

**Vietnam Veterans of America
Northern Warriors Chapter 941
16 January 2017
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 Chaplain Wayne Wermager

Members present; Bob Mandt, David Brunsvold, James Gebhardt, Larry Kessel, Gary Arth, Larry Nicholson, Les Forman, Les Bakke, Paul Hyndman, Bob Davis, Joe Wallevand, Glen Meek, Wayne Wermager, Mark Helfter, Jim Aasness. AVVA Wayne Possehl, Hella Helfter.

Introductions:

Members went around the room and introduced themselves.

Approval of agenda:

A motion to approve the agenda was made by Bob Mandt, second by Gary Arth. Motion carried..

Approval of the minutes.

One correction noted on December 19th Minutes Legislative Report Bob Davis and Paul Hyndman noted line one, two, three and five indicated passed but should be left open.

A motion to approve the corrected minutes was made by Les Forman, second by Bob Davis. Motion carried.

Treasurers report.

Treasurer David Brunsvold reports:

Beginning Balance		\$ 9784.71
Expenditures	Isaac Ahlin – Eagle Scout - #1637	\$ 150.00
	VA Volunteers - #1662	\$ 100.00
	Les Forman – Eagle/Casino Nite - #1663	\$ 140.12
	O’Kelly’s - #1664	\$ 267.32
	Dave Brunsvold – Casino Nite - #1665	\$ 78.00
Total Expenditures		\$ 735.44
Interest Earned		\$.08
Ending Balance		\$ 9050.35

A motion to approve the treasurer’s report was made by Jim Gebhart, second by Glen Meek. Motion carried.

Public Affairs Report:

Chair Les Forman reminded chapter of Casino Night at VA on 18 January at 1900.

Motion to approve the Public Affairs Report was made by Joe Walevand, second by Bob Mandt. Motion carried.

Membership Report:

Larry Nicholson reported VVA at 267 members. That was the only figure available with the absence of Chair Russ Stabler.

Color Guard Report

Chair Les Forman handed out a list of Upcoming Events.

January	18 th	Blackjack VA	1900
January	20 th	MSUM Ladies Basketball	1800
January	20 th	MSUM Men's Basketball	2000
January	21 st	MSUM Ladies Basketball	1600
January	21 st	MSUM Men's Basketball	1800
January	24 th	Coffee at Villa Maria	0900
January	27 th	MSUM Wrestling	1900
February	3 ^d	MSUM Ladies Basketball	1800
February	3 ^d	MSUM Men's Basketball	2000
February	4 th	MSUM Ladies Basketball	1600
February	4 th	MSUM Men's Basketball	1800
February	8 th	Coffee Air Museum	1000
February	10 th	MSUM ladies Basketball	1800
February	10 th	MSUM Boys' Basketball	2000
February	11 th	MSUM Ladies Basketball	1600
February	11 th	MSUM Boys' Basketball	1800
February	14 th	Coffee at Villa Maria	0900
February	15 th	Black Jack at VA	1900
February	20 th	VVA Meeting at Biltmore	1900
February	24 th	Wrestling	1000
February	25 th	Wrestling	1000

Legislative report/National/State: No Report

Air Museum: Vietnam Veterans Week at the Air Museum was rescheduled for 22 through 28 April 2017 due to schedule conflict. Set up will be on 21 April. Looking for speaker and other ideas.

Fargo Marathon May 20th 2017. Chapter will be assisting with Aid Station again this year. We are looking for volunteers.

Crusaders Bike Show March 19th thru 20th at the Ramada Inn. Chapter will have a booth again this year.

Toppers Car show April 1st and 2nd at West Fargo Hockey Arena. Chapter will have a booth.

Valley Vintage Car Show April 29th and 30th at the Moorhead Hockey Arena. Chapter will have a booth.

Harms Family Fund Raiser to be held January 20th at Holy Spirit School in North Fargo. Les Forman made a motion to donate \$100.00, second by Gary Arth. Motion carried.

The following Officers were sworn in for the year 2017.

President	Larry Nicholson
Vice President	James Gebhardt
Treasurer	David Brunsvold
Membership	Larry Nicholson, David Brunsvold

Color Guard Les Forman
Public Affairs Les Forman
Chaplain Wayne Wermager
Absent was Russ Stabler, Secretary, membership, Legislative..

Veterans Treatment Court:

Paul Hyndman and Bob Davis gave a talk regarding Veterans Court which is a program through the VA to assist Veterans who find themselves in trouble with the law due to Alcohol, Drugs, Theft or other related issues that can be attributed to PTSD or Post Traumatic brain injuries. Larry Nicholson, Paul Hyndman, Bob Davis, Jim Gebhardt formed a committee working with our Veteran Service Office attempting to put emphasis on this issue.

West Fargo VFW; Bob Mandt made a motion to donate \$100.00 to the West Fargo VFW for their fund raiser, second by Bob Davis. Motion carried.

Les Forman made a motion to sponsor one hole for \$150.00 at golf tournament, proceeds going to North Dakota Veterans Home, second by David Brunsvold. Motion carried.

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

Chapter Web site: vva941.org

Chapter next meeting 20 February 2017 at 1900 Kelly Inn.

Meeting adjourned at 1955 with a salute to the flag

Respectfully submitted by

R. D. Mandt
Acting Secretary