

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

Meeting called to order by President Larry Nicholson

Pledge of allegiance

Moment of silence for POW'S and MIA'S

Prayer by Art Williams

Members present: Bob Mandt, Jan Jorgenson, Larry Nicholson, David Brunsvold, Russ Stabler, Paul Hyndman, Mitch Campbell, Ronn DuRand, Robert Oesterle, Sam Leathas, Duke Johnson, Les Bakke, Steve Paradis, Hella Helfter, Mark Helfter, Les Forman, Art Williams.

Approval of agenda:

Motion to approve agenda was made by Les Bakke , second by Russ Stabler. Motion carried.

Treasurer's report:"

Beginning balance \$8,824.93

Deposits	
5K/10K Run	\$2,325.00
Membership	\$ 174.00
Brat Sales – Hornbachers	\$ 500.00
Donations/Sales	\$ 748.19
Petty Cash	\$ 100.00
Total Deposits	\$3,845.19

Expenditures	
Donation - Outdoor Adventure	\$ 250.00
Membership	\$ 40.00
Larry Nicholson - Copies/Postage	\$ 71.91
ND Raffle – Shortage	\$ 40.00
David Burnsville - 5k/10k	\$ 107.19
5K/10K Run Gift Certificates	\$ 611.90
Total Expenditures	\$1,121.00
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Ending Balance \$11,549.00

Motion to accept treasurer's report made by Russ Stabler, Second by Jan Jorgenson. Motion carried.

Membership report,

Jan Jorgenson reports VVA Members who are inactive: Steve Allen, William Barnard, Thomas Brown, Richard Charlebois, Bob Hennebry(needs DD214),Donald Norgren, Steve Perreault, and Ken Schwartz (needs DD214)..

Jan has sent out many letters for renewals and asking for DD214s still need Curtis Aamodt, Bob Evans, Bob Jones, Larry Kitchen, John Kraft, Tom Leeb, Daniel Lien, Glen Meek, Wayne Nichols, Merritt Vannatta, Roger Wheeler.

New Members: Sidney McMahan

Associate Members who are inactive: Tim Haugen, Becky Hawins, Theresa Nunn, Alex Reosch, Mark Rice, and Tom Tolman.

AVA members; 43

VVA members; 202

Motion to accept membership report was made by Russ Stabler a second by Mark Helfter. Motion carried.

Approval of minutes.

Minutes amended from audit section of June meeting to read members present Ed Ahonen, and Russ Stabler.

Motion to approve amended minutes was made by Russ Stabler. Second by Art Williams. Motion carried.

Color guard report.

Commander Russ Stabler reports color guard marched in Erhart parade on 4 July, Bonanzaville 4 July Borup 19 July, and for Detroit Lakes water carnival on 20 July. Russ Stabler, Wayne Ellefson, Ronn DuRand, Mark Helfter and Rick Martin presented color at Fargo Baptist Church for a patriotic service on 6 July. On 8 July Ronn DuRand, Mark Helfter, Leo Alameda, Wayne Wermager presented colors during military appreciation night at the FM Redhawks baseball game.

Upcoming events color guard:

	Line up	Start
26 July Dilworth Loco Daze	0930	1030
31 July Military motorcycle club	1830	1900
Holiday inn Fargo.7 Aug US Bank	1030	1100
9 Aug Glyndon	0930	1030
16 Aug Ulen	1200	1300
16 Aug Sabin	1500	1600
23 Aug Barnsville	1500	1730
5 Sept Greater Moorhead Days	1700	1800
7 Sept Leonard Days	1100	1200
20 Sept MSUM Homecoming	0930	1030

Motion was made by Art Williams to approve color guard report. Second by Duke Johnson. Motion carried.

Legislative report/state meeting.

VVA 941 representative Russ Stabler reported that national house resolution 543 (Vietnam veterans act of 2013) HR 1494 (Blue water navy ship accountability act ) and HR 1602 (Toxic exposure bill), were presented by region 6 director, John Margowski at state annual meeting in Park River on 19 July 2014.

VVA state representative are pursuing state funding for townhall meetings on Agent Orange Awareness. ND Representative Wayne Trottier has offered to assist with this effort. Last year they received \$50,000.00 In funding, this year they are asking ro \$200,000.00.

ND State VVA annual meetings are scheduled for the third Saturday of July every year.

Old Business:

10K/5K run report

President Larry Nicholson reported run was a success with 122 runners participating, netting \$1605.91.

Comments from the floor, electronic timing is needed for next race.

President Nicholson thanked all members who helped with this event.

Bennett Park:

President Nicholson reported the trailer is gone, leaving VVA 941's only responsible for the flower garden on the corner. Storage for VVA 941 supplies is now in David Brunsvold's garage.

VAVS Report:

Les Foreman had nothing new to report. A VAVS committee was established with Les Foreman chairman, and volenteers Art Williams, Sam Leaths and Larry Nicholson.

Bike Night/Valley Vintage car:

President Larry Nicholson reported turn out was good to begin evening, however rain shut the festivity down early

Next event will be held on Aug 14<sup>th</sup> 2014.

Oath of Office:

Oath of office was given to R. D. Mandt for the office of secretary for VVA 941.

New Business

USS Black Island

Two chairman were selected. Larry Nicholson for the Event committee, and David Brunsvold for the Budget committee.

Other committees

Three other committee chairman were assigned  
Jan Jorgdenson        Homeless VET committee  
Art Williams         Suicide Prevention committee  
Russ Stabler         Donation committee

Halloween:

It was decided VVA 941 would handout candy at the Moorhead Center Mall this year.

Christmas Party

It was decided VVA 941 would assist VFW and American Legion with their joint Christmas Party, providing donations and whatever else they may need.

Beyond the Yellow Ribbon:

A motion was made by Art Williams that VVA 941 would sponsor with VFW and American Legions silent auction to support VA recreation fund and the VETS home in Fergus Falls MN

Les Bakke made a motion that VVA 941 support Moorhead National Guard in their attempt to change street name past the Armory to Bearcat Way from the river to 11<sup>th</sup> St north. Russ Stabler second. Motion carried.

Les Bakke made a motion to pay up to \$60.00 for repair of veterans mirror picture for the Clay County Veterans service Office. Second by Russ Stabler. Motion carried.

Russ stabler made a motion to support the suicide prevention walk on Sept 21, 2014. Art Williams second. Motion carried.

Russ Stabler made a motion to pay three year membership to AVVA for Mark& Sue Knutson for their support of VVA941 with our 5-10Krun and WEB site. Les Bakke second. Motion carried.

Brat sales:

A request for volunteers for brat sales at Hornbachers Village west on 25 and 26 July 2014 was made by David Brunsvold. A schedule was made for both days.

Meeting was adjourned at 2010 with a salute to the flag.

Respectfully submitted by

R. D. Mandt, Secretary