

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

Meeting called to order by President Larry Nicholson

Pledge of Allegiance

Moment of silence for POW'S and MIA'S

Prayer by Chaplain Wayne Wermager

Introductions/Announcements

Members went around the room and introduced themselves.

Members present: Bob Mandt, Ronn DuRand, Larry Reed, Ed Ahonen, Wayne Wermager, Wayne Ellefson, Steve Paradis, Larry Kessel, Steve Perreault, Robert Davis, Mitch Campbell, Paul Hyndman, Bob Miller, Russ Stabler, Les Forman, David Brunsvold, Larry Nicholson, AVVA Ben Kessel, Wayne Possehl.

Approval of the Agenda:

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

Approve the Minutes:

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

Treasurer's Report:

Treasurer Dave Brunsvold reported that he did not have deposits from the bank at the time of our meeting.

Beginning Balance		\$13,088.96
Deposits		\$0.00
Expenditures	Larry Nicholson – Asst expenses - #1649	\$82.49
	Les Forman – Eagle for Color Guard - #1651	\$32.75
	Les Forman – Casino Night - #1653	\$104.00
	WDAY Honor Flight Gun Raffle - #1654	\$1,500.00
	David Brunsvold – Ink/Envelopes - #1655	\$127.89
Total Expenditures		\$1,847.13
	Interest	\$0.03
Ending Balance		\$11,241.86

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

Public Affairs Report:

Chair Les Forman reported:

--Reminder Coffee with Villa Maria Vets 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month at 0900.

--Black Jack at VA held on 16 November had 8 Veterans attend.

--VA - VAVS meeting VA is looking for volunteers at the front desk 800 to 1200, Escort service Tuesdays 1100 to 1500, and Emergency room 1100 to 1600, Cardiac Mondays and Tuesdays 1200 to 1400. Contact Les Forman or VA for more information.

--VA Christmas party to be held December 12th 3d floor at 1900.

Motion to accept the Public Affairs Report was made by Russ Stabler, second y Ed Ahonen. 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 Larry Reed. Motion carried.

Color Guard Report:

Chair Les Forman thanked all Color Guard members and those others who participated in all the events on Veterans Day.

Upcoming Events:

Nov	22 nd	Coffee at Villa Maria	0900
Nov	22 nd	FM Parade of Lights	1830
Nov	22 nd	MSUM Wrestling	1900
Nov	23 ^d	MSUM Ladies basketball	1800
Dec	2 nd	MSUM Ladies basketball	1800
Dec	2 nd	MSUM Men's basketball	2000
Dec	3 ^d	MSUM Ladies basketball	1600
Dec	3 ^d	MSUM Men's basketball	1800
Dec	4 th	MSUM Wrestling	0900
Dec	8 th	MSUM Wrestling	1900
Dec	13 th	Coffee at Villa Maria	0900
Dec	14 th	Coffee at the Air Museum	1000
Dec	17 th	MSUM Ladies basketball	1600
Dec	17 th	MSUM men's basketball	1800
Dec	19 th	VVA monthly meeting	1900
Dec	19 th	MSUM Men's basketball	1900
Dec	21 st	Black Jack VA	1900
Dec	27 th	Coffee Villa Maria	0900
Dec	30 th	MSUM Ladies basketball	1800
Dec	30 th	MSUM Men's basketball	2000
Dec	31 st	MSUM Ladies basketball	1600
Dec	31 st	MSUM Men's basketball	1800

Motion to approve the Color Guard Report was made by Larry Reed, second by Ed Ahonen. Motion carried.

Legislative Report:

Chair Russ Stabler reported:

- National VA still working to get Blue Water Navy Agent Orange coverage.
- State- National Guard only pays Honor Guard for Army functions.
- State-VVA State meeting to be held at the Fargo Elks, December 3d at 1400.

Motion to approve the Legislative Report was made by Larry Reed, second by Steve Perreault. Motion carried.

Vietnam Week at the Air Museum: A representative from the Air Museum is coming to address the Chapter.

VVA Election of Officers: 1 January 2017 term of Officers end. During our December 19th meeting Chapter will hold election of officers. President Larry Nicholson asked members to talk amongst the chapter and see who is interested in running.

December Meeting: Next month will be chapter Christmas party. Steve Perreault made a motion that Larry Nicholson and David Brunsvold set it up, second by Les Forman. Motion carried.

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

Member Ed Ahonen brought up Agent Orange meeting to be held December 8th 3d floor VA auditorium at 1630. Members need to submit a claim and possibly a new claim to get accepted. County VSO is helpful in filling out claims. Also other source doctors writing letter on behalf of members are extremely helpful. www.publichealth.va.gov.

Member Bill Peterson called Larry Nicholson in regards to having 6 to 10 members of the Native American Honor Guard from Belcourt North Dakota join us during Vietnam Week next year. Ronn DuRand made a motion to have a committee of Ben Kessel, Wayne Ellefson, Steve Perreault, David Brunsvold, and Russ Stabler check on rooms, presentation Eagle Statues, transportation and other expenses and report back to the chapter, a second was made by Ed Ahonen. Motion carried.

Chapter next meeting will be held 19 December 2016.

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 2000 was made by Larry Reed, second by Russ Stabler. Motion carried

Respectfully submitted by

R. D. Mandt
Secretary