

**Vietnam Veterans of America  
Northern Warriors Chapter 941  
18 May 2015  
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: Les Forman, Russ Stabler, Bob Mandt, Jan Jorgensen, David Brunsvold, Richard Bailes, Dutch Eyman, Ed Ahonen, Joe Wallevand, Steve Perreault, Paul Hyndman, Larry Kessel, Les Bakke, Dave Seifert, Tom Picard, James Gebhardt, Steve Paradis, Wayne Wermager, Ronn DuRand: AVVA Members Scott Halmrast, Ben Kessel: Guests Lauri Moreno, Rebecca Collins, Tammy Monsebrotten, Sunny Clark, Bob Clark, Frann England, Jodi Johnson, Rachel Spam.

**Introductions/Announcements:**

Members and guests went around the room with introductions.

**Approval of agenda:**

Motion to approve agenda with add was made by Russ Stabler, second by Ronn DuRand. Motion carried.

**Approval of the Minutes:**

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

**Treasurer's Report:**

Treasurer David Brunsvold reported:

Beginning Balance		\$15,832.30
	Total Deposits	\$ 2,250.00
	Total Expenditures	(\$ 1,157.70)
	Interest	\$ 0.14
Ending Balance		\$16,924.74

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

**Membership Report:**

Membership chair Jan Jorgensen reported new members, Frank Brda- Euclid MN, Dennis James- Fargo VA, Jack miller- Fargo ND. AVVA new members Keary Barger- Fargo ND, Steven Eltz - Fargo ND, Dorthy Heiele - Fargo ND, Jason Hicks - Dilworth MN, Jan Nelson \_ Fargo ND, Sheila Watson - Fargo ND, Rich Weaver - Hawley MN. New Transfers, Terry Graff and Jack Miller.

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

**Public Affairs Report:**

Three or four people are needed to talk at Villa Maria Nursing Home on Memorial Day 26 May 2015.

**Color Guard Report:**

Russ Stabler reported only one function attended this month. Present colors at the opening ceremony for the Vietnam Veterans week at the Air Museum in Fargo on 16 May 2015.

A motion to accept the Color Guard Report was made by Joe Wallavand, second by Ed Ahonen. Motion carried.

**Legislative Report:**

Russ Stabler has resolution and constitution, anyone interested are to see him.

A motion to accept Legislative Report was made by Ronn DuRand, second by Dave Brunsvold. Motion carried.

**Old Business:**

**VAVS Report:**

Les Forman reported that we are still waiting for official word on Escort Program at the VA. Information has to make it through various departments at the VA before final approval.

A reminder for those interested in Wounded Warrior trips to sign up.

Vietnam Veterans at the Fargo Air Museum (May 16-29). Volunteers needed. Artwork that is being displayed is by artist Jim Fletcher.

USS Block Island (May 26-30) . Volunteers still needed. Count needed for those attending banquet on Sat 29 May.

**Election Committee Report:**

The following members are running for office

President	Larry Nicholson
Vice President	Steve Perreault
Secretary	Bob Mandt
Treasurer	David Brunsvold
Membership	Russ Stabler
Public Affairs	Les Forman
Color Guard	Russ Stabler

Les Bakke made a motion to elect unanimous ballot of officers running, second was made by Ronn DuRand. Motion carried.

Military Appreciation Night at Newman Field is scheduled for July 30<sup>th</sup>.

Veterans Classic Car and Bike Show - May 14<sup>th</sup> at Dilworth VFW was a washout with only one or two cars showing. Next car show scheduled for Jun 11<sup>th</sup>.

Veterans family recognition - May 24<sup>th</sup> 2 PM- Air Museum. Hosted by the AMVETS to recognize families of KIA and MIA.

Honor flight report: Still taking applications, first flight scheduled for 4 Early September 2015.

Less Forman made a motion to purchase \$ 75.00 gift certificates for the singer, artist, speaker and guitarist who participated at the Air Museum opening ceremonies. Russ Stabler second the motion. Motion carried.

Dave Seifert VVA 941 member and counselor for the VETS Center gave a talk on PTSD. Dave along with guests Rebecca Collins, Tammy Monsebroten, Fran England, Jodi Johnson and Rachel Spam handed out pamphlets and fliers containing information regarding suicides, PTSD symptoms, treatment programs, PTSD classes information and common reactions. All stress for Vets who believe they may have a problem to talk to someone.

Bob Clark and Ed Ahonen volunteered their stories with PTSD and recovery programs.

Chapter Chaplin Wayne Wermager asked for prayer requests

Meeting adjourned at 2030 with a salute to the flag.

Next meeting to be held June 15<sup>th</sup> at 1900.

Respectfully submitted by:

R. D. Mandt  
Secretary