

**Vietnam Veterans of America  
Northern Warriors Chapter 941  
20 June, 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, David Brunsvold, Larry Reed, Les Forman, Ed Ahonen, Mark Helfter, Joe Wallevand, Russ Stabler, Larry Nicholson, Larry Kessel, Ronn DuRand, Gary Arth, Steve Perrault, Leo Almeida, Duke Johnson, Wayne Wermager, D. J. Guerrero, James Gebhardt, Mike Knutson, Paul Hyndman. AVVA members Hella Helfter, Wayne Possehl Guest: Diane Bradbury

**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 Larry Reed. Motion carried..

**Approval of the minutes.**

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

**Treasurers report.**

Treasurer David Brunsvold reports:

Beginning Balance		\$14,233.15
Deposits	O'Kelly's 5K/10K Run	\$ 500.00
	National VVA	\$ 138.00
	Sales – MHD Center Mall	\$ 202.00
	Registrations – 5K/10K Run	\$ 55.00
	Westgo – 5K/10K Run	\$ 500.00
TOTAL Deposits		\$ 1,395.00
Expenditures	W. Wermager – Nypen Card #1595	\$ 4.83
	L. Reed – VFW Bracelets - #1599	\$ 25.00
	Patch Work Pup - #1600	\$ 155.00
	L. Nicholson – Copies/Postage - #1601	\$ 126.26
	Artco – Trophies - #1602	\$ 85.00
	W. Wermager – Cards - #1603	\$ 15.53
	Isaac Aldin –Eagle Scout - #1604	\$ 100.00
	L. Forman – Casion Nite - #1605	\$ 47.98
	VVA Memberships - #1607	\$ 280.00
TOTAL Expenditures		\$ 839.60
Interest Earned		\$ 0.12
Ending Balance		\$14,788.67

A 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 14 patients present at the last casino night at the VA on 15 June. An additional \$50.00 for total of \$100.00 was authorized to cover the large attendance. A \$50.00 donation was received from one of the patients as a token of his appreciation for our service to veterans.

--on 20 June 2016 Les Forman and Ronn DuRand assisted VA with registration

--congratulations to member D. J. Guerrero for being selected to throw out the first pitch at the Red Hawks game on Military Appreciation Night on June 30<sup>th</sup>.

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

### Membership Report:

Membership chair Russ Stabler reported.

VVA	Individual	65
	Life Members	171
	Hospitalized Members	6
	Total	242
Other	Life Pending	2
	Not Paid	3
	Transferred In	6
	Transferred Out	1
	Total	12
AVVA	Individual	41
	Life	16
	Life Time Payment	1
	Total	58
VVA		242
AVVA		58
Total		300
Others	VVA	12
	AVVA	6
	Totals	18

A motion to approve the membership report was made by Wayne Wermager, second by Larry Reed. Motion carried.

### Color Guard Report:

Completed Events

May 21 <sup>st</sup>	Fargo Marathon 5K
May 31 <sup>st</sup>	Holy cross Cemetery
May 31 <sup>st</sup>	Veteran Memorial Bridge
May 31 <sup>st</sup>	Riverside Cemetery
May 31 <sup>st</sup>	Villa Maria
May 31 <sup>st</sup>	Sunset Memorial Gardens

Jun 10<sup>th</sup> Hawley Rodeo Days Parade

#### Upcoming Events

Jun 30<sup>th</sup> Redhawks Military Appreciation Night  
Jul 3<sup>d</sup> Patriotic Ceremony Fargo Baptist Church 1030  
Jul 9<sup>th</sup> VVA State Meeting Mayville 1000  
Jul 17<sup>th</sup> Detroit Lakes Water Carnival 1300

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

#### Legislative Report/National/State

##### Chair Russ Stabler Reports

Federal Level -- Tell members of congress they need to improve VA Health Care  
<http://capwiz/vfw/issues/alert>

-- House Hearing on VA Records Management <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=M70C7Sk0C4U>

-- House hearing on Strategies for Veterans seeking jobs. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DLslOr3fzFI>

-- MIA Update: 6 Soldiers and 2 Marines returned to US soil.

Vietnam -- Army, Sgt 1<sup>st</sup> Class Alan L. Boyer lost 1968 Laos.

Korea -- Army Master Sgt Richard Davis lost near Unsan Nov 1950  
Army, Cpl Charles B. Crofts lost east of Chosin Reservoir Nov 1950  
Army, Pfc William R. Butz lost in N. Korea Dec 1950  
Army, Sgt. Harold L. Curtis lost in N. Korea Dec 1950

WWII -- Marine, Pvt. Palmer S. Haraldson Betio Island Nov 1943  
Army, Cpl. Frederick G. Coins Jr. Japanese POW camp. Philippines Nov 1942.  
Marine, Pfc. Roland E. Schaeede lost Betio Island Nov 1943

##### VVA Weekly

5<sup>th</sup> Call - In Day, June 22<sup>nd</sup>, Call Senators to support S.2921, Veterans first Act to the floor for vote

And Passage.

VA Announces the Departure of Acting Undersecretary Benefits, Danny G. I. Pummill.

Senate and House pass their versions of 2017 NDAA.

VA admits improper TBI Screening -- unqualified screeners.

Military Sexual Trauma Bill Fails to pass.

June is PTSD Awareness Month.

Leadership Conference for VVA will be held in Tucson,AZ.

#### North Dakota Veterans Affairs

On 25 June 2016. Aspen Dental on 45<sup>th</sup> St will be conducting a free Dental clinic for ND Veterans. Veteran needs to call 701-526-9652, Bring Proof of military service. MN will be held in July.

Motion to accept the Legislative Report was made by Jim Gebhardt, second by Leo Alameida. motion carried.

## Loaning of Equipment

It was brought up about loaning Chapter Equipment to other groups and procedures for doing so. After discussion it was decided it would be Easier to not loan out equipment. Larry Reed made a motion to the same, second by Joe Wallevand. Motion carried.

Veteran's picnic held May 26<sup>th</sup> at Bonanzaville had a good turnout. Special thanks to Duke Johnson who did the cooking.

Traveling wall will be in Sauk Center July 14<sup>th</sup> thru 17<sup>th</sup>. Our chapter has been invited to bring our canopt and set up shop.

July 4<sup>th</sup> chapter is holding its annual 5K-10K run at Bonanzaville. Start time scheduled for 0730. Registration starts at 0600. VVA workers arrive at 0530.

July 4<sup>th</sup> concessions at MSUM. VVA 941 was asked to run concessions this year for the annual fireworks display. Land O Lakes will provide milk. Hours 1700 thru about 1900 need 5 to 6 workers.

Classic Car/bike night to be held July 14<sup>th</sup>

Air Museum Coffee Hour held 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month beginning at 1000.

Military Night at Jack Williams June 21<sup>st</sup>. Veterans get in free for double header.

Military night at the Red Hawks June 30<sup>th</sup>. Color Guard to present colors

Anyone who is need of our prayers contact Wayne Wermager (Chapter Chaplain at 701-212-5071 or [wwermager@far.midco.net](mailto:wwermager@far.midco.net)).

Ed Ahonen is looking for someone to fill in for him on the Honor Escort Service at the VA for the month of July as he is having surgery.

Next meeting to be held July 18<sup>th</sup>

Meeting adjourned at 1955 with a salute to the flag

Respectfully submitted by:

R. D. Mandt  
Secretary