

**Vietnam Veterans of America
Northern Warriors Chapter 941
18 August 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 Russ Stabler

Members Present: Bob Mandt, Ronn DuRand, Duke Johnson, Mitch Campbell, Joe Wallevand, Steve Perreault, Steve Paradis, Paul Hyndman, Larry Reed, Bill Peterson, Gary Arth, Ron Krueger, Jim Gebhardt, Larry Kessel, Curtis Aamodt, Thomas Picard, Les Forman, Ed Ahonen, Russ Stabler, Larry Nicholson, David Brunsvold, Jim Aasness, AVVA: Wayne Possehl Guests: Adam Altendorf, Jim Beckstrom

Introductions/Announcements:

Members went around the room and introduced themselves.

Boy Scout Adam Altendorf of troupe 637 in Moorhead was introduced. Adam is looking for a donation to help with his Eagle Scout project of providing 10 flag poles (installed) to veterans in the Fargo/Moorhead area at no cost to the veteran. Flag Poles are 20 ft tall made of cast aluminum and cost \$150.00. VVA941 donation committee recommended a donation of \$100.00. After hearing the cost Gary Arth made a motion to make a \$150.00 donation second by Ronn DuRand. Motion carried. Adam said if time permits he will try install more than ten flag poles.

Approval of the Agenda

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

Approval of the Minutes:

Motion to approve the Minutes was made by Les Forman, second by Joe Wallevand. Motion carried.

Treasurers Report

Treasurer David Brunsvold reports.

Beginning Balance		\$14,872.46
Deposits	Refund – Pepsi	\$ 142.98
	VVA Membership	\$ 36.00
	Cash Sales	\$ 30.00
	Active – 5K/10K Run	\$ 1,285.00
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	VVA Membership	\$ 112.00
TOTAL DEPOSITS		\$ 1,840.98
Expenditures	Larry Thomas – Refund - #1618	\$ 50.00
	D. Brunsvold – Cards - #1625	\$ 24.00
	DAV – Caps - #1626	\$ 30.00
	D. Brunsvold – Post GE #1627	\$ 24.00
	B. Mandt – Copies - #1628	\$ 11.05
	L. Nicholson – Postage/Ice/Flag - #1629	\$ 241.49
TOTAL EXPENDITURES		\$ 373.19
Interest Earned		\$ 0.14
Ending Balance		\$16,340.39

A motion to approve the Treasurer's Report was made by Russ Stabler, second by Larry Reed. Motion carried.

Membership Report

In the absence of Chair Russ Stabler, Larry Nicholson reported no change from last month, which was

VVA Active	251
Pending	4
Not Paid	1
Transferred	8
Total VVA	264
AVVA Active	62
Inactive	5
Total AVVA	67

Motion to approve the Membership Report was made by Joe Wallevand, second by Steve Paradis. Motion carried.

Public Affairs Report:

Chair Les Forman reported he estimates VVA 941 will volunteer approximately 1000 hrs this year. Volunteers are needed for the Flu Clinic in October, any one interested contact Les or VA.

Motion to approve the Public Affairs Report was made by Russ Stabler, second by Ronn DuRand. Motion carried.

Legislative Report: No Report

Color Guard Report:

Joint commander Les Forman reported upcoming events

August 20 th	Christian Bike Rally	0900.
August 20 th	Sabin Days	1700
August 27 th	Bonanzaville	1400
August 27 th	Barnsville	1700
September 2 nd & 3 rd	Belcouth	0700
September 11 th	Veterans Bridge	0900
September 15 th	MSUM Volleyball	1900
September 17 th	Westfest Parade	1200
September 17 th	MSUM Football	1400
September 23 rd	MSUM Volleyball	1900
September 24 th	MSUM Volleyball	1600
October 7 th	MSUM Volleyball	1900
October 8 th	MSUM Volleyball	1500
October 8 th	MSUM homecoming Parade	1400
October 8 th	MSUM Football	1800
October 15 th	MSUM Football	1400

Motion to approve the Color Guard Report was made by Larry reed, second by Jim Gebhardt. Motion carried.

Legislative Report: No Report

Air Museum Coffee for Veterans will be held 2nd Wednesday of the month beginning at 1000. Next month it will be the 14th of September.

5K/10K Review: Not Finalized yet.

Classic Car/Bike Night was held August 11th at Dilworth VFW. It quit possibly was the best show ever as weather was perfect. 39

cars and 25 bikes were in the show. 36 Chevy Pickup owners Dick and Mark Odegaard and 2008 Harley custom owned by Jason Kacac were named best in show.

9/11 event: Program on Veterans Bridge will be at 0930. Josaphine Harm will sing the National Anthem this year. Muster at Frying Pan in Fargo at 0730 for breakfast.

Bill Peterson request:

A request was made by member Bill Peterson for VVA 941 to send Color Guard to POW-WOW at Belcourt North Dakota to honor Andrew Lavalie who was part of Hal Moore's command of 7th cavalry at landing zone x-ray Ia Drang Valley Vietnam 1965. Several members volunteered to attend festivities September 1st thru September 3d. A \$100.00 expense was to be paid to members attending. Larry Reed made a motion to donate \$250.00 to the Lavalie fund, Jim Gebhardt second. Motion carried.

Honor Escort - Les Forman

Les Forman made a donation request to purchase hats for the VA Honor Escorts so they would be uniform for their duties. Ed Ahonen made a motion to purchase 30 hats for \$375.00 Russ Stabler second the motion. Motion carried.

Duke Johnson made a motion to donate \$250.00 to Service Dogs of America, second by Ed Ahonen. Motion carried.

VVA Brats Sales Hornbachers Village West shopping center August 26th and 27th.

Crossroads Bike Rally August 20th at Pelican Rapids.

North Dakota National Cemetery:

Will be located west of Harwood near Maple Valley Church. Director will be same as Fort Snelling. It will be 5 Acres and ready in 2018. Price of vault will be covered to the veteran, spouses may also be buried there. Cremation space will also be available

Suicide prevention Walk will be held September 18th at Lindenwood Park from 1400 to 1600.

Joint Cass/Clay County Veterans Conference Moorhead Armory 16 September 0900 to 1600.

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

Next meeting September 19th 2016.

Meeting adjourned a 2000 with a salute to the flag.

Respectfully submitted by:

R. D. Mandt
Secretary