

**Vietnam Veterans of America  
Northern Warriors Chapter 941  
21 December 2015  
Biltmore/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 Wayne Wermager

Members Present: Bob Mandt, Steve Perreault, Steve Paradis, Ed Ahonen, Les Forman, Bob Miller, James Gebhardt, Duke Johnson, Ronn DuRand, Larry Reed, Mark Helfter Gary Arth, Larry Kessel, Wayne Wermager, Les Bakke, Wayne Ellefson, David Brunsvold, Larry Nicholson, Paul Hyndman, AVVA Members: Hella Helfter, Ben Lake, Twila Nicholson.

**Introductions/Announcements:**

Members went around the room and introduced themselves.

**Approval of the Agenda**

Motion to approve the Agenda was made by Les Bakke, second by Wayne Ellefson. Motion carried.

**Approval of the Minutes:**

Motion to approve the Minutes was made by Wayne Wermager, second by Larry Reed. Motion carried.

**Treasurers Report**

Beginning Balance		\$13,891.70
Deposits	Sales/Donations – Mhd Mall	\$ 296.25
Expenditures	Bob Mandy - #1558	\$ 21.27
	Cash – Casino Nite - #1559	\$ 57.98
Total Expenditures		\$ 79.25
Interest Earned	Gate City Bank	\$ 0.12
Ending Balance		\$14,108.82

A motion to approve the Treasurer's Report was made by Larry Reed, second by Steve Perrault. Motion carried.

**Membership Report**

In the absence of Chair Russ Stabler, Larry Nicholson reported no change from last month, which was

VVA Active	217
AVVA	54
Total	271

**Public Affairs Report:** Nothing to report

**Legeslative3 Report:**

Larry Nicholson read a portion of letter received from VVA Chapter 374 informing us of the Vietnam Veterans Annual picnic to be held 8<sup>th</sup> thru 10<sup>th</sup> of July 2016 at Willowood Park along hwy 200 in Mayville ND. Events Saturday night, supper, pontoon rides, nature tour, horse and wagon rides, silent raffle (members bring items for raffle), proceeds go to scholarship. Contact Larry Dakken at 1-701-788-3435 or [ldakken@hotmail.com](mailto:ldakken@hotmail.com). Camping is free.

**Color Guard Report:** Not available.

### **Old Business**

VAVS Report:

Chair Les Forman reported we have had two Blackjack Nights, which VA patients really enjoy.

Training for Honor Escorts Program had taken place with six of our members taking part. Chapter 941 is lead organization with Ed Ahonen, Ronn DuRand and Les Forman being contact people. Ronn DuRand and Les Forman were the first to perform duty on December 15<sup>th</sup>. Ed Ahonen and Larry Reed performed 2<sup>nd</sup> Escort service on December 18<sup>th</sup>.

VAVS Chief has requested Veteran organizations come up with programs (such as blackjack) for weekends as patients have little to do then.

Call for more volunteers.

**Donations:** Messiah Lutheran Church presented VVA 941 with a \$525.00 donation from the church's fall giveaway.

Andrew Lavallie: nothing new to report committee to be formed to follow up on things chapter can do to honor Lavallie for his service in Vietnam.

**Decorum:** Reminder to watch what we say in public. Try and be friendly and respectful with people around us.

Stocking caps for Color Guard are in.

Red Shirts with Vietnam emblem will be done soon.

Sickness and Health: anyone who is need of thoughts and prayers contact Wayne Wermager at 701-212-5071 or [wwermager@far.midco.net](mailto:wwermager@far.midco.net).

Toppers Car Show: we have received a letter to participate in the Toppers Car Show 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3d of April 2016.

Wayne Wermager has a 2016 goal of contacting all 220 members of VVA 941 and asking if they would like to participate in more activities.

Next meeting to be held January 18<sup>th</sup> 2016.

Meeting adjourned at 1945 with hors d' oeuvres and refresments for Christmas.

Respectfully submitted by.

R. D. Mandt  
Secretary

