

**Vietnam Veterans of America  
Northern Warriors Chapter 941  
16 March 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 Wayne Wermager

Members present Larry Nicholson, Bob Mandt, David Brunsvold, Les Forman, Mark Helfter, Wayne Wermager, Larry Kessel, Jan Jorgensen, Joe Wallevand, Leo Almeida, Rich Brommenschenkel, Jerry Halmrast, Larry Reed, Steve Bye, Wayne Ellefson, Ed Ahonen. AVVA Members Hella Helfter. Guest Al Sakellow.

**Approval of the agenda:**

A motion to accept the Agenda was made by Ed Ahonen, second by Wayne Wermager. Motion carried.

**Approval of the Minutes:**

A motion to approve the minutes was made by Les Forman, second by Dave Brunsvold. Motion carried.

**Treasurer's Report:**

Beginning Balance		\$13,098.59
	Total Deposits	\$ 214.00
	Total Expenditures	\$ 415.02
	Interest	\$ .10
Ending Balance		\$12,897.67

A motion to accept the treasurer's report was made by Bob Mandt second by Larry Reed. Motion carried.

**Membership report:**

Membership chair Jan Jorgensen reported VVA New Members Steve Bye-Dilworth MN, Dennis James-Fargo ND, Jackie Leroy Miller-New Life Member-Fargo ND. New AVVA Members; Sheila Watson-Fargo ND, Lori Jasken-West Fargo ND.

Total VVA            223

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A motion to accept the membership report was made by Larry Reed, second by Leo Almeida. Motion carried.

**Public Affairs Report:**

Chair Wayne Ellefson reported Villa Maria Nursing Home is working to have VVA 941 at a service on Memorial Day.

Color Guard Report:

Commander Stabler was absent due to a death in the family. Larry Nicholson reported Color Guard

marched in Fargo's St Patrick's Day parade on 14 March. Next event is the Crusader's Bike Show 21 and 22 March at the Ramada Inn. He is looking for volunteers.

### **Legislative Report:**

State meeting to be held in Hillsboro's VETS club on 21 March 2015.

### **VAVS Report:**

Les Forman reports Flash Back Black Jack Night at the VA scheduled for Wednesday 18 March at 1900.

VA Quarterly meeting to be held April 20<sup>th</sup>, 3d floor auditorium at 2 PM. One of the topics to be discussed is in regards to Burial Escorts. VVA Ed Ahonen has been following this topic and reports VA is moving forward implementing the escort program. Details so far are two people need be on call to take care of approximately 7 deaths per month. They are asking VVA941, AMVETS, American Legion and VFW from Fargo Moorhead to participate. More details including training will be shared at this Quarterly meeting.

USS Block Island (May 26-30)

Larry Nicholson covered some of the events planned. Busses to leave from the motel.

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

Starts at 1130 Saturday 16 May. Camillie Johnson, Vietnam war correspondent is the keynote speaker. Once again they are looking for any display memorabilia.

### **Elections Committee Report:**

Nothing new to report.

Toppers Car Show Saturday March 28th - 29<sup>TH</sup> starts at 0900.

Crusaders Bike Show March 21<sup>st</sup> - 22<sup>nd</sup> at the Ramada Inn.

Vietnam Veterans Day - March 21<sup>st</sup> at the West Fargo VFW 1300 to 1800, free chili.

Veterans Classic Car & Bike Show:

Vintage car and motorcycle night to be held 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the month 1700 to 2100 starting in May and running through September.

Fargo Marathon May 9<sup>th</sup>

VVA 941 to assist with booth at the Fargo Marathon on May 9 to help repay GOFAR for all the assistance our chapter receives for our Marathon and WEB Site. About 30 volunteers will be needed.

10K/5K run

VVA 941 10K/5K run will be held July 4<sup>th</sup> at 0730, please mark calendar.

Chaplain Wayne Wermager has again asked anyone having a prayer request to contact him.

### **Oral History of Veterans:**

Steve Perreault to hold talk at Davies High School Wednesday morning 25 March and again at the VFW in West Fargo at 1900 same day.

Next meeting to be held 20 April 2015.

Respectfully Submitted by

R. D. Mandt  
Secretary