

**Vietnam Veterans of America
Northern Warriors Chapter 941
15 February 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 Wayne Wermager

Members present; Bob Mandt, Ed Ahonen, Ronn DuRand, Steve Perreault, Les Forman, Joe Wallevand, Gary Arth, Kevin Tegtmeier, Wayne Wermager, Leo Almeida, Steve Bye, Paul Hyndman, Larry Kessel, Wayne Ellefson, Duke Johnson, Larry Reed, Lyn Birkeland, Les Bakke, Russ Stabler, Larry Nicholson, AVVA: Ben Kessel, Wayne Possehl Guests Paul Ahonen, Jeanne Kessel, Robbie Hall, Larry Mendivil JR.

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 Forman. Motion carried.

Approval of the minutes.

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

Treasurer's Report:

Treasurer Dave Brunsvold submitted report in absentee.

Beginning Balance		\$13,187.50
Deposits	National VVA Membership	\$ 103.00
	Donation to 5K/10K Run	\$ 100.00
TOTAL DEPOSITS		\$ 203.00
Expenditures	L. Nicholson - #1567	\$ 151.31
	Sportland - #1568	\$ 473.00
	Service Dogs of America - #1569	\$ 250.00
	B. Mandt - #1570	\$ 6.03
	L. Nicholson - #1571	\$ 13.05
	D. Brunsvold - #1572	\$ 55.98
	Cash (Flowers for Karl) - #1573	\$ 62.74
	Secretary of State - #1574	\$ 15.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURES		\$ 1,027.11
	Interest Earned	\$ 0.00
Ending Balance		\$12,393.39

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

Public Affairs Report:

Chair Les Forman reported-

-Third Wednesday of the month is Blackjack night at the VA. This month will be 17 February at 1900.

- Honor Escort lead for February is Ed Ahonen, March will be Ronn DuRand. Family members have been very appreciative of members visiting with them.

- VA is asking groups to find ways to entertain patients on weekends/ it was brought up to bring those patients eligible to car shows/Bike shows and other outside excursions. Les Forman is to check with VA and report back to chapter.

Russ Stabler made a motion to approve the Public Affairs Report, Larry Reed second. Motion carried.

Membership Report:

VVA

Individual	66
Life	152
Hospital	2
New Life	2
Not Paid	1
New Individual	1
Transfer	3
Total	225

AVVA

Individual	48
Life	11
Deceased	1
New Individual	2
Not Paid	1
Transfer	1
Total	60

Together Total 285

Color Guard Report:

Chair Russ Stabler reported.

Completed Events

22 January	MSUM Wrestling
5 February	MSUM Men's and Women's Basketball
6 February	MSUM Men's and Women's Basketball
12 February	MSUM Wrestling
13 February	Wrestling

Upcoming Events

Show	Start		
		February 19 th	MSUM Women's Basketball
1730	1800		
		February 19 th	MSUM Men's Basketball
1930	2000		
		February 20 th	MSUM Women's Basketball
1530	2000		
		February 20 th	MSUM Men's Basketball
1730	1800		
		February 21 st	MSUM Wrestling
1330	1400		
		March 12 th	St Patrick's Day Parade
1100	1300		
		March 21 st	VVA Chapter Meeting
1900			
		March 26 th	Vietnam Veterans Day at West Fargo
VFW	1200		

Bob Mandt made a motion to approve the membership report and Color Guard Report, second by Steve Perrault. Motion carried.

Legislative:

No report

VVA Day Saturday March 26th 2016.

Correspondence:

Donations:

- Believers Fellowship Church \$ 200.00. Larry Reed made a motion to approve, second By Ronn DuRand. Motion carried.
- North Dakota Veterans Home Golf Tournament. For sponsorship of one hole \$150.00. Larry Reed made a motion to approve, second by Ed Ahonen. Motion Carried.

Service Dogs of America sent a thank you card for chapters donation of \$250.00\

American Heroes Outdoors TV Premier:

Invitation for member4s to attend premier at the Marcus Theater on March 20th 2016. Contact Dave Morse for time and RSVP 701-866-1567.

Crusaders Bike Show March 18th thru 20th.

- set up March 18th
- Color Guard present colors March 19th
- Color Guard post colors March 20th

VVA Life Membership has permanently been set at \$100.00.

Toppers Car Show April 2nd and 3d.

St. Patrick's Day Parade March 12th. Line up 1300 Old Broadway. Meet early at 1100. Remember parking will be a premium.

Beyond the Yellow Ribbon:

Les Bakke asked for a motion of participation to assist in upcoming events for the Minnesota Veteran Home. No donation was requested at this time. Les Forman made a motion to assist Beyond Yellow Ribbon, Ed Ahonen second. Motion carried
Sickness and Health:

Keep in thought and prayers the family of member Roger Wheeler who just passed away, also Mark and Hella Helfter at the loss of their son Karl.

Anyone who is in need of our prayers contact Wayne Wermager (chapter chaplain) at 701-212-5071 or wwermager@farmidco.net.

Miracle for Life:

Guest Robbie Hall gave a brief introduction of Larry Mendivil JR. > an Air Force Veteran who has started a non-profit organization Miracle For Life, designed to help veterans with transportation. (Cars, car parts, repair etc.) Larry Mendivil then explained that the whole purpose is to get Veterans out and about. The organization has provided repairs, repair parts and vehicles at either no cost or low cost to veterans. They also help promote motor sports as a sort of therapy to the Veteran. Larry asked chapter for donation consideration for the future.

VVA next meeting will be March 21st 2016.

Coffee with the Vets held the 2nd Wednesday of the month at the Fargo Air Museum.

Meeting adjourned at 2007 with a salute to the flag.

Respectfully submitted by:

R. D. Mandt
Secretary