



**July 17, 2017**

**Biltmore/Kelley Inn, 3800 Main Ave, Fargo, ND**

**1900 Hours**

**Call to Order:** Larry Nicholson (Chapter President) called the meeting to order at 1900.

**Pledge of Allegiance:** Larry Nicholson led the chapter in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Prayer/Moment of Silence:** Ann Hagerman led the members in prayer and Larry Nicholson led the group in a Moment of Silence.

**VVA Chapter 941 Vision Statement:** Introduced and read by Larry Nicholson

**Introductions and Guests:** Members went around the room introducing themselves.

**Members:** There were 23 VVA and AVVA members in attendance: Larry Nicholson (President), Jim Gebhardt (Vice President), Dave Brunsvold (Treasurer), Les Forman (Public Affairs/Color Guard Commander), Bob Mandt, Ronn DuRand, Wayne Possehl, Gary Arth, Paul Hyndman, Wayne Ellefson, Ann Hagerman, Larry Reed, Ben Kessel, Glen Meek, Larry Kessel, Mitch Campbell, Ed Ahonen, and Joe Wallevand. Guests: Drake Jacobson and Amy Jacobson.

**Agenda:** Larry Nicholson presented the Meeting Agenda for approval. Motion to approve by Joe Wallevand, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Larry Reed. Motion carried.

**Minutes:** No Minutes from last months meeting, as Russ Stabler was unable to attend.

**Treasurer's Report:** Dave Brunsvold presented his report as Follows:

<b>Beginning Balance</b> .....		\$8,186.93
<b>Deposits</b>	Sales/Donations.....	\$275.81
	5K/10K Run.....	\$3,761.00
	VVA National.....	<u>\$174.00</u>
<b>Total Deposits</b>		\$4,210.81

<b>Expenditures</b>	Russ Stabler – Copies - #1691 .....	\$26.07
	Les Forman – Casino Nite - #1698.....	\$200.00
	David Brunsvold – Square Reader - #1700 .....	\$50.51
	Larry Nicholson – Postage/Copies #1701 .....	\$ 170.86
	Hornbacher’s – Gift Cards- #1702 .....	<u>\$680.40</u>
<b>Total Expenditures</b> .....		\$ 1,127.84
<b>Interest Earned</b>		\$0.08
<b>Ending Balance</b>		\$11,269.08

Motion to accept the Treasurer’s Report made by Larry Reed, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Russ Stabler, motion carried.

**Public Affairs/Color Guard Reports:** Les Forman presented the combined Public Affairs/Color Guard Report as follows:

- a.) 7/17 VVA Meeting at Biltmore at 1900
- 7/20 Coffee at Rosewood on Broadway at 1100
- 7/25 Coffee at Villa Maria at 0900
- 7/27 Coffee at Bethany on 42<sup>nd</sup> at 0930
- 7/29 Loco Daze Parade Dilworth show tome 0900
- 8/8 Coffee at Villa Maria at 0900
- 8/9 Coffee at Fargo Air Museum 1000 – 1200
- 8/10 Coffee at Bethany on 42<sup>nd</sup> at 0930
- 8/17 Coffee at Rosewood on Broadway at 1100
- 8/21 VVA Meeting at Biltmore at 1900
- 8/28 Potato Days Parade Barnsville Line up at 1600
- b.) Chapter 941 members have provided 655 hours of volunteer service at the VA so far this year.
- c.) The VA is in need of Bath Towels preferably white ones. A motion to buy 20 towels was made by Gary Arth, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ed Ahonen. Motion carried
- d.)

Motion to accept the reports made by Larry Reed, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ed Ahonen, motion carried.

**Membership Report:** Russ Stabler present the most current report as follows:

<b>AVVA Life</b> .....	203
Individual .....	67
Hospitalized .....	<u>6</u>
<b>TOTAL</b> .....	279
<b>Transferred In</b> .....	7 (Included in the Report)
<b>AVVA</b> .....	64
<b>TOTALS</b>	
<b>VVA</b> .....	279
<b>AVVA</b> .....	<u>64</u>
	343

**No DD 214 On File**

Curtis Aamodt	Wayne Nichols
Gary Cooper	Larry Rice
Robert Evans	Ken Schwartz
Merton Haley	Randy Sherman
Anthony McGovern	Tom Wolf

**Bad Addresses**

Larry Childs	Richard Medley
Earl Emmerson	Rick Nicklay
Leigh Filipi	Thomas White
Sam Leathes	

Motion to accept Membership Report made by Gary Arth, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Larry Reed, motion Carried.

**Legislative Report:** Russ Stabler Reported the US Congress is close to passing the Blue Water Navy Bill in connection to Agent Orange. Motion to accept by Les Forman, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Wayne Wermager, motion carried.

**National Convention:** Larry briefed on the National Convention in New Orleans, LA, August 8-12, 2017. The Donations Committee recommended \$500.00 to Larry to defray costs. Motion to accept by Glen Meek, 2<sup>nd</sup> by David Brunsvold, motion carried.

**9-11 Ceremony:** It will be at the Veterans Memorial Bridge on Sept 9, 2017 at 0900.

**Wayne Wermager Request:** There was a request from Wayne wondering if an Air Force Academy Student, Tracey, whom we supported in the past be allowed to join the Color Guard at the Redhawks

Military Appreciation Night, the members agreed. The second was in regards to the DL Water Carnival Parade on July 16, 2017. Line up starts at 11:30 AM and start is at 1 PM.

**5K/10K Walk and Run:** Volunteers are needed to help with traffic control points, first aid station, and other activities associated with the run/walk.

**Community Cupboard of Underwood:** They are requesting support with goods from our chapter. It was thought we could have a food drive at the Run on the fourth and at chapter meetings. The Donations Committee also requested a \$100.00 donation to help. Motion by Glen Meek, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ann Hagerman, motion carried.

**State Picnic/Convention:** Will be held July 13-16, 2017 in Newtown, ND. Larry will be going.

**Turtle MTN Activities:** Bill Peterson, member from Belcourt left a list of Turtle Mountain Days Activities from July 7, 2017 thru July 22, 2017 all members are encouraged to attend.

**Veterans Advisory Board:** Dan Thorstad is asking anyone interested in forming a Cass County Veterans Advisory Board to step forward and contact him with your interest in forming such a board to assist veterans with ideas and solutions.

**Good of the Order:** The meeting was opened for the good of the order. It was announced that at next meeting a representative of Humana Insurance will be present.

**Finale Salute:** There was a final Salute to the colors before the meeting was adjourned.

**Adjourn Meeting:** Larry Nicholson adjourned the meeting at 7:59 PM, with the next meeting scheduled for April 20, 2017 at the Biltmore.

Respectfully Submitted by

Russel W. Stabler, Secretary