



**Vietnam Veterans of America
Northern Warriors Chapter 941
17 September 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 Chaplain Ray Branstiter

Members present: Dave Brunsvold, Ronn DuRand, Wayne Ellefson, Jan Jorgensen, Larry Nicholson, Larry Reed, Russ Stabler, Leslie Lewis, Wayne Wermager, Cory Bennett, Joe Bennett, Ray Branstiter, Art Williams, Rich Brommenschenkel, Paul Hyn dman, Lisa Roesch, Les Bakke and Victor Wolter.

Guests: Karen Aaby

Introductions were done for new members and visitors.

Approval of Agenda:

Stabler/Williams moved to approve. Motion carried

Secretary's Report:

Report accepted as posted.

Membership Report: Jorgensen reported on new and transfer members. We have 112 VVA and 24 AVVA members. Whenever we get membership applications, make sure to get a copy of DD214. Wermager suggested sending membership information via e-mail.

Wermager/DuRand moved to approve. Motion carried.

Public Affairs Report: Ellefson reported on a funeral of James Misialek attending by several members. On September 20, several VVA members will be at Villa Marie. POW ceremony scheduled for October. Wermager will be attending the National Chaplains meeting in Indiana.

Wermager/Stabler moved to accept. Motion carried.

Color Guard report: Stabler reported on past appearances and upcoming events. Richardson praised the work of the Chapter Color Guards.

Ellefson/DuRand moved to accept the report. Motion carried.

Suicide Walk Report: Branstiter reported on activities.

10K Run Update: Scheduled for 10 November. Nicholson reported on shirt sales. Nicholson will be asking for volunteers in October.

Korean Celebration Update: Medals have been ordered, scheduled for 8 December.

Stabler/DuRand moved to purchase POW/MIA cups and authorized Nicholson to spend up to \$400.
Motion carried.

Vietnam Veterans Week: Nicholson appointed Stabler to be the chapter contact with Air Museum.

Park Rapids Update: Brunsvold reported on meeting with Park Rapids veterans.

Halloween, Christmas, Bennett Event Update: Bennett updated the Chapter on past events.

Stabler/Brunsvold moved to adopt the Bennett Park and request the City to name it the Vietnam Veterans of America park. Motion carried.

Nicholson appointed a Christmas committee of Nicholson, Bennett and anyone else willing to work on the project. An update will be on the October agenda.

Veterans Memorial Center update: Richardson announced the formation of the group and its activities. Their next meeting is September 20 at 5:00 pm at Fargo American Legion.

Nicholson reported on a Grilling Contest at home football games.

Lewis distributed letters from the West Fargo schools thanking the Chapter for our guest speaking last spring.

Wermager reported on the Chamber Military Affairs Committee activities.

Meeting adjourned at 2000.

Respectfully submitted,

Les Bakke, Secretary