy and Fox radio station has been contacted with hopes of getting some free advertising. Talk show host Jack Sunday, a Vietnam veteran, has also been contacted. Radio talk show host and veteran, Erik Martz has been asked to mention the steak fry and silent auction on his show "Heroes of the Heartland."

Erik is very popular with his listeners with many asking for copy to be downloaded on their computers.

If anyone has any ideas for his show please contact President Williams.

**New Business:** Larry Reed mentioned we could sell hot dogs and hamburgers at the stand outside of SunMart or Hornbachers to raise money. Organizations often raise as much as \$300 to \$400. A letter will be sent out to stores to ask permission to do this. Those at meeting were asked if we could do this- all were in favor.

Ronn DuRand stated Patrice Koerselman of Modern Woodmen of America would match raised funds.

Budweiser sign department will makes signs for the U.S.S. Block Island reunion.

For the **steak fry/ silent auction** we are looking for donations of butter and steaks. We also **need volunteers to work** at the function. **Please Sign up with Larry Reed.** Kathy Savageau has said the Teamsters Union will pay for the Elvis entertainer. Jane Matecjeck, RN at the VA will coordinate an Irish auction in April with hopes of raising \$3,000.00

Members of VVA 941 appreciate all the hard work done by Les Bakke for getting websites up including [VVA941.org/steakfry site](http://VVA941.org/steakfry)

Terry at the FM Visitors bureau stated she is ready to help in whatever we need for Block Island reunion. Wayne Wermager stated Kevin Bouma, owner of Culinex, will pay for the Red Hawks tickets and complimentary concessions to all veterans from reunion, approximately 125 people.

Motion passed to make Ralph Lileks and John Dosland honorary co-chairmen of the U.S.S. Block Island reunion in Fargo.

24 January, VFW, Pelican Rapids, Ronn, Dave, Wayne and Larry will be attending meeting to ask for money for reunion.

Thank you notes will go out after the auction.

Senator Holman is now a lifetime member of Chapter 941.

Meeting adjourned at 2005

Next meeting on 20 February 2012

Jan Jorgensen, secretary