



**Vietnam Veterans of America
Northern Warriors Chapter 941
18 June 2012
Kelly Inn-3800 Main Ave., Fargo, ND
1900 Hours**

Meeting called to order at 1900 by President Art Williams

Pledge of Allegiance

Moment of silence for POW's and MIA's

Prayer by Wayne Wermager followed by Ray Bransititer

Members present: Jan Jorgensen, David Brunsvold, Sam Leathes, Russ Stabler Dean Kroulik, Ray Branstiter, Ronn DuRand, Larry Nicholson, Wayne Ellefson, Wayne Wermager, Art Williams, Ed Ahonen, Duke Johnson, Paul Hyndman, Larry Reed, Jim Nypen, Jim Clemenson, Joel Freborg and Joe Wallevand. AVVA members present: Jane Matacjack, Joe Bennett. Guests, Russell and Jeanie Williams.

Officers sworn in by Art Williams.

Motion to approve the agenda, and Motion to approve the minutes from last month, any additions or corrections. Johnson/DuRand, passed.

Treasurer's Report: David Brunsvold reported an ending balance of \$8,570.40
Stabler/Williams, report passed.

Membership Report: Jan Jorgensen, membership chair, 98 VVA and 21 AVVA, Joel Froberg is a new life member. Bike Night in Moorhead may possibly give us 6 to 8 new members. Reed/Williams, passed.

Color guard Report: Page- Ellefson and Stabler were in parade. Lisbon-Peterson/DuRand/Jorgensen and Ellefson. **23 June Mayville-** DuRand, Ellefson, Nicholson, Brunsvold, **14 July Prosper,** 125th celebration, meet at 1000 on the west side of town at the Peterson Seed Company. **22 July is the Detroit Lakes Water Carnival,** **28 July-Casselton,** 1100, form up at 1000 at D.J's on Front Street on the south end of town, **28 July is Dilworth's Loco Days,** form up at 0900, **18 August is the Pioneer Days at Bonanzaville,** West Fargo and **25 August in Barnesville** for Potato Days- start at 1730 with picnic afterwards. Wayne Wermager submitted a Color Guard proposal. Motion to accept, Wermager/Ellefson, passed

Public Affairs Report: Ellefson reports that the Lisbon group don't really push membership. The state VVA picnic is 21-22 July in Park River, North Dakota. Check out VVA.org

Dennis and Phyllis Enger were given a humanitarian award at the national VVA level for their work making diamond willow canes for distribution at Walter Reed Army Hospital.

Wayne Ellefson is the new veteran's service officer for Cass County. Ahonen/Stabler, report passed.

Old Business:

USS Block Island thank you notes passed around, pictures are in their latest newsletter and their members donated a total of \$1,100.00 to our chapter. Selling brats at SunMart on the 14th and 15th of June net \$214.00 in donations.

An email was sent out to ask for donations for the little boy Garrett whose family needs help. A motion was made to donate to the boy and discussion followed. Motion withdrawn for funds to come from the VVA Chapter 941 officially. The "hat was passed" to collect money for the boy and family. Pres. Nicholson wants a committee set up to read and discuss donation requests. Those who volunteered are: Ed Ahonen, Ray Branstiter, Art Williams, Russ Stabler and Pres. Nicholson to set up parameters for these requests.

Joe Bennett, AVVA member and Korean vet asked if Chapter 941 would assist the Teamsters organization in December for a reunion/recognition banquet. Lyle Usgaard is the contact from AMVETS. Go to www.koreanwarproject.com

23 September 2012 is the Out of the Darkness Walk for suicide prevention. Pres. Nicholson asked for our participation.

New Business:

A proposal to reimburse for mileage to color guard events/membership drives will be set up next month as recommended by Pres. Nicholson.

Ethics- we must watch what we say, how we dress, act and dress appropriately when representing the chapter in official capacities. It is also important to treat each other with respect at these functions.

We are qualified to be a 501 (c)3 nonprofit organization for tax purposes.

Officers are to write up reports for each meeting on the material they are responsible for. Reports will not be read at meetings. You may send those reports to Pres. Nicholson via email if you like.

Meetings will be conducted using Robert's Rules-raise your hand to speak, do not interrupt and motions must be given and passed accordingly.

10 November there will be a 10K fun run in Dilworth, MN- they want us back after last year's run was so successful. \$1,200 was raised! The Fargo Marathon folks will work with us on this project.

Motion to adjourn, Jorgensen at 2015

Next meeting, 20 July 2012

Respectfully submitted by Jan Jorgensen, acting secretary for Les Bakke who was absent.