

**Vietnam Veterans of America
Northern Warriors Chapter 941
17 Nov 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, Mitch Campbell, Ron DuRand, Steve Paradis, Mark Helfter, Les Forman, Wayne Wermager, Joe Wallevand, Steve Perreault, Larry Kessel, Wayne Ellefson, Dave Rice, Doug Koch, Art Williams, Stan Price, Jan Jorgensen, Jerry Henke. AVVA Member Hella Helfter.

Approval of agenda:

Adds Oral History, and Salvation Army bell ringing.

Motion to approve the Agenda was made by Joe Wallevand, second by Russ Stabler. Motion carried.

Approval of the Minutes

One change noted from Oct 20th Minutes. On VAVS Report no finger prints are required.

Motion to approve the Minutes was made by Russ Stabler, second by Mitch Campbell. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report:

Beginning Balance			\$11,282.19
	Total Deposits		\$266.00
	Total Expenditures		\$376.58
	Interest		\$00.09
Ending Balance			\$11,171.70

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

Public Affairs Report

Wayne Ellefson reported November 11th was a busy Veterans Day. Members of Chapter 941 meet at the Frying Pan Restaurant at 0700 to 0745 for breakfast/Pre Bridge ceremony briefing At 0900 VVA941 presented colors at brief ceremony at the Memorial Bridge in Fargo. At 1030 VVA941 marched in the Veterans Day Parade down Broadway to the Civic Center and the Flag Raising Ceremony. The mail ceremony took place inside the Civic Center with guest speakers.

At 1330 members of Chapter 941 assisted with a Veterans Day program at Riverview Place. President Larry Nicholson and Jan Jorgensen were the two guest speakers. The colors were presented and retired by

Kevin Tegmeier. A special song was sung by AVVA member Teresa Nunn.

Also at 1330 color guard Commander Russ Stabler along with members Bob Mandt. And Mark Helfter assisted with a Veterans Day program at Bethany Homes in south Fargo. Chapter presented and retired colors, Russ Stabler was guest speaker and read off the names of Veterans living at Bethany Homes.

At 1500 Larry Nicholson, Jan Jorgensen and Wayne Ellefson were present to assist the staff at Villa Maria with a Veterans Day service. The One Oak Place Chorus sang songs from 1500 to 1530, members of Chapter 941 assisted in reading and recognizing the Veterans and the surviving spouses.

A motion to accept the Public Affairs Report was made by Russ Stabler, second by Les Forman. Motion carried.

Membership Report

Membership chair Jan Jorgensen reports new members for this month are Carmon Braaten transfer from Carrington, and Tom Holtgrewe, Moorhead.

Total AVVA Members 52
Total VVA Members 214

A motion to accept the Membership Report was made by Russ Stabler, second by Bob Mandt, motion carried.

Color Guard Report

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

Oct 24 MSUM Volleyball game
Oct 25 MSUM Volleyball game
Oct 28 MSUM Volleyball game
Nov 1 MSUM Football game
Nov 5 Supper Buffet Special
Nov 11 Ceremony Veteran's Memorial Bridge
Nov 11 Veterans Day Parade to Civic
Nov 11 Flag Raising Ceremony Civic Center
Nov 11 Veterans Day Program Riverview
Nov 11 Veterans Day Program Bethany Homes
Nov 11 Veterans Day Program Villa Maria Homes
Nov 14 MSUM Women's Basketball Game
Nov 15 MSUM Football Game
Nov 15 MSUM Women's Basketball Game

Upcoming Events

DATE	EVENT	MUSTER	START
Nov 25	Xcel Energy Holiday Lights Parade	1800	1900
Dec 2	MSUM Men's Basketball Game	1830	1900
Dec 5	MSUM Women's Basketball Game	1730	1800
Dec 5	MSUM Men's Basketball Game	1930	2000
Dec 6	MSUM Women's Basketball Game	1530	1600

Dec 6	MSUM Men's Basketball Game	1730	1800
Dec 20	MSUM Women's Basketball Game	1530	1600
Dec 20	MSUM Men's Basketball Game	1730	2000
Dec 21	MSUM Men's Basketball Game	1330	1400

Motion to accept the Color Guard Report was made by Les Forman, second by Art Williams. Motion carried.

Legislative Report

Russ Stabler reports VA secretary reported the VA is moving as fast as they can to clean up VA. Disciplinary action including termination of employment being imposed where necessary. Also if veterans live outside of 40 miles from the VA and are having a hard time acquiring an appointment or any member who is waiting for more than 30 days for an appointment, a choice card is issued so the member can go to his or her local clinic for treatment. Phone no. 866-606-6196 or go to va.gov to apply for card.

Motion to accept the Legislative Report was made by Dave Rice, second by Mitch Campbell. Motion carried.

Old Business

VAVS Report

Les Forman reports free flu shots available for Veterans at the VA. VA is looking for van driver from 8 to 1 PM on Fridays. They are also looking for volunteers Dec 15th at 6 PM for monthly blackjack (VVA 941 is providing \$50.00 in quarters). Volunteer should wear Veteran hat and shirt. Any interested volunteers check with Jannine Seitz at 3d floor phone no. 701-239-3700 ext 9-3395 to receive volunteer card.

USS Block Island

Reunion scheduled at the Biltmore for week of 26-30 May 2015.

Vietnam Veterans at Fargo Air Museum (May 16-29 2015)

Larry Nicholson reports the USS Block Island is to be honored at the closing ceremony on Friday the 29th

Christmas Party (Dec 7, 5pm)

Discussion as to where to have Christmas Party, American Legion, VFW or Moorhead Center Mall. Steve Perrault made a motion for President Larry Nicholson set it up. Les Forman second. Motion carried.

New Business

POW/MIA Flag

Wayne Ellefson made a motion to replace MSUM'S existing flag due to wear, second by Ronn Durand. Motion carried.

WEBSITE

VVA941.org website is now under the charge of Sue Knutson of GO FAR EVENTS.

Dan Stensvold

Dan Stensvold state commander of Counsel 6 VVA to give presentation during our Dec 17th meeting on the subject of Agent Orange as well as other topics.

Gladys Ray House

Jan Jorgensen reports they are still in need of gloves, jackets and many other needs of our Homeless Vets. For more info contact Jan Jorgensen chapter Homeless Vet chairman.

Bell Ringing

Russ Stabler is scheduling bell ringing for the Salvation Army for Nov and Dec at Hornbachers Village West, Cashwise Foods Fargo, and Moorhead Center Mall. Schedule is:

Nov 24	Cash Wise Foods Fargo	1230 to 1500
		1500 to 1730
Nov 28	Hornbachers Village West	1230 to 1500
		1730 to 2200
Dec 1	Moorhead Center Mall	1500 to 1730
Dec 1	Hornbachers 32 nd Ave.	1500 to 1730
		1730 to 2200
Dec 8	Moorhead Center Mall	1230 to 1500
		1730 to 2200

Oral History

Larry Cappello to talk 3d of March 2015 on Lest We Forget. More info to follow.

Steve Perreault reports Blessed Sacrament Church West Fargo is holding thanksgiving dinner for the under privileged.

Wayne Wermager thanked chapter for use of our flags which were used during Veterans week at BC/BS of North Dakota.

Wayne Wermager chapter Chaplin is asking for any namers of Veterans or Familys of Veterans in need of special prayer during holiday season.

A motion was made by Jan Jorgensen to purchase a dozen cold weather hats for the color guard, Russ Stabler second. Motion carried.

Next meeting Dec 15th 2014.

Meeting adjourned at 2000 with a salute to the flag.

Respectfully submitted by

R. D. Mandt
Secretary