



**Vietnam Veterans of America
Northern Warriors Chapter 941
19 November 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 Wayne Wermager.

Members present: Jan Jorgensen, Wayne Wermager, Victor Wolter, Joe Vallevand, Lisa Roesch, Les Bakke, Joe Bennett, Cory Bennett, Jim Haukedahl, Ron DuRand, Russ Stabler, David Caswell, Larry Kessel, Dave Rice, Ed Ahonen, Paul Hynd, Steve Paradis, David Brunsvold, Jim Nypen, Larry Nicholson and Larry Reed.

Introductions/Announcements:

Approval of Agenda: Stabler/Ahonen moved to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

Secretary's Report: Stabler/Rice moved to approve the minutes. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report:

Beginning Balance	\$7,602.54
Ending balance	\$8,899.68

Ahonen/Stabler moved to accept. Motion carried

Public Affairs Report: Nicholson reported on recent Veterans Day events at local retirement homes.

Membership Report: Jorgensen reported on five transfer members and three new VVA members. Our total is 120 VVA and 32 Associate members. Moved to approve. Carried.

Color Guard Report: Stabler reported on recent color guard activities. Stabler reported on upcoming events.

10K/5K Run: Nicholson Nicholson and Brunsvold reported 80 runners with 7 who paid but didn't show up.

Halloween/Bennett Park Report: Bennett reported the event was very successful.

Korean War Celebration: Nicholson reported on the celebration. Since it was to be held at the Fargo Teamsters

, the Teamsters club was closed by the National organizations. Therefore we do not know when or where the event will be held. The event will probably be postponed.

Rice/Ahonen moved to recommend that the organizers postpone the event.

Lapel Pins: Nicholson reported that we ordered pins without chapter approval.

Brunsvold/Stabler moved that we pay for the pins we are distributing to veterans in the retirement homes. Motion carried.

Christmas Party: Roesch reported on the VVA/Globe University hosted Christmas party to be held 13 December from 1600 to 2000. The event will be at Globe University formerly Minnesota School of Business. The Fargo Forum will do a story. Chapter members are encouraged to volunteer to help at the event. Several chapter members attended a Moorhead Business Association meeting asking for assistance.

Toiletries: Jorgensen reported on homeless needs for the Gladys Rae Shelter in Fargo..

Ahonen/Nypen moved to allocate \$100 toward the project. Motion carries.

Churches United: Nicholson reported on a dinner on 26 November, 2012 at 1630.

VVA State Meeting/Picnic: Nicholson reported on the state meeting on 24 November. We have been asked if we are willing to host the annual summer State Picnic. Stabler volunteered to get more information at the next State meeting.

POW/MIA Flag: Nicholson reported that MSUM will be dedicating the new flag pole. Our chapter will donate a POW/MIA flag.

Lisbon Veterans Home: Nicholson reported that our chapter has been asked to visit the Veterans Home in Lisbon. Nicholson will get a date and notify the chapter.

Correspondence: Nicholson distributed a letter he received.

Other: Ahonen reported on the Heart Springs fund raiser. Jorgensen/Stabler moved to donate \$100.

Nypen/Wallavand moved to amend the motion to increase it to \$300.

Motion to amend carried. Amended motion carried.

Wallevand reported on his recent trip to Washington, D.C.

Color Guard Patches: Rice/Ahonen moved to authorize the order of \$494.75 plus appropriate tax and shipping. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 2015.

Respectfully submitted,

Les Bakke, Secretary