

**Vietnam Veterans of America  
Northern Warriors Chapter 941  
19 December 2016  
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 Chaplain Wayne Wermager

Members present; Bob Mandt, Larry Nicholson, Russ Stabler, Larry Kessel, Gary Arth, Paul Hyndman, Larry Reed, Ronn DuRand, Wayne Wermager, Les Forman. Ed Ahonen, David Brunsvold, Steve Paradis, Jim Aasness, Mitch Campbell, Dennis Hillebrand, Darvin Hauff, Bob Miller AVVA Wayne Possehl, Hella Helfter, Guests: Jackie Williams

**Introductions:**

Members went around the room and introduced themselves.

Air Museum: Jackie Williams, representative from the Fargo Air Museum came in for a discussion on Vietnam Week at the Air Museum scheduled for May 2017. Member Bob Miller had a couple of suggestions for speakers and people who could bring in Vietnam memorabilia. He was going to contact them for availability. Larry Nicholson mentioned Joe Galloway for a speaker. Questions of how much it would cost to bring him up from Texas and if he would even do it. That idea was tabled for the time being until more information was available. Temporary dates for the event was set at 15 to 21 May 2017. Jackie Williams was going to make arrangements for that week.

**Approval of Agenda:**

A motion to approve the agenda was made by Larry Reed, second by Russ Stabler. Motion carried..

**Approval of the Minutes.**

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

**Treasurers report.**

Treasurer David Brunsvold reported.

Beginning Balance		\$10,114.07
Deposits		\$ 0.00
Total Deposits		\$ 0.00
Expenditures	Les Forman – Eagle/Casino #1657	\$ 74.25
	Larry Nicholson – Stamps #1658	\$ 23.00
	Bob Mandt – Copies #1659	\$ 6.24
	WDAY AM970 – Advertising #1660	\$ 150.00
	David Brunsvold – Candy Holiday Lights - #1661	\$ 74.95
Total Expenditures		\$ 328.44
Interest Earned		\$ 0.08
Ending Balance		\$ 9,785.71

Motion to approve the Treasurer's Report was made by Les Forman, second by Jim Aasness. Motion carried.

**Public Affairs Report:**

Chair Les Forman reminded chapter of Casino Night at the VA Wednesday 21 December at 1900.

Russ Stabler made a motion to approve the Public Affairs Report, second by Ed Ahonen. Motion carried.

**Color Guard Report:** Upcoming Event

December	19 <sup>th</sup>	VVA meeting	1900
December	19 <sup>th</sup>	MSUM Men's basketball	1900
December	21 <sup>st</sup>	Black Jack VA	1900
December	27 <sup>th</sup>	Coffee Villa Maria	0900
December	30 <sup>th</sup>	MSUM Women's Basketball	1800
December	30 <sup>th</sup>	MSUM Men's Basketball	2000
December	31 <sup>st</sup>	MSUM Women's Basketball	1600
December	31 <sup>st</sup>	MSUM Men's Basketball	1800
January	13 <sup>th</sup>	MSUM Wrestling	1900
January	14 <sup>th</sup>	MSUM Wrestling	1400
January	20 <sup>th</sup>	MSUM Ladies Basketball	1800
January	20 <sup>th</sup>	MSUM Men's Basketball	2000
January	21 <sup>st</sup>	MSUM Ladies Basketball	1600
January	21 <sup>st</sup>	MSUM Men's Basketball	1800
January	27 <sup>th</sup>	MSUM Wrestling	1900

Motion to approve the Color Guard was made by Ronn DuRand, second by Bob Mandt. Motion carried.;

**Membership Report:**

Chair Russ Stabler reported:

VVA	265
AVVA	52
Total	317

Motion to approve the Membership Report was made by Les Forman, second by Jim Aasness. Motion carried.

**Legislative Report:**

Chair Russ Stabler reported:

STATE:

1. Gaming Funds: A bill being proposed by Sen. Devers would allow any Veteran Organization with gaming would be allowed those funds to be used by that organization for its programs, PASSED
2. Close to the same a bill number 1, except if the organization wants to it can donate some of the funds to Veterans Home. PASSED.
3. A funeral Coin to be developed with one coin to be given to the family, this could be given to the Veteran Organization to give out. This is a proposed bill by Sen. Sorvrgg. PASSED.
4. Proposed to have a bill for an alternative Gold Star Plate to be given to families of deceased veterans, active duty military, or Guard personnel who die on active duty, but not related to combat and not qualified for a regular Gold Star Plate.
5. Employment protection during a state sponsored activation by guard members for duties outside North Dakota of ND Guard members outside belonging to the ND Guard for duty in ND. It is recommended in the State Statute to remove North Dakota from the text. PASSED.
6. Child Abuse and Neglect Identification and Reporting: This would be for military residing off base and the On Base officials become aware of the problem, who will report the abuse or neglect to appropriate civilian authorities. FAILED, the council decided this was too delicate situation with too many pitfalls and hazards to get involve. This situation should be handled by the DOD not us.

FEDERAL

The House and Senate passed the HR 6416 Veterans Health Care and Benefits Act of 2016. This includes the Toxic Exposure Research Act of 2015.

Motion to approve the Legislative Report was made by Gary Arth, second by Larry Kessel. Motion carried.

**Moorhead Schools:** Moorhead Schools are looking for volunteers to ride their school buses and act as monitors. No interest shown by Chapter due to liability issues.

**VA Coupons:** \$100.00 worth of coupons purchased by our Chapter to give out to Veterans hospitalized at the VA.

**Election of Officers:**

The following officers were elected to serve chapter for 2017.

President	Larry Nicholson
Vice President	Larry Reed
Treasurer	David Brunsvold
Secretary	Russ Stabler
Membership	Russ Stabler, Larry Nicholson, and Les Forman
Color guard	Les Forman
Public Affairs	Les Forman
Legislative	Russ Stabler
Chaplain	Wayne Wermager

Congratulation to all the 2017 elected officers

Chapter enjoyed Meat and Cheese tray with soft drinks as we celebrated Christmas.

Anyone in need of our prayers contact Wayne Wermager (chapter Chaplain) at 701-212-5071 or [wwermager@far.midco.net](mailto:wwermager@far.midco.net).  
Keep I Prayer Cindy Lukowiak (Duke Johnson's girlfriend at the loss of her father.

Fargo Air Museum coffee with the Vets held 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month from 100to 1200. Next date January 11<sup>TH</sup> 2017.

Chapter WEB site: [vva941.org](http://vva941.org)

Chapter next meeting 16 January 2017 at 1900 Kelly Inn.

Meeting adjourned at 2015 with a salute to the flag.

Respectfully submitted by

R. D. Mandt  
Secretary