

Minutes for June 17, 2019



June 17, 2019
1900 Hours
Ramada Inn
Fargo, ND 58103

Call to Order: Larry Nicholson, Chapter President, called the meeting to order at 1900 hours.

Pledge of Allegiance: Larry Nicholson led the Chapter in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Prayer/Moment of Silence: Wayne Wermager led the Chapter in prayer and Larry Nicholson held a Moment of Silence.

VVA 941 "Vision": Larry Nicholson reminded the group of our vision, "That we are leading the challenge to what is right for America and its Veterans".

VVA Founding Principal: "Never again will one generation of Veterans abandon another."

Introduction of Members and Guests: We went around the room introducing ourselves and our branch of service. Reminder to be respectful to others while they are speaking – please raise your hand to speak.

Members Present: Larry Nicholson (President), Ann Hagerman (VP), Dave Gill (Treasurer), Les Forman, Russ Stabler, Mark Helfter, Ron DuRand, Larry Kessel, Joe Wallevand, Bob Miller, Gary Arth, Art Williams, Larry Reed, Steve Paradis, Gary Johnson, James Gebhardt, Jerry Halmrast. AVVA: Kim Seiler (Secretary), Wayne Possehl, Hella Helfter, Carol Carlton, Ben Kessel.

Agenda: Larry Nicholson presented the Meeting Agenda for approval. Motion to approve by Ron Durand, 2nd by Russ Stabler, motion passed.

Minutes: May 20th, 2019 meeting mins skipped over – arrived and handed out late.

Treasures Report: Dave Gill presented and went over the Chapter's 6/13/19 Treasury Report. 5/14/19 – 6/13/19.

	Date	Description	Check #	Amount	Balance
	5/14/19	Beginning Balance			\$10,390.00
Deposits:	5/16/19	Sales - Vietnam Week		\$1,370.00	
	5/16/19	Donations - Vietnam Week		\$414.00	
	5/24/19	Fargo Air Show & Sales		\$2,190.00	
	6/10/19	Donations & Sales		\$1,925.00	
		Total Deposits			\$5,899.00
Expenses:	5/16/19	Fargo Air Museum Vietnam Week Expenses	1834	(\$159.67)	
	5/16/19	Dave Gill Vietnam Week Expenses	1835	(\$276.64)	
	5/20/19	Larry Nicholson operating expenses	1836	(\$406.44)	
	5/22/19	Ed Ahonen - Block Island	1837	(\$116.25)	
	5/29/19	Matt Valan	1838	(\$75.00)	
	5/29/19	Justin James - Vietnam Week	1839	(\$75.00)	
	5/29/19	Joe Wallevand - Vietnam Week	1840	(\$75.00)	
	5/29/19	Voided	1841	\$0.00	
	5/29/19	Harmony Schepp	1842	(\$75.00)	
	5/29/19	Konrad Olson	1843	(\$75.00)	
	5/31/19	Double Tree - Block Island	1844	(\$1,788.83)	

	Date	Description	Check #	Amount	Balance
Expenses:	5/31/19	Double Tree - Block Island	1845	(\$2,570.41)	
(Cont)	5/31/19	Shaun Schipper	1846	(\$75.00)	
	6/1/19	Howard Manega	1847	(\$75.00)	
	6/1/19	Ed Ahonen	1848	(\$75.00)	
	6/1/19	Larry Nicholson - supplies	1849	(\$374.25)	
	6/1/19	Maynard Kaderlik	1850	(\$75.00)	
	6/1/19	Ken Cramer	1851	(\$75.00)	
	6/2/19	VVA Pete Bower	1852	(\$30.00)	
	6/5/19	Mike Riewel - Uber	1853	(\$60.00)	
	6/9/19	Larry Nicholson	1854	(\$248.08)	
	6/9/19	Markus Krueger - Block Island	1855	(\$75.00)	
	6/9/19	Dave Rice - Block Island	1856	(\$100.00)	
	6/10/19	USPS Postage	1857	(\$44.00)	
		Total Expenses			(\$6,999.57)
	6/13/19	Ending Balance			\$9,289.43

Motion to approve Treasurer's Report by ??, 2nd by ??, motion approved.

