

**Vietnam Veterans of America  
North Dakota State Council  
New Town, ND  
July 23,2011**

President Stenvold called the meeting to order with the pledge & prayer.

Introduction of guests: Roy Fillion Job Service ND, Lonnie Wangen ND Commissioner of Veterans Affairs, Jerry Sameulson Past Department Commander The American Legion, Ron Parkes & Rob Purvis Canadian Vietnam Veterans Association, Dave Hilleran ACOVA; reports and greeting were given by all!

Roll call: all Chapters present since 1992.

Membership Report: No report available, but, all are reminded of the severity of non-compliance with the IRS and VVA National requirements. "THIS IS NO BULL SHIT!" Get your paper work in ASAP!

Treasurers, "sad" report: \$3898. checking and \$669.29 savings.

AVVA, no report.

CVVA: 12th Annual Lancaster Rendezvous will be Labor Day weekend, meals will be pot-luck, several activities planned, silent auction, (please bring items to donate), quilt raffle tickets available see Penney. "Thanks from VVA for bringing the Wall". CVVA donated \$300. to the State Council for operating expenses. "Thank you!"

Chapter reports:

#80 "One of the oldest Chapters in VVA", have the moving wall coming to Rugby August 4-7, all are invited to join.

#150 Mark Swartz gave remarks about their proud award winning newsletter.

#374 Vet's Run in Petersburg was another great success, thanