



Vietnam Veterans of America
Northern Warriors Chapter 941

20 August 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, Ed Ahonen, Ronn DuRand, Wayne Ellefson, Jim Haukedahl, Jan Jorgensen, Larry Nicholson, Larry Reed, Russ Stabler, Sam Leathes, Lyle Usgaard, Jan Usgaard, James Clenson, Joe Bennett, Ray Branstiter and Jim Kypen.

Guests:

Swearing In of Chaplain by President Nicholson

Introductions were done for new members and visitors.

Approval of Agenda:

Stabler/Ahonen moved to approve. Motion carried

Secretary's Report: Report accepted as posted. Bakke will send an e-mail as soon as minutes are posted on our website. Bakke reported on a certification ceremony of Moorhead becoming a Beyond the Yellow Ribbon community. There will also be a Veterans/Military picnic on 26 July.

Treasurer's Report:	Beginning Balance	\$7,836.83
	Ending balance	\$7,468.53

Stabler/Jorgensen moved to accept. Motion carried

Membership Report: Jorgenson reported on new and transfer members. Whenever we get membership applications, make sure to get a copy of DD214.

Brunsvold/Branstiter moved to approve. Motion carried.

Public Affairs Report: Ellefson reported on the ND State Picnic. Ellefson and Nicholson award Stabler and Durand a special award. Ellefson reported that Agent Orange effects may go for seven generations.

Stabler/Bennett moved to accept. Motion carried.

Color Guard Report: Stabler reported on Color Guard activities since our last meeting and on upcoming activities.

Ellefson/Durand moved to accept. Motion carried.

Old Business

Suicide Walk: Ray reported the event. Information is on Facebook.

Hornbachers' brat sales: Brunsvold reported on August 31/September 1 sales.

10K Run Update: Nicholson reported on the 10K Run scheduled for 10 November 2012.

Korea Update: Nicholson reported that on 8 December we will be helping the AmVets recognize Korean Veterans. It will be at the Teamsters Hall in Fargo, ND.

Stabler/Nypen moved to contribute \$400 toward the cost of medallions. Motion carried.

New Business

Vietnam Veterans Week: Normally scheduled for late April or early May.

Nicholson appointed Ahonen to coordinate with the Fargo Air Museum.

Park Rapids: On 12 September Nicholson and others will travel to Park Rapids.

Halloween: Nicholson reported the possibility of hosting an event at or near MSUM.

Ellefson/Stabler moved to support the Halloween event. Motion carried.

Christmas: Bennett reported on the history of a Christmas event in Moorhead.

This will be on our September agenda.

Discussion was held on chapter pins and new member packets.

Stabler/Ahonen moved to purchase a VVA pin for current members and new members.

Brunsvold/Ellefson moved to table in order to get more information. Motion carried.

Nicholson reported on tee shirts to be purchased and sold at public events.

Ray/Russ moved to use a sign-up sheet for shirts and a few extra. Motion carried.

Ahonen reported on the POW/MIA ceremony.

Meeting adjourned at 2027.

Respectfully submitted,

Les Bakke, Secretary