Public Affairs: June 21-23 at Moorhead American Legion having 100-year anniversary. Looking for help/volunteers. There will be food trucks, beer, bouncy toys for kids. Joel Heitkamp will cover this on his radio show at 9 am on 6/21. Motion to approve the Public Affairs Report by Russ Stabler, 2nd by ??, motion passed.

Membership Report: By Russ Stabler: 328 Lifetime, 22 Ind - 1 or 3 year, 14 hospitalized, Total 364 members. There have been 3 transfers in and 4 gone inactive leaving 367 VVA members. No info on associate members. Motion to approve Membership Report by Les Forman, 2nd by Ron DuRand, motion approved.

Color Guard Reports: Need new Color Guard Commander.

Legislative Report: Russ Stabler reported that the Blue Water Navy has been passed. There is a handout on it with your agenda. Motion to approve Legislative Report by Gary Arth, 2nd by Ron DuRand, motion approved.

United Patriotic Bodies (UPB): Wayne Wermager reported they have not met since before Memorial Day. June 24th is the next meeting.

FMWF (Chamber of Commerce Military Affairs committee): Wayne Wermager reported they did not meet on the 2nd Thurs of the month. Military Appreciation at the RedHawks game this Tuesday June 18th. Will be doing Color Guard.

Adjustments to by-laws: Multiple changes, additions, and clarifications of by-laws. Not holding more than one office at a time. Every check requires two signatures. No electronic transfers out. Monthly bank statements to be available at each meeting. Motion to approve by Russ Stabler, 2nd by Joe Wallevand, motions passed.

Color Guard Commander needed: Someone or maybe two people to coordinate all events. Dave Gill volunteered, and Mark Helfter will assist. Motion to approve by Ron DuRand, 2nd by Larry Reed, motion passed.

Parades: Discussed parades to participate in and if there are enough to attend upcoming parades. Did not do the Hawley parade or Memorial Day parade in DL.

VVA July 4th 5k Walk/Run & 10k Run: Volunteers needed for Color Guard at Bonanzaville and to guide the runners. Need at about 6:15 am. Race to start at 7:30 am, ends about 9:30 am. Tours and such start at 10 am. Parade is later.

Fargo Air Show: Friday, July 19th is the practice Air Show. Need volunteers to bring the Vets from the Lisbon and Fergus Falls Veterans Homes around to tour the plains and watch the practice flights.

Brat Sales: Fri/Sat, Aug 30-31, 10am – 6pm. Labor Day Weekend. A huge money maker for us. Half-day shifts if possible.

VVA Classic Car & Bike Nights: Taking place at Dilworth VFW Parking Lot. Last Monday of each summer month. June 24, July 29, & August 26, 2019. 5 – 8:30 pm.

State VVA Meeting: Saturday July 27th 10 am in Mayville. Also, a Golf Tourney. More info as it gets closer.

Go Far Women's Run: Sat, Aug 10th run by Sue Birch. She used to do our website. Helps us out with our run. We provide direction and other assistance for her run. Maybe takes a couple hours max from when you need to arrive until finished.

Minnesota Crossroads: Sat, Aug 3rd. Ottertail Lake – East side – we do Color Guard for this motorcycle rally. Afterward will do a cook-out at Dave's family cabin on Deer Lake.

VVA National: Being held in Spokane, WA July 16-20th Tues-Sat for anyone interested in going. Larry Nicholson will be attending. Motion by Larry Reed, 2nd by Ron Durand to reimburse Larry for his expenses to attend.

MSUM Football Schedule: Games that we will be doing Color Guard at. Also, handout on DL Water Carnival on 7/21. RDO will be providing the trailer again. Talk to Wayne Wermager if coming.

Baskets for Vets: Ann Hagerman finalizing basket. She filled most of it. Motion to give Ann \$100 for reimbursement and to finish what she needs. Motion by Carol Carlton, 2nd by Ron DuRand, motion passed.

Flags: Larry N to check at Gompf Display about getting new flags for missing ones.

Picture given to VVA: Donate the picture of the Endless Wall to the silent auction for the 100th Anniversary of the American Legion.

Sickness & Distress: Wayne W thanked us for the card and that all is going well so far.

Final Salute: Larry Nicholson led the Chapter in the Final Salute to the flag prior to adjourning.

VVA's Goal: To promote and support the full range of issues important to Vietnam Veterans, to create a new identity for this generation of veterans, and to change public perception of Vietnam Veterans.