

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

Meeting was called to order by Vice President Steve Perreault

Pledge of allegiance

Moment of silence for POW'S and MIA'S

Prayer by Wayne Wermager

Members present; Bob Mandt, Ronn DuRand, Gary Arth, Mark Helfter, Ron Krueger, Tom Picard, Steve Perreault, Ron Bobb, Larry Kessel, Wayne Wermager, Steve Paradis, James Gebhardt, Mitchell Campbell, Les Forman, Russ Stabler, Richard Marcellais, David Brunsvold, AVVA Helle Helfter.

Introductions/Announcements

Members went around the room and introduced themselves.

Approval of the Agenda:

A motion to approve the Agenda was made by Russ Stabler, second by Jim Gebhardt. Motion carried.

Approval of the minutes.

Motion to approve the minutes was made by Les Forman, second by Russ Stabler. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report:

Treasurer Dave Brunsvold reported.

Beginning Balance		\$14,514.50
Deposits	VVA National	\$ 85.00
	MSUM Tailgating	\$ 290.00
Total Deposits		\$ 375.00
Expenditures	Sportland – Caps for VA #1640	\$ 375.00
	Bob Mandy – Copies #1641	\$ 11.62
	Larry Nicholson – Stamps/Mailings #1642	\$ 124.77
	Les Forman – Casino Night #1643	\$ 74.00
	WWGS ND - #1645	\$ 500.00
	Cass County VSO - #1646	\$ 250.00
	Cass County VSO - #1647	\$ 250.00
	Hornbachers – MSUM Tailgating #1648	\$ 215.26
Total Expenditures		\$ 1800.65
Interest Earned		\$ 0.11
Ending Balance		\$13,088.96

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

Public Affairs Report:

Chair Les Forman reported that our chapter has performed 117 different assignments at the VA with approximately 754 hours of voluntary service. VA could still use more.

Money for Blackjack at the VA:

Russ Stabler made a motion, second by Steve Paradis to raise the daily limit for Blackjack from \$50.00 to \$100.00, (discretionary upon how many attend the games on any one night). Motion carried.

Color Guard upcoming events.

October	18 th	MSUM Volleyball	1900
October	19 th	Blackjack at VA	1900
October	21 st	MSUM Volleyball	1900
October	22 nd	MSUM Volleyball	1400
October	25 th	Coffee Villa Maria	0900
October	29 th	MSUM Football	1300
October	31 st	Halloween party Moorhead Mall	1600 thru 2000
November	2 nd	Super Buffet	1800
November	4 th	MSUM Volleyball	1900
November	5 th	MSUM Volleyball	1600
November	8 th	Coffee Villa Maria	0900
November	9 th	Coffee at Air Museum	1000 to 1200
November	11 th	Ceremony Bridge	0900
November	11 th	Parade	1100
November	11 th	Ceremony Civic	1130
November	11 th	Bethany homes	1330
November	11 th	Villa Maria	1400
November	11 th	Riverview home	1500
November	12 th	MSUM Football	1300
November	16 th	Blackjack VA	1900
November	22 nd	Coffee at Villa Maria	0900
November	22 nd	Parade of Lights	1830

Across from Taco Johns on
Center Ave

Membership Report

Chair Russ stable3r Reported

VVA	262
AVVA	57
Total	319

Villa Maria coffee with the Vets being held 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month at 0900. Last meeting there were 39 Vets in attendance. Next date will be 8 November 2016.

Fargo Air Museum coffee with the Vets held 2nd Wednesday of the month from 1000 to 1200. Next date 9 November 2016.

Veterans Day Events:

0730 Breakfast at Fargo Frying Pan on main
0900 Ceremony on the Bridge.
1100 Parade
1130 Veterans day Ceremony in the Civic Center

1300 Bethany Nursing Home
1400 Villa Maria Nursing Home
1500 Riverview Nursing Home

VAVC Report: Chair Les Forman asked for two volunteers to serve as Deputy Representatives to VAVS. They are Jim Gebhardt and Russ Stabler.

Halloween; chapter will hand out candy at the Moorhead Center Mall on Monday October 31st from 1600 to 2000. Set up will be at 1400.

Anyone in need of our prayers contact Wayne Wermaqger (Chapter Chaplain) at 701-212-5071 or wwermager@far.midco.net

Donation:

Russ Stabler made a motion to donate \$1500.00 to the WDAY Honor Flight to purchase guns for a gun raffle, second was made by Ronn DuRand. Motion carried.

North Dakota Senator Richard Marcellais chapter member from Belcourt and VSO from Rollette county spoke to the group regarding Veterans in North Dakota and the challenges getting bills passed., especially though the ND House. Richard said he had spoken to US Senator John Hoeven about dental care for Veterans. Senator Hoeven said he was presenting a bill to add dental care to veterans at the VA.

Our next VVA meeting to be held 21 November 2016.

Meeting adjourned at 1945 with a salute to the flag.

Respectfully submitted by

R. D. Mandt
Secretary