



**Vietnam Veterans of America
Northern Warriors Chapter 941
16 September 2013
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 POWs and MIAs

Moment of silence for the Navy Yard people shot at DC today.

Prayer by . Wayne Wermager

New member introduced.

Agenda approved as presented.

Members present: Larry Reed, Les Bakke, Joe Bennett, Cory Bennett, Lyn Birkeland, David Brunsvold, Ronn DuRand, Wayne Ellefson, Les Forman, Hella Heifter, Mark Heifter, Paul Hyndman, Jan Jorgensen, Same Leathes, Bob Oesterle, Steve Perreault, Dave Rice, Russ Stabler, Joe Wallevand, Wayne Wermager, Art Williams, Victor Wolter, Don Benson, John Eraker, Erik Marts and John Lisk.

Guests:

Secretary's Report

Stabler/Reed moved to approve the secretary's report. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report

Beginning Balance from Statement 9/13/2013	\$9,951.61
Deposits	
Sales	\$75.00
Tips/Sales, Brant Stand	\$501.73
Brat Sales, Sun Mart	\$234.65
Brat Sales, Hornbachers	\$500.00
VVA Membership	\$ 80.00
Overpayment, David B	\$ 22.44
Total Deposits	\$1,413.82
T-Shirts, VVA Picnic	\$1,212.00
Bracelets, Larry Reed	\$ 28.00
Supplies, Larry Nicholson	\$ 69.06

Supplies, David Brunsvold	\$111.60	
Office Max, Map	\$ 22.44	
Memberships	\$ 80.00	
Fargo Forum Advertising	\$ 99.00	
Total Expenditures		\$1,622.10
Interest Earned	\$ 0.08	
Ending Balance		\$9,743.41

Reed/Stabler moved to accept the treasurer's report. Motion carried.

Public Affairs

Ellefson presented a report on recent activities.

Membership Report

Jorgensen provided an update on membership. We have 174 VVA members and 45 AVVA members. Jorgensen reminded members to provide her with e-mail addresses. Report accepted as presented.

Color Guard Report

Stabler reported on color guard activities. Reported on Potato Days, Greater Moorhead Days, Lenard and MSUM football. Upcoming events will be listed on web calendar.

Report accepted as presented.

Legislative Report

Stabler reported on North Dakota legislative activities. Officers were elected. Plans were developed for the legislature. Agent Orange billboards have been erected.

Report accepted as presented.

Old Business

Bike Nite Nicholson reported on Bike Night in Moorhead.

Stabler/Williams moved to co-sponsor Bike Night with the FM Crusaders. Motion carried.

VVA Tent: Brunsvold is working on the project.

Mission Statement Committee: The committee met prior to this meeting.

Audit Committee Committee: Stabler provided an update, he found information on the web and will bring the committee together to make a recommendation.

Suicide Walk: DuRand provided an update for the September 22 event.

New Business

Vietnam Vets Picnic: Nicholson reported on discussion with the City of Moorhead. Nicholson will check out Davey Park for October 6 or 13.

Jorgenson/Stabler moved that we have a chapter family picnic on October 6 or 13 at 1500, Davy Park, Moorhead.

Minnesota GI Bill: Nicholson and Bakke reported on the program.

Calendar of Events: Nicholson reported on upcoming events and asked for members to attend.

Color Guard Practice/Flag Presentation: Nicholson and Stabler reported on the project. Stabler will provide information.

Holiday Meals: The VA is seeking sponsors for holiday meals. Nicholson and Jorgenson will provide a recommendation at our next meeting.

MSUM Tailgating: MSUM is looking for organizations to set up a tent for Homecoming.

Other: Williams talked about Erik Marts radio program. Erik is interested in guests for his program. Marts talked briefly about his experiences. Interested members should contact Art Williams if interested in appearing on Marts radio show.

Veterans Oral History Project: Anyone interested in recording their experience with an oral history recording, please contact Bakke.

Halloween Party: Upcoming in October.

Meeting adjourned at 1954.

Respectfully submitted,

Les Bakke, Secretary