

Vietnam Veterans of America
Northern Warriors Chapter 941
10 February 2015
Kelly Inn 3800 Main Ave, Fargo, ND
1300 Hours

Special meeting called to order by President Larry Nicholson.

Members present; Les Forman, Ron Durand, David Brunsvold, Larry Nicholson, Bob Mandt, Larry Reed, Russ Stabler, Jan Jorgensen, Ed Ahonen, Wayne Ellefson, Duke Johnson, Mitch Campbell

Purpose: VVA Events for 2015

Burial Escort - VA is looking for VETS to escort deceased veterans from their room to the morgue. Ed Ahonen and whoever else can make it to attend meeting with VA on Wednesday 11 February at 1300 to find out details and report to VVA.

VVA week May 16 - 29 - Opens 1000 on the 16th, Dan Stenvold is checking with Canadian Vietnam Vets. To bring their wall and color guard. Dave Brunsvold is contacting Sisseton Color Guard to see if they can make it. VVA 941 needs volunteers for 16 & 17 and 23 & 24. We also need Color guard for both opening ceremony and the closing ceremony to be held at 1400 to 1430 on the 29th of May.

Election Committee - Russ Stabler, Art Williams, Jan Jorgensen, and Larry Reed assigned to the committee.

Need to have names available for May meeting.

Parades/Upcoming Events-

March	14 th Annual St. Patrick's Day Parade 1500 start
	14 th 40 th Annual FM Crusader's Bike show
	15 th FM Crusader's Bike Show
May	25 th Memorial Day Ceremonies
	0830 Holy Cross N. Fargo
	0900 Veteran's Memorial Bridge
	1100 Riverside Cemetery S. Fargo
	1200 Sunset Memorial Garden S. Fargo
	Detroit Lakes Group
	Hunter
	26 th thru 29 th USS Block Island Reunion
	16 th thru 29 th Vietnam Week at Air Museum
June	11 th Classic Car Show and Bike Run
July	4 th 5K/10K walk/run 0700
	9 th Classic Car Show and Bike Run
	16 th -19 th VVA State picnic and Convention
	18 th Borup Parade 1300
	25 th Dilworth Loco Daze Parade 1030
August	13 th 1100 Joes for GI's at US Bank Service Center.
	13 th Classic Car Show and Bike Run
	15 th Bonanzaville 1400
	15 th Sabin Harvest Day Parade 1500
	16 th Bonanzaville 1400

September	4 th Greater MHD Days Parade 1200
	6 th Leonard Days Parade 1200
	19 th West Fest Parade
October	10 th MSUM Football 1300
	31 st Halloween at Moorhead Center Mall
November	11 th 0900 Veterans Memorial Bridge
	1045 Parade to Civic
	1100 Flag Raising Ceremony and Program

This list does not include all MSUM Football, Volley ball, Wrestling or Basketball Games.

Bike Show- Crusaders Bike Show at Ramada Inn on March 21 & 22 Color Guard at 3PM on 22nd.

Car Shows - Toppers March 28th and 29th
Valley Vintage May 2nd and 3^d

5k/10k Run - VVA 5k/10k run to be held at 0700 July 4th. Need for lots of volunteer help.

USS Block Island Reunion- to be held at the Biltmore Inn May 26th thru the 30th 2015. Assignments for volunteers will be forth coming. May 30th Dan Stenvold VVA council President will speak at the banquet.

State Meeting - To be held July 16th - 19th. Location unknown at this time.

Classrooms - Russ Stabler Larry Nicholson and others to contact schools in Fargo Moorhead area for class room discussions with VVA members of their experiences in Vietnam. Dave Brunsvold to follow by sending letters to schools.

911 - VVA needs to advertise event better to achieve better attendance.

Memorial Day - Discussion on how many events to plan. Will bring up ant next VVA meeting for member input.

Stocking Caps - Estimates of cost for stocking caps for color guard to be used for cold weather events to be pursued. Larry Reed to do research.

Audit/Review - Mike Riewer comptroller for Braaten Cabinets has agreed to review VVA books for free.

Brat Sales - Recommendation for 2 weekends once again. Dave Brunsvold to check on dates available and report back to chapter.

Halloween - Recommended to have at the Moorhead Center Mall again this year.

Blackjack Night at the VA - Black jack night to be held on 3d Wednesday of the month 1900- 2100. There is a need for more volunteers.

Sponsors - chapter needs to recognize sponsors and send pictures of the events to them.

Modern Woodman of America - Larry Nicholson, Bob Mandt to set up meeting with this company who has matching funds for non-profits, to see if VVA would qualify.

Visit Recruiter - Russ Stabler and others to scrounge recruiters in the area for items to hand out at VVA functions.

Plaque - Date still being pursued for dedication of plaque with the names of three Moorhead High graduates killed in Vietnam War.

Redhawks - Need contact Redhawks for date of vets night at the Ball game and make arrangement for Color Guard ETC. Dave Rice to contact Chapter.

Heartsprings - Jan Nelson to speak at VVA February meeting. This organization helps Vets dealing with PTSD etc. by use of Yoga.

Agent Orange/ PTSD - Dave Seifert VVA member to speak for or April or May meeting.

Bike /Vintage car Night - Date set for May 7th, June 11th, July 9th , Aug 13th. And a special night on Jun 25th to introduce Can Am Spyder Bike.

Meeting was then brought to a close by President Larry Nicholson.

Respectfully submitted by:

R. D. Mandt
Secretary.