



**Vietnam Veterans of America  
Northern Warriors Chapter 941  
21 May 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, Dean Kroulik, Dave Seifert, Les Bakke, Ray Branstiter, Ronn DuRand, Dave Rice, Larry Nicholson, Wayne Ellefson, Wayne Wermager, Art Williams, Ed Ahonen, Duke Johnson, Bill Peterson, Bob Remmick, Leland Jenson, Kevin Shepke, Steven Paradis and Victor Wolter. AVVA members present: Leslie Lewis, Twila Nicholson and Joe Bennett

**Announcements:** Guests tonight include: George Shepke, secretary of USS Block Island group and his daughter Georgiana from Florida, Kevin Bouma of Culinex who is donating the Red Hawks tickets for Block Island reunion, Jim Nypen,

**Treasurer's Report:** David Brunsvold reported an ending balance of \$10,842.97  
Seifert/Rice, report passed.

**Secretary's Report:** Jan read minutes from last meeting and made note of corrections. Minutes have been corrected to show. Nicholson/DuRand, report passed.

**Membership Report:** Larry Nicholson gave report of 4 new members and 3 transfers in. On 12 June the Park Rapids VFW requests that some of our members attend their 1900 meeting to recruit members. Art Williams, "Doc" Ahonen and Larry Nicholson expressed interest in this event. It is recommended that when the chapter personnel are trying to recruit new members they dress accordingly by wearing the BDU shirt with pants, or shirt and VVA hat as you are representing chapter. We need handouts or newspapers or magazines to explain VVA mission. Dave Rice suggested that when printing up t-shirts etc. it is important to spell out Vietnam Veterans of America versus VVA as not everyone knows what the initials stand for.

Bakke/Wermager, passed.

**Color guard Report:** Memorial Day in Detroit Lakes, marching in parade will be Wayne Wermager, Ronn DuRand, Larry Nicholson and Jan Jorgensen. In Fargo the Colorguard will be at the Veteran's Bridge at 0930 with Dave Seifert, Dave Brunsvold, Bill Peterson, "Doc" Ahonen and Wayne Ellefson. Nicholson/Seifert, passed

**Old business:**

President: Larry Nicholson

Vice president: Larry Reed

Treasurer: Dave Brunsvold

Secretary: Les Bakke

Membership: Jan Jorgensen

Public Affairs: Wayne Ellefson

Chaplain: Ray Branstiter

Move to nominate Jan for membership, Les Bakke for secretary. Wermager/Bakke, passed.

Move to unanimously vote for first four members on ballot. Brunsvold/Nicholson, passed

Wermager/Bakker make motion to add Jan as membership. Vote took place and those above won offices.

USS Block Island reunion upcoming

**New Business:**

14 and 15 June we will be selling brats and hamburgers at the Sun Mart on 25th St. and 32nd Ave. S. from 1030 to 1800. Four volunteers needed per day for full day or break up shifts but need 4 at all times.

14 June is Bike Night, Moorhead where we will once again set up a membership table.

7 June is cruising on Broadway, Fargo

Bylaws have been published. Move to accept them as published. Bakke/Duke, passed.

Motion passed to have a membership table at many places this summer if affordable such as Clay County Fair, Cass County Fair. Reed/DuRand, passed.

Motion to adjourn. Seifert/Ellefson at 2015

Next meeting, 18 June 2012

Respectfully submitted by Jan Jorgensen, secretary