

**Vietnam Veterans of America
Northern Warriors Chapter 941
16 February 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; Bob Mandt, David Brunsvold, Jan Jorgensen, Les Forman, Paul Hydman, Ed Ahonen, Mark Helfter, Russ Stabler, Larry Nicholson, Larry Kessel, Jerry Halmrast, James Gebhardy, Dutch Eyman, Wayne Wermager, Lyn Birkeland, Tom Picard, Jim Haukedahl. AVVA Members Hella Helfter, Scott Halmrast, Ron Martin, Dave Caswell. Guests Amy Wieser Willson, Jan Nelson, D. DuShane.

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 Bakke. Motion carried..

Approval of the Minutes:

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

Treasurers report:

Beginning Balance		\$12,754.24
	Total Deposits	\$ 520.00
	Total Expenditures	\$ 335.05
	Interest	\$ 0.00
Ending Balance		\$12,939.19

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

Public Affairs Report:

Russ Stabler read a statement on the passing of Bob Hanson

Membership Report:

Membership Chair Jan Jorgensen reports:

VVA New Members: Gordon Bahner - Hendrum MN, Major Pfistner - Fargo ND, Dick Medley- Fargo ND, Allen Bosch - Fargo ND, Doyle Eyman - Fargo ND, Tom Picard - Fargo ND, Tony Schumacher - Fargo ND, Doug Winter - Detroit Lakes MN. Transfer from VVA 374 to VVA 941 Tom Schauer- Fargo ND.

AVVA New Member: Scott Halmrast - Fargo ND.

Total VVA 220

Total AVVA 49

A Motion to approve the membership report was made by Russ Stabler, second by Bob Mandt. Motion carried.

Color Guard Report:

Commander Russ Stabler Reports:

Color Guard participated in the following events.

Jan 30th 1800 MSUM Women's Basketball
2000 MSUM Men's Basketball

Jan 31st 1600 MSUM Women's Basketball
1800 MSUM Men's Basketball

Feb 13th 1800 MSUM Women's Basketball
2000 MSUM Men's Basketball

Feb 14th 1600 MSUM Women's Basketball
1800 MSUM Men's Basketball

Upcoming Events:

Feb 25th 1800 MSUM Women's Basketball
2022 MSUM Men's Basketball

March 14th 1500 FM St. Patrick's Day Parade

15th 0900 FM Crusader's Bike Show (Post Colors at 1400).

Old Business:

VAVS Report:

Chair Les Forman put out a request for more members to become vetted at the VA.

USS Block Island Reunion (May 26-30)

Reminder.

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

Looking for any Vietnam memorabilia to be used at the museum.

Heartsprings:

Guests Jan Nelson and Amy Weiser Willson from the VA spoke on non-medical complimentary Yoga therapy for PTSD and depression available at the VA. They also showed a display Vegas Pillow that has shown positive results in treating sleep deprivation in some of their patients.

Toppers Car Show March 28th and 29th.

Crusaders Car Show March 21st and 22nd. Color Guard to retire colors 3pm 22nd.

Vietnam Veterans Day - March 21st at the West Fargo VFW. Chili feed from 1 to 6 pm.

Fargo Marathon - May 7th to 9th:

VVA 941 to volunteer help for marathon to help pay back GO FAR for all the do for our chapter.

Events:

President Larry Nicholson spent a few minutes going over events for 2015 covered by our February Special Meeting minutes.

Burial Escorts - Ed Ahonen reported from meeting with the VA on 11 February that they estimate about 7 deaths per month and that escorts must be vetted with the VA.

Modern Woodman of America:

In phone con Bob Mandt VVA and Patrice Koerslman Woodman on February 12th they do match funds with non-profits but for wpe3cific items for the non-profit such as computer, cameras, television, uniforms, etc. and not for donations to other organizations. If we find anything that meets those specs, she will be lad to set up a meeting to discuss.

Chaplin Wayne Wermager asked members with prayer requests to contact him.

Next meeting to be held 16 March 2015.

Respectfully Submitted by,

R. D. Mandt
Secretary

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