



June 19, 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) 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), Russ Stabler (Secretary/Membership/Legislative), Dave Brunsvold (Treasurer), Les Forman (Public Affairs/Color Guard Commander), Wayne Wermager (Chaplain), Wayne Possehl, Larry Kessel, Ben Kessel (AVVA), Ken Schock, Jim Aasness, Gary Arth, Ann Hagerman, Larry Reed, Mike Chuchalla, Bob Davis, Joe Courneya, Paul Hyndman, Glen Meek, Ed Ahonen, Bob Mandt, Steve Paradis, and Joe Wallevand

Agenda: Larry Nicholson presented the Meeting Agenda for approval. Motion to approve by Russ Stabler, 2nd by Ben Kessel motion carried.

Minutes: No Minutes from last months meeting

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

Beginning Balance	\$8,907.92
Deposits	\$0.00
Expenditures	
Larry Nicholson – Postage/Copies #1695	\$ 148.00
Biltmore – Native American HG	\$ 510.00

David Brunsvold Russ Stabler reported that the US Congress was close to passing the Blue Water Navy Bill..... \$63.06

Total Expenditures \$ 721.06

Interest Earned \$0.07

Ending Balance \$ 8,186.93

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

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

6/21 Black Jack at the VA 7PM. Meet in the Lobby at 6:30 PM

 Returning WW II Vets remains at Hector 9:30 PM Arrival

6/22 Coffee at Bethany on 42nd 10 AM

6/24 Color Guard at Fergus Falls 10 AM

6/27 Coffee Villa Maria 9 AM

6/29 Military Appreciation at Redhawks Game 6 PM show Start at 7 PM

7/2 Color Guard Fargo Baptist Church 10:30 AM

7/4 5/10 K Run, Bonanzaville 6 AM

 4th July Parade Bonanzaville 2 PM start

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 6

TOTAL 279

Transferred In 7 (Included in the Report)

AVVA 64

TOTALS

VVA 279

AVVA 64

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, 2nd 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, 2nd 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, 2nd 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, 2nd 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