



May 15, 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: Wayne Wermager (Chaplain) let the members in prayer and Larry Nicholson led the group in a Moment of Silence.

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

Members: There were 20 members in attendance: Larry Nicholson (President), Jim Gebhardt (Vice President), Russ Stabler (Secretary/Membership/Legislative), Dave Brunsvold (Treasurer), Les Forman (Public Affairs/Color Guard Commander), Wayne Wermager (Chaplain), Wayne Possehl, Larry Kessel, Ronn DuRand, Leo Alemeida, Jim Aasness, Gary Arth, Dennis Hillebrand, Bill Peterson, Ron Krueger, Bob Davis, Joe Courneya, Paul Hyndman, Mitch Campbell, Ed Ahonen, Mark Helfter, Steve Paradis, Hella Helfter (AVVA) and David Pederson

Agenda: Larry Nicholson presented the Meeting Agenda for approval. Motion to approve by Jim Aasness, 2nd by Larry Reed, motion carried.

Minutes: Minutes we reviewed. Motion to accept made by Larry Reed, 2nd by Ed Ahonen, motion carried.

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

Beginning Balance		\$8,519.47
Deposits VVA National		49.00
5K/10K Sponsors		<u>700.00</u>
Total Deposits		\$749.00
Expenditures	Cindy-Patches #1666	\$ 35.00
	NDVHF-Golf #1671	150.00

Bob Mandt-Copies #1673	\$ 7.85
Larry Nicholson-Postage/Asst #1674	311.74
Sportland-Assorted T-shirts #1675	773.00
D Brunsvold-B-cards/Supplies #166	98.49
Siouxland Freedom Park #1677	100.00
Sandra Gressler #1678	250.00
Native American HF #1679	750.00
MN Crossroad Rally #1680	100.00
Larry Nicholson Postage/Asst #1681	3.83
J&L Sports #1682	309.60
Dave Brunsvold-Parade Candy #1684	<u>159.00</u>

Total Expenditures \$ 3048.21

Interest Earned \$0.06

Ending Balance \$6,220.32

Motion to accept the Treasurer's Report made by Larry Reed, 2nd by Wayne Wargamer, motion carried.

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

3/20 7 PM VVA Meeting at the Biltmore

3/23 10 AM Coffee at Bethany

3/25 12 PM to 5 PM Vietnam Vets Day at the VFW, West Fargo, 1 PM Color Guard

3/28 9 AM Coffee at Villa Maria

4/1 9AM Reserve Officers Association Meeting at the Hilton Garden Inn

4/1 9 AM to 7 PM Toppers Car Show at Veterans Memorial Arena, West Fargo

4/2 9 AM to 74 PM Toppers Car Show Continues

4/11 9 AM Coffee at Villa Maria

4/13 10 AM Coffee at Bethany

4/20 7 PM VVA Meeting at the Biltmore

4/25 9 AM Coffee at Villa Maria

4/27 10 AM Coffee at Bethany

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

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

AVVA Life	203
Individual	67
Hospitalized	<u>6</u>
TOTAL	279
Transferred In	7 (Included in the Report)
AVVA	64
TOTALS	
VVA	279
AVVA	<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 Larry Reed, 2nd by Dave Brunsvold, motion Carried.

Vietnam Display: Larry briefed the display week. 10 AM 4/22 Opening Ceremonies begin.

4/23 11 AM Vet Center on PTSD

3 PM Agent Orange Training by Maynard

Fargo Marathon: 5/19 5:00 PM Present colors at 5K.

5/20 7:30 AM Aid Station for Marathon

Crusader's Bike Show: Larry briefed on the success of the bike show at the Ramada, again the group was very pleased with our participation.

Topper's Car Show: It will be at the Veterans Memorial Arena in West Fargo starting at 9 AM on the First and running until 7 PM. The second day will be from 9 AM until 4 PM. Any help setting up, during and tear down will be appreciated.

Valley Vintage Car Show: The show will be held on April 29th and 30th in Moorhead at the Youth Arena.

Marine Corps League: There was an initial meeting for a new chapter of the Marine Corps League in the Fargo/Moorhead area. It has been opened to members of the military. The meeting was held on April 6th at 7 PM at the VFW in West Fargo. Another meeting is scheduled for May.

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.

Project Hart: Dave Culp was at the meeting to make a presentation on the Hart Project. Dave gave particulars as to eligibility for the program, where their building is presently located in Fargo, requirements for entry into the program, living conditions, number of people in the program, and the need for veteran organizations, the VA, and other resources to get involved in the project. They are trying to get their own larger building and control under Vets instead of civilians. Dave also made an appeal to have veterans to visit with the individuals in the program and to visit with the younger vets to let them know they are worthwhile.

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