



Chapter 941 Meeting Minutes

July 15, 2013

Present: Larry Nicholson, Dave Brunsvold, Russ Stabler, Sam Leathes, Larry Kessel, Les Forman, Bob Mandt, Paul Hyndman, Richard Belling, Joe Bennett, Steve Perreault, Steve Paradis, Lyn D. Birkeland, Duke Johnson, Dave Caswell, Ronn DuRand, Glen Meek, Mark Helfter, Hella Helfter, and Dave Rice

Next meeting: August 19, 2013 at 7:00 PM at O'Kelly's

- I. **Call to Order:** Larry Nicholson called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM and led the chapter in the Pledge of Alligence to the flag and a moment of silence for our POW/MIAS and soldiers in harm's way.

Prayer: Russ Stabler led the chapter in a prayer for the meeting and our soldiers on active duty.

- II. **Reports:**

- A. **Agenda:** The agenda for the meeting was presented and reviewed by the chapter and accepted as written.
- B. **Minutes:** Minutes were read by the chapter. Motion by Richard Belling to accept minutes with 2nd made by Duke Johnson. Motion passed.
- C. **Membership:** Report was given by Larry Nicholson for Jan Jorgenson, we have 160 Members active on the VVA Roster. Accepted as given
- D. **Color Guard Report:** Russ Stabler gave the report of past and future activates of the color guard. Motion by Glen Meek to accept the report as given, 2nd by Joe Bennett, passed.
- E. **Treasures Report:** Given by David Brunsvold, as of 7/14/13 the chapter had an ending balance of \$9,501.74. Russ Stabler made a motion to accept the treasurer's report, 2nd by Duke Johnson. Passed
- F. **Legislative Report:** Russ Stabler reported he downloaded a series of Veterans Bills presently in the US House and Senate. Anyone interested can contact Russ for the information.

- III. **Old Business**

- A. **Oath of Office:** The swearing in of the newly elected officers has been postponed until next month.
- B. **Memo:** July 21st is Larry Kessel and his wife's 40th wedding anniversary. He has invited the chapter to participate in the celebration.

- C. **Brat Sales:** David Brunsvold gave the chapter his report on the sales and on the upcoming sales.
- D. **5K/10K Run:** Dave Brunsvold gave his preliminary report on the run, we had 96 runners for this one and hope to grow in the future. Les posted the results of the run already.
- E. **Joe Bennett's Birthday Party:** Joe spoke about his birthday party including relatives from out of town that came to the festivities.
- F. **Fargo Air Museum:** Russ Stabler spoke about the upcoming closing of the Vietnam War Exhibit on Friday the 19th at 10:00 AM and the need for a Color Guard presence.
- G. **VVA State Meeting/Picnic:** David Brunsvold told the group of the preparations for the upcoming state meeting and picnic. Topics included RV, Camping, and registrations fees, silent auction items, POW/MIA table, the building activities will be held in and area activities the guests may be interested in.
- H. **Press Release:** Russ Stabler made up a press release for the local media to broadcast and print. To place the ad in the Fargo Forum's Community Briefs will cost \$32.50. Stabler requested the chapter pay the cost. Motion made by Dave Rice to pay the fees for publishing fees, 2nd by Paul Hyndman. Passed

IV. New Business

- A. **Leslie Lewis:** Larry Nicholson explained to the chapter that Leslie has retired and has moved back to Idaho. Before leaving she left all the resource materials for the classes at the schools with the chapter so we could continue. The chapter thanks her for her work on our behalf, Leslie will remain a member of our AVVA.
- B. **Calendar of Events:** Russ Stabler said in addition to his color guard commander duties, he would publish an events calendar covering a two month period every meeting for the members,
- C. **Mission Statement Committee:** Larry reported there is a committee in place to write a mission statement. Meeting time and date to be announced.
- D. **Audit Committee:** This committee has been formed and includes Larry Nicholson, Russ Stabler, Ronn DuRand, and Richard Belling. Meeting time and date to be announced.
- E. **Bennett Park Committee:** This committee consists of the following members: Larry Nicholson, Duke Johnson, Sam Leathes, Dave Brunsvold and Ronn DuRand. Meeting time and date to be announced.
- F. **National Night Out:** This event will be held at Bennett Park. Joe reported having 80 hot dogs for the event, but will need Lemonade, Ice Cream, hips, buns, and outdoor games.
- G. **Redhawks-** Military Appreciation night will be on August 8th. Dave Rice stated can be 4-8 people per color guard, line-up will be at 6:30 PM.
- H. **Joes for GI's:** The annual Joes for GI's event at the US Bank Service Center is set for August 8th 11:00 AM to 1:30 PM. The event will be held on the West side of the Service Center.
- I. **Color Guard:** Larry informed the group did not have to be in uniform to participate in the parades, but in more formal settings.
- J. **Information had Photos:** Steve Paradis needs any photos and any information on the beaches on Hue during TET 1968.
- K. **MSUM POW/MIA Flag:** Duke Johnson informed the chapter that MSUM will be having flag ceremony for the POW/MIA Flag we donated to the school. The ceremony is set for

Sept 20th, POW/MIA Day at noon. It was suggested we also have a recruiting table set up.

V. **Meeting Adjourned:** Meeting was adjourned at 8:10 PM after rendering a salute to the flag.

Submitted by
Russel Stabler