



**Vietnam Veterans of America
Northern Warriors Chapter 941
20 May 2013
Kelly Inn-3800 Main Ave., Fargo, ND
1900 Hours**

Meeting called to order by President Nicholson at 1900.

Members present: Larry Nicholson, Wayne Ellefson, Les Bakke, Stan Price, Seve Paradis, Mark Helfter, Hella Helfter, Jim Haudedahl, Sam Leather, Russ Stabler, Joe Bennett, Cory Bennett, Bob Harris, Ed Ahonen, Lisa Roesch, Dave Caswill, Dave Rice, Robert Jacobson, Jim Neypen, David Brunsvold, Leslie Lewis, Jan Jorgensen, Larry Reed, Steve Perreault, Glen Meek, Ivan Davis-Oleson and Paul Hyndman.

We did the **Pledge of Alligiance**, had a **moment of silence** followed by a prayer by Neypen.

Introductions and Announcements

Agenda was accepted as presented.

Secretary's Report

Secretary's report was accepted as posted.

Treasurers' Report

Beginning Balance	\$7,533.01
Expenses	\$1,611.03
Income	\$ 547.00
Ending Balance (15 April 2013)	\$6,433.05

Treasurer's report was accepted as presented.

The treasurer now has on-line access to our checking account, so we won't have to wait for a paper monthly report.

Public Affairs Report

Ellefson provided a report on recent and upcoming activities. Ellefson reviewed the high school visits and expressed our thanks to Leslie Lewis for arranging all of the events. Stabler/Jorgensen moved to accept report. Motion carried.

Membership Report

Our chapter has 157 members, 40 associate members. Stabler/Ellefson moved to accept report. Motion carried.

Color Guard Report

Stabler distributed a report on color guard events.
Ellefson/Jorgensen moved to accept report. Motion carried.

Old Business

Election of Officers

President: Larry Nicholson
Vice President: Larry Reed
Treasurer: Dave Brunsvold
Secretary: Les Bakke
Public Affairs: Wayne Ellefson
Membership: Jan Jorgensen
Color Guard Commander: Russ Stabler
Chaplin: Wayne Wermager
Haudedahl/Stabler moved that the slate be elected unanimously. Motion carried.

High School Class Presentations

Lewis reported on the high school visits, increasing the number of classes to 400, number of students by 100% with 120 in class volunteer hours by VVA members and 25 coordinating hours by Lewis. It was a huge success. Lewis distributed cards and notes and thank yous from students. Woodrow Wilson HS asked if we could return near Veterans Day. All three local TV stations and the Forum were at the events along with Fargo District media.

Nicholson reported on the Korea and Vietnam Veterans Welcome Home event in Bismarck–
June 8

July 4 10K Run

Brunsvold provided a report on planning.

Veterans Picnic

Bakke reported on the event.

Bennett Park

Bennett reported on Bennett Park activities.

Post Office Box

Our new box is at Prairie Wood Post Office: Box number 7327, Fargo, ND 58106

New Business

Brat Stand at Sunmart

Brunsvold reported the dates changed to June 17-18 due to a change in their plans. August dates have changed to August 19-20. We decided that we could staff the dates.

Vietnam Veterans at Air Museum

Nicholson reported on the event from June 22 – July 21

HCSCC

Bakke reported that the Historical and Cultural Society of Clay County is planning an event for Korean and Vietnam wars. The HCSCC will accept war and military artifacts from Clay County veterans.

VVA Finance Committee

Nicholson appointed Russ Stabler, Larry Nicholson, Glen Meek, Richard Belling and Dave Brunsvold

Radio Spots

Nicholson reported on the opportunity to purchase 25 WDAY radio spots for \$99. Neypen/Ahonem moved to purchase the spots. Motion carried.

Motion adjourned at 2000.

Respectfully submitted,

Les Bakke, Secretary