

**Vietnam Veterans of America
Northern Warriors Chapter 941
21 September 2015
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 Russ Stabler

Members present; Bob Mandt, David Brunsvold, Larry Reed, Les Forman, Ed Ahonen, Mark Helfter, Joe Wallevand, Russ Stabler, , Larry Nicholson, Larry Kessel, Ronn DuRand, Steve Bye, Lyn Birkeland, Gary Arth, Richard Bailes, Steve Perrault. AVVA members Hella Helfter, Stephenie Collins, Jason Kakac. Guests Bill Kennedy, Abraham Irizarry.

Introductions:

Members went around the room and introduced themselves.

Approval of agenda:

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

Approval of the minutes:

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

Treasurers report:

Treasurer David Brunsvold reports:

Beginning Balance		\$19,041.66
Expenditures	Sportland #1533	\$ 2,339.50
	ARTCO #1534	\$ 379.38
	L. Nicholson #1536	\$ 51.89
	Bell State Bank #1537	\$ 100.00
	Les Forman #1539	\$ 54.00
	D. Burnsville #1540	\$ 11.90
TOTAL Expenditures		\$ 2,9085..37
	Interest Earned	\$.14
Ending Balance		\$16,085.37

A motion to approve the treasurer's report was made by Russ Stabler, second by Ronn DuRand. Motion carried.

Public Affairs Report:

Chair Les Forman reported no news on approval of Honor Escort for the VA yet. Blackjack night at VA was held at 1900 on September 16th 2015. Next Blackjack night scheduled for 21 October 2015. David Brunsvold made a motion to approve the Public Affairs Report, second by Russ Stabler. Motion carried.

Membership Report:

Chair Russ Stabler reported he had not received report from national for the month of September. He used August's figures which were:

VVA Active membership	224	
New members		3
Total		227
AVVA Active	64	
New		1
Total		65
VVA Inactive		4
AVVA Inactive		3
Total		7

Motion to approve the Membership Report was made by Larry Reed, second by David Brunsvold. Motion Carried.

Color Guard Report:

Commander Russ Stabler Reported Color Guard/VVA941 participated in the following events.

3 September	MSUM Football
11 September	9/11 Ceremony on the Memorial Bridge.
16 September	VA Blackjack Night
17 September	Cruise Night in West Fargo
18 September	National POW/MIA day on Memorial Bridge
19 September	MSUM Football Game
19 September	MSUM Volleyball Game

Upcoming Events:

Muster	Game		
22 September	MSUM Volleyball	1830	1900
25 September	MSUM Volleyball	1830	1900
26 September	MSUM Volleyball	1530	1600
3 October	MSUM Football Game	1330	1400
16 October	MSUM Volleyball Game	1830	1900
17 October	MSUM Home Coming Parade	1000	1100
17 October	MSUM Football Game	1330	1400
17 October	MSUM Volleyball Game	1630	1700
19 October	VVA 941 Monthly Meeting	1900	
21 October	VA Blackjack	1900	
30 October	MSUM Volleyball Game	1830	1900
31 October	MSUM Volleyball Game	1530	1600

Motion to approve Color Guard Report was made by Joe Wallelvand, second by Larry Reed. Motion carried.

Team Red White and Blue:

This is a non - profit organization which in Fargo is run by Stephanie Collins and her husband designed to assist Veterans with their physical and social needs. They run a gymnasium which helps Veterans get out

and get some of the exercise they need as well as provide events such as horticulture and canoeing to help vets with social activities. Stephanie herself was a combat medic and presently a member of the North Dakota National Guard.

Old Business

VAVS Report:

Chair Les Forman reported Blackjack Night at the VA was held at 1900 September 16th with 5 VETS participating.

Tracey at the VA is looking for volunteers to come in to help with recreation and to visit with Veterans.

National POW/MIA Day September 18th:

The floor mentioned more advertising was needed to promote this event.

President Nicholson thanked everyone who participated in this event.

Decorum:

Reminder to watch behavior at functions or gatherings. Action reflects on chapter.

Lapel Pins/Buttons/Cups/shirts;

David Burnsville reported all items have been ordered.

Discovery School:

VVA 941 will be talking about Vietnam experiences with classes at Discovery School starting at 0815 Thursday September 24th.

MSUM to honor Vets on November 7th at their home football game.

MSUM Veteran asked to participate with VVA 941 color guard at one of the home football games.

State meeting reminder for life membership to VVA is 4100.00 thru the end of the year. Life membership to the AVVA is \$100.00 November 1st thru the end of the year.

Crusader Bike Club:

Several members of the bike club were in attendance and asked to partner with VVA 941 for veterans car and bike show as well as advertising.

Loren Hagen:

Loren a graduate of NDSU was killed in Vietnam and was awarded the Medal of Honor is to be inducted into the Special Forces Hall of Fame at Fort Bragg NC.

Anyone who knows of someone needing prayer contact Wayne Wermager chapter Chaplin.

Next meeting will be held October 19th at 1900.

Meeting adjourned at 2010 with a salute to the Flag.

Respectfully submitted by:

R. D. Mandt
Secretary