

Northern Warriors



Chapter 941

16 May 2016

Biltmore/Kelly Inn 3800 Main Ave., Fargo, ND

1900 Hours

Meeting called to order by President Larry Nicholson

Moment of Silence for POW/MIA

Prayer by Chaplain Wayne Wermager

Members present: Larry Nicholson, Russ Stabler, David Brunsvold, Jim Nypen, Ronn DuRand, Jim Aasness, Ed Ahonen, Glen Meek, D. J. Guerrero, Paul Hyndman, Ron Krueger, Gary Arth, Steve Perreault, Larry Reed, Steve Paradis, Lyn D. Birkeland, Tom Previa, John Isley Frank Anderson (At-Large), Jerry Halmrast, Forman, James Gebhardt, Wayne Wermager, Dennis Hillebrand, Mark Hrelfter. AVVA Hella Helfter and Wayne Possehal. Guest: Dan Thorstad, CVSO.

Introductions: Members went around the room and introduced themselves.

Approval of Agenda: Motion to approve agenda was made by Russ Stabler, second by Jim Nypen. Motioned carried.

Approval of Minutes: Motion to approve the minutes made by Larry Reed and second by Ronn DuRand. Motion carried.

Treasurers Report:

Beginning Balance		\$13,667.81
Deposits	Sales/Donations Valley Vintage Car Show	\$248.35
	Sales-Sweatshirts	\$105.00
	Brat Sales/Donations	<u>\$1,355.86</u>
Total Deposits		\$1,709.21
Expenditures		

Expenditures	Jason Kimble-Bracelets #1590	\$180.00
	Copy Kat- Business Cards #1591	\$37.41
	Sportland #1592	\$587.00
	L. Nicholson-Copies #1593	\$47.81
	Hornbachers-Casino Nite #1594	\$57.98
	D. Brunsvold-Stamps #1596	\$94.00
	Valley Vintage-Entry Fee #1597	\$80.00
	D. Brunsvold-Ink/Copies#1598	<u>\$59.78</u>
Total Expenditures		\$1,143.98
Interest Earned		<u>\$0.11</u>
Ending Balance		\$14,233.15

Approval of Treasurers Report: Motion to approve Treasurers Report made by Russ Stabler, second by Jim Nypen. Motion Carried.

Public Affairs Report:

Chair Les Forman reported that at the VAVS there has been an increase in the number of VVA Volunteers and an increase in the number of hours for them. Kudos were hand out for the Honor Escort at the VA. The three team Leaders are Les Forman, Ed Ahonen and Jim Haukedahl and there are +20 on the roster, they have been receiving favorable from the VA and the veteran's families. On 20 June, 2016 at 1600-1730 hrs. at the VA there will be a new volunteer orientation. They need experienced volunteers to show them around the VA.

Approval for Public Affairs Report: Motion made by Russ Stabler, se by Jim Nypen. Motion carried.

Color Guard Report:

Chair Russ Stabler reported:

Completed Events: No passed events to Report.

Upcoming Events:

May 30th Memorial Day Ceremonies.

June 11th Hawley Rodeo Days Parade at 1500 hrs.

July 17th Detroit Lakes Water Carnival Parade 1300

hrs.

Motion to approve t Color Guard Report made by Les Forman, second by Steve Perrault.

Motion carried.

Membership Report:

Chair Russ Stabler reported:

VVA	Individual	63
	Life	163
	Hosp	4
	Not paid	3
	New Life	1
	Transfer	<u>In: 1 Out: 0</u>
	Total	232
AVVA	Individual	38
	Life	15
	Life Pending	1
	Not Paid	<u>9</u>
	Total	54
	Total VVA/AVVA	226

Motion to approve Membership Report made by Larry Reed, second by Nypen. Motion carried.

No Legislative Report this month.

Fargo Marathon- Map handed out by Larry Nicholson showing VVA station in the race, it is at the corner of 14th Ave S. and Elm St. Report time is 0630 hrs.

Vets Picnic at Bonanzaville- Held this year upstairs in the new part of the building. Events start at 1730 hrs. cooks need to arrive at 1500 hrs.

The traveling will be at Sauk Centre, MN n July 14-17 for those interested in going.

Memorial Day activities were discussed:

Holy Cross Cemetery 0830

Veterans Memorial Bridge 0900

Riverside Cemetery Line-up 1030 Start 1100

Sunset Memorial Cemetery 1230

Villa Maria 1100- Les Forman and Wayne Ellefson

VVA Region 6 Conference: Will be held 3-4 June in St. Cloud, MN, all invited to attend.

Fargo Air Museum Veterans Coffee hour: Held on the second Wednesday of the month from 100-1200 Hours, all are invited. Come out and enjoy the Comradery and the coffee and doughnuts.

Classic Car/Bike Nite: June 9at 1730 hours.

Flyer Scavenger Hunt: Motion made for the scavenger hunt by James Gebhardt, second by Larry Reed. Motion Carried.

Reminder of Redhawks Military Appreciation Night: To be held at 1900 hrs., Color Guard to report at 1800 hrs. Lee Greenwood coming back. Reminder for the color guard members getting a ticket, they need to stay for the game.

Dan Thorstad, Cass County Veterans Service Officer: Spoke to the group about several areas of concern for veterans using the VA Hospital. They are still working on the Healing Gardens and hope to be done soon, they are redoing the access driveway so the North Access is temporarily open to allow access to the North Parking Lot. Soon construction will begin on a new front facade for the North Entrance, so it will be closed until the construction is complete.

If you have an emergency and are not seen at the VA for services, the VA needs be notified

within 72 hrs of the care, otherwise the VA will not pay for it. If the F/M Ambulance Service is used advise the VA because F/M Ambulance is bad about billing. Sometimes the bill arrives up to 3 months later and if the VA is not advised, the cost could fall to the veteran.

The VA now has a new pilot program for VA Appointments and seems to be working good. Starting in June Audiology and Optometry Departments will be taking requests for appointments directly.

Meeting Adjourned: There being no further business before the meeting a final Salute to the colors was conducted and the meeting adjourned at 2015 hrs,