

**Vietnam Veterans of America
Northern Warriors Chapter 941
18 August 2014
Kelly Inn 3800 Main Ave, Fargo, ND
1900 Hours**

Meeting was called to order by President Larry Nicholson

Pledge of allegiance

Moment of silence for POW'S and MIA'S

Prayer by Wayne Wermager

Members present Larry Nicholson, Bob Mandt, David Brunsvold, Paul Hyndman, Russ Stabler, Ron DuRand, Les Forman, Steve Paradis, Art Williams, Mark Helfter, Mitch Campbell, Wayne Wermager, Larry Kessel, Jan Jorgensen, Joe Wallevand, Lyn Birkeland. AVVA Members Hella Helfter. Visitors Edmund Faber and Loretta Faber.

Introductions/Announcements.

President Larry Nicholson introduced Stephanie Manesis, a film maker who is working on a 6 minute trailer film for a mini-series for the History channel. The trailer is called Finding the Face of Compassion in WWII. They estimate they will need \$8,000.00 to complete this project and are asking VVA 941 to consider a donation. Matter was turned over to the donations committee for consideration.

Approval of the agenda.

A motion to approve the agenda was made by Russ Stabler, second by Art Williams. Motion carried.

Approval of the minutes.

A motion to approve the minutes was made by Les Bakke, second by Russ Stabler. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report.

Beginning balance		\$11,549.21
Total deposits	\$3,401.77	
Total expenditures	\$ (713.65)	
Interest	\$ 00.11	
Ending balance		\$14,237.44

A motion to accept the treasurer's report was made by Russ Stabler, second by Art Williams. Motion carried.

Membership report

AVVA Members	45
VVA Members	210

Jan Jorgensen reported that she is still waiting for DD214's on 13 members.

Public Affairs - Nothing new to report.

Legislative report/State meeting - Nothing new to report.

Color guard report

Commander Russ Stabler reported that the color guard participated in the following events:

Aug 7 US Bank's Joes for GI's

Aug 16 Bike Rally Pelican Rapids MN

Aug 16 Bonanzaville West Fargo ND Pioneer Days parade

Aug 16 Sabin MN Sabin Days parade

Aug 17 Bonanzaville West Fargo Pioneer days parade.

Upcoming Events

	Line up	Start
11 Sept: Veterans Memorial Bridge 9/11	0830	0900
13 Sept: MSUM Football Game	1230	1300
23 Sept: MSUM Volleyball Game	1830	1900
26 Sept: MSUM Volleyball Game	1830	1900
27 Sept: MSUM Homecoming Parade	1330	1400
27 Sept: MSUM Volleyball Game	1630	1700

Les Forman made a motion to accept color guard report, Bob Mandt second. Motion carried.

Old Business

Agent Orange Report - Nothing new to report.

VAVS Report - Nothing new to report.

Bike Night/Valley Vintage Car Report

Larry Nicholson reported turn out for 14 Aug show to be 24 cars and 50 bikes in attendance. Dilworth VFW requested chapter to extend show season by one month to include Sept 11th. Chapter granted request.

Homeless Veterans Report.

Chairwoman Jan Jorgensen reported Dianna Hall (Homeless Veterans' Coordinator at VAMC Fargo.) extended information that bus tokens are needed for homeless vets. A veteran in the Fargo/Moorhead area can ride free if they present their veteran ID, however they must have enrolled or have claims finished.

3rd Quarter May thru July 2014

191 homeless veterans

In five years there have been over 500 vets move from homeless to non-homeless status.

6% female enrolled.

4% homeless are women.

Gladys Ray Shelter does not have women homeless veterans stay overnight. Women are usually there to use computer, do laundry, or pick up needed items.

Needs for Gladys Ray Shelter include; socks, boots, bras, underwear, belts size xl to 3xl, shirts, shaving cream, razors, brushes, combs, clippers, sunscreen and bug spray.

Brat Sales.

David Brunsvold reports sales for 25 and 26 July 2014 at Hornbachers Village West netted \$ 1,248.19.

A request was made from the floor for more member participation for VVA 941 events, such as brat sales, car night, color guard, Etc.

Committees;

President Larry Nicholson requested all committee chairman select members for committee by Sept 2014 meeting.

Plaque status update: Nothing to report.

Les Bakke reported picture for Clay County Veterans Service Office that was sent in for repair is back hanging on the wall and looking good.

Website report;

Larry Nicholson reported that Sue Knutson who is going to help VVA941 set up their website wants to start in Sept 2014.

Halloween-Moorhead Center Mall:

Melissa Radamacher from the mall is helping set up for VVA941 to distribute candy to kids on Halloween.

Beyond the Yellow Ribbon:

Les Bakke requested donation of money from the chapter as well as donation items for silent auction. Proceeds will go to VAMC Fargo rec fund and Fergus Falls Vets home. Matter of money was turned over to donations committee for their recommendation.

President Larry Nicholson brought up for later consideration the purchase of a lighter shirt to be worn as uniform by our color guard on hot summer days. Discussion for later meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 1950 with a salute to the flag.

Respectfully submitted by:

R. D. Mandt
Secretary