

**Vietnam Veterans of America
Northern Warriors Chapter 941
18 January 2016
Biltmore/Kelly Inn 3800 Main Ave, Fargo, ND
1900 Hours**

Meeting called to order by President Larry Nicholson at 1900

Pledge of allegiance

Moment of silence for POW'S and MIA'S

Prayer by Wayne Wermager

Members present: Bob Mandt, Les Forman, Joe Wallevand, Ed Ahonen, Larry Reed, Paul Hyndman, Ronn DuRand, Duke Johnson, Gary Arth, Wayne Wermager, David Brunsvold, Larry Nicholson, Mark Helfter, AVVA Hella Helfter, Wayne Possehl, Guests Linda Wallevand.

Introductions /Announcements: Members went around the room and introduced themselves.

Approval of agenda:

Motion to approve the agenda was made by Ed Ahonen, second by Larry Reed. Motion carried.

Approval of the Minutes

Motion to approve the Minutes was made by Les Forman, second by Larry Reed. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report:

Beginning Balance		\$14,108.82
Deposits	Sales/Donations	\$ 479.81
	Donation- Messiah Church	\$ 525.00
Total Deposits		\$ 1,004.81
Expenditures	Patchwork Pup #1560	\$ 619.00
	Casino Night #1561	\$ 67.98
	Sportland #1562	\$ 963.50
	L. Nicholson #1563	\$ 25.71
	B. Mandt #1564	\$ 10.74
	W. Wermager #1565	\$ 14.05
	O'Kelly's #1566	\$ 225.27
Total Expenditures		\$ 1,926.25
Interest Earned	Gate City Bank	\$ 0.12
Ending Balance		\$13,187.50

A motion to approve the Treasurer's Report was made by Joe Wallevand, second by Bob Mandt. Motion carried.

Public Affairs /VAVS Report:

Chair Les Forman reported Honor Escort have now performed 8 functions. They are looking for more people to replace three volunteers who do not answer their phones.

-Honor escort members are thinking of purchasing more formal wear that would be more appropriate for their service.

-Blackjack night at the VA have been taking place the 3d Wednesday of the month., the next one will be 20 January 2016.

-Non-Profit, Miracle for Vets will be at our next meeting in February taking about who they are. They fix cars, provide car parts and

on occasion provide cars for Vets in need.

Membership Report:

In the absence of chair Russ Stabler, Larry Nicholson gave a no change report from last month.

VVA Active	217
AVVA Active	54
Total	271

Several new member applications have been submitted (both VVA and AVVA).

Color Guard Report: Not Available

Legislative Report: Not Available

Old Business

VVA Day March 29th

Correspondence: Nothing new to report.

Crusaders Bike Show March 18th thru 20th

Set up will be 18 March, Present Colors morning of 19 March, post colors afternoon of 20 March.

VVA Life Membership for \$100.00 is being made a permanent price.

Toppers Car Show April 2nd and 3d.

ST. Patrick's Day Parade March 17th.

Sickness and Health:

Keep in your thoughts and prayers Karl Helfter, son of Mark and Hella as he has been diagnosed with stage 4 cancer. Also Jan Jorgenson who has experienced a set back from hip surgery.

Anyone who is in need of our prayers contact Wayne Wermager (chapter chaplain) at 701-212-5071 or wwermager@far.midco.net. Other: Joe Wallevand spoke on the need for being vigilant of our brothers and sisters in regards to suicide.

VVA next meeting will be February 15th 2016.

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

Meeting adjourned at 1940 with a salute to the Flag.

Respectfully submitted by

R. D. Mandt
Secretary