



**Vietnam Veterans of America  
Northern Warriors Chapter 941**

**16 July 2012**

**Kelly Inn-3800 Main Ave., Fargo, ND  
1900 Hours**

**Meeting called to order at 1900 by President Larry Nicholson**

**Pledge of Allegiance**

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

Prayer by Russ Stabler

**Members present:** Jan Jorgensen, David Brunsvold, Russ Stabler, Ronn DuRand, Larry Nicholson, Wayne Ellefson, Ed Ahonen, Duke Johnson, Les Bakke, Dave Rice, Rick Brommenschenkel, Steve Pavadis, Joe Erickson, Jim Puppe, Jim Nypen and ? Nohls

Guests: Lynn Hanson.

**Introductions** were done for new members and visitors.

Lynn Hanson from Artco Promotional Products presented options on Chapter pins for veterans in need or in the hospital.

Les Bakke was sworn in a Secretary of Chapter 941.

New members were introduced.

Chairman Nicholson added items to the agenda and removed item 3 from the agenda. Stabler/Ellefson moved to accept the agenda. Motion carried.

**Secretary's report:** Ahonen/Stabler moved to accept the Secretary's report. Motion carried.

**Treasurer's report:** Stabler/Ahonen moved to accept the Treasure's report. Our bank balance as of 6/13/2012 was \$8,556.19. Current balance in the check book is \$\$7,553.70. Motion carried.

**Membership report:** We have a grand total of 107 member s and 25 associate members.

Durand/Stabler moved to accept membership report. Motion carried.

**Public Affairs report:** Ellefson and Stabler provided an update on recent activities. Our chapter will be working with Amvets in honoring Korean Veterans at the Fargo Teamsters, December 8. Ellefson will send e-mail on upcoming events.

Durand/Johnson moved to reimburse David Brunsvold for \$29.75, money spent at the United Churches for the Homeless dinner. Motion carried.

**Color Guard:** Stabler reported on recent and upcoming color guard activities. Stabler will send e-mail on upcoming parade dates. Stabler expressed his thanks to all Chapter 941 members who participated in parades in 2012. Ellefson/Reed moved to approve the report. Motion carried.

**Old Business:** Bakke reported that the Chapter does not have to apply for 501(c)3 status since we are approved by membership in the National organization. Stabler/Ellefson moved to approved the by-laws. Motion carried.

**Color Guard Status:** Members volunteered for the upcoming parades. Stabler will send a reminder e-mail.

**Hornbachers Brat Sales:** Brunsvold reported on our participation in the Brat sales at the Village West Hornbachers' site.

**Honoring Korean Veterans:** Ellefson will send more information as the date gets closer.

**Veterans Day 10K Run:** Nicholson will send more information as the date gets closer.

**Charitable Donations:** Ahonen reported on a proposed group to review requests for donations and provide recommends to the Chapter. Nicholson created the committee and appointed members.

**50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Vietnam War:** Ahonen reported on the national event. The website is [www.vietnamwar50th.com](http://www.vietnamwar50th.com).

**Mileage/Postage:** Discussion was held on various options.

Ellefson/Durand moved to purchase a lifetime membership for Mike Klevinger. Motion carried.

Rice/Stabler moved to purchase a one-year members for Kevin Bauman. Motion carried.

Jorgenson/Reed moved to purchase a bag for the second set of flags costing \$59.99 plus tax. Motion carried.

Stabler provided a North Dakota legislative activity report.

Rice reported on American Legion activities. Rice is now the State of North Dakota president. Rice reported on the Healing Garden at the VA Hospital in Fargo. He is accepting donations.

Bakke reported that Moorhead has been proclaimed a Beyond the Yellow Ribbon Community.

Jorgenson reported on logo for your shirt.

Stabler/Durand moved to adjourned. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Les Bakke, Secretary