

**Vietnam Veterans of America
Northern Warriors Chapter 941
20 Oct 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 Wayne Wermager

Members present: Bob Mandt, , Larry Nicholson, David Brunsvold, Russ Stabler, Paul Hyndman, Mitch Campbell, Ron DuRand, Les Bakke, Steve Paradis, Mark Helfter, Les Forman, Wayne Wermager, Neil Doty, Joe Wallevand, Steve Perreault, Larry Kessel, Leo Almeida, Wayne Ellefson. AVVA Members Hella Helfter.

Approval of agenda:

Addition made to Agenda, support for Veterans week at BC/BS of ND.

Motion to approve agenda with add was made by Russ Stabler, second by Less Bakke. Motion carried.

Approval of the Minutes

Correction on the Sept Minutes pertaining to Dan Thorstad (special guest) noted.

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

Treasurer's Report

Beginning Balance		\$12,026.46
	Total Deposits	\$ 337.94
	Total Expenditures	(\$1082.30)
	Interest	\$ 0.12
Ending Balance		\$11,282.19

A motion to approve the Treasurer's Report was made by Russ Stabler, second by Les Forman. Motion carried.

Membership Report

Larry Nicholson reported for Jan Jorgensen

213 VVA Members
46 AVVA Members

A motion to accept the Membership Report was made by Russ Stabler, second by Mitch Campbell. Motion carried.

Color Guard Report

Commander Russ Stabler reported the Color Guard participated in the following events.

Sep 23	MSUM Volleyball game
Sep 26	MSUM Volleyball game
Sep 27	MSUM Homecoming Parade
Sep 27	MSUM Homecoming Football game
Sep 27	MSUM Volleyball game
Oct 4	MSUM Special Event Basketball game
Oct 10	MSUM Volleyball game
Oct 11	MSUM Football game
Oct 11	MSUM Volleyball game
Oct 18	MSUM Football game

Upcoming Events

DATE	EVENT	MUSTER	START
Oct 24	MSUM Volleyball Game	1830	1900
Oct 25	MSUM Volleyball Game	1530	1600
Oct 28	MSUM Volleyball Game	1830	1900
Oct 30	MSUM Men's Preseason Basketball game	1830	1900
Nov 1	MSUM Football game	1230	1300
Nov 7	MSUM Volleyball game	1830	1900
Nov 8	MSUM Volleyball game	1530	1600
Nov 11	Veterans Day Ceremony on the Bridge	0830	0900
Nov 11	Veterans Day Parade	1000	1030
Nov 11	Veterans Day Ceremony at the Civic		1100
Nov 11	Bethany on 42 nd	1300	1330
Nov 11	Riverview on 52 nd	1500	1530
Nov 14	MSUM Women's Basketball game	1730	1800
Nov 15	MSUM Football game	1215	1300
Nov 15	MSUM Women's Basketball game	1830	1900
Nov 25	Xcel Energy Holiday Lights Parade	1800	1900

A motion to approve the Color Guard Report was made by Ron Durand, second by Les Forman. Motion carried.

Public Affairs Report

Wayne Ellefson reports that he contacted Brenda at Soldiers Home in Lisbon ND about any future activities. Brenda said all we have to do as a group is to contact her and set up a date for participating.

Veteran Day Activities: 0800 Veterans Memorial Bridge, 1030 Downtown Fargo parade, 1100 Flag raising in front of civic center, and the ceremony inside civic with guest speaker following Flag Raising. At 1330 there are Veterans Day ceremonies at two locations.

1. Riverside Assisted living center, university drive and 52nd avenue Fargo, Wayne Ellefson contact

2. Bethany Homes 42nd avenue Fargo, Russ Stabler contact.

Motion to accept Public Affairs Report was made by Russ Stabler, second by Mitch Campbell, Motion carried.

Legislative Report

Chairman Russ Stabler had nothing new to report.

Old Business

VAVS Report

Chairman Les Forman reports, VETS can begin to become vetted (finger prints etc). They need to check in with Veterans Office at the VA. The VA is looking for help mostly with Bingo or Blackjack.

Beyond the Yellow Ribbon

Les Bakke reports the Dilworth VFW, Moorhead American Legion and Beyond the Yellow Ribbon Moorhead is sponsoring three days of fundraising for the Fergus Falls Veterans home and Fargo VA. Dates are Oct 26 thru 29th.

Vietnam Veterans at the Fargo Air Museum

Larry Nicholson reports schedule for Vietnam Veterans week at the Air Museum for 2015 is May 15th thru the 29th.

Halloween

VVA 941 is to hand out candy Oct 31st at Moorhead Center Mall from 1600 to 2200.

Les Bakke made a motion to limit candy expense to \$150.00 second by Wayne Ellefson. Motion carried.

Christmas Party

Larry Nicholson reported no date set as of yet. Several bags and boxes of presents to be distributed.

New Business

USS Block Island Committee Assignments

Dave Brunsvold, Larry Nicholson, Ron Durand, and Wayne Ellefson were assigned to reunion committee.

Bonanzaville agreed to host picnic on Thursday May 28th 2015 for Block Island veterans and families.

Website Report

Examples of the new website were passed around. Members were asked to look it over and submit comments/ideas.

A discussion on how to handle E-Mail privacy concerns was made.

Sue Knutson who is working up the website will be available at a later meeting for demonstration and answer any questions.

Heartwave

6th annual fundraiser and silent auction for Vets and their families to be held Oct 23d at American Legion 505 3d Ave N. in Fargo. Tickets \$35.00 in advance \$40.00 at the door.

Other

Member Wayne Wermager requested use of VVA 941 flags and bases to be used the week of Veterans Day at Blue Cross Blue Shield of ND. All five branches of the service to be honored one day of that week.

It was agreed by group to loan one set of flags for week of Veterans Day without a formal vote.

Meeting adjourned at 2000 with a salute to the flag.

Respectfully submitted by:

R. D. Mandt
Secretary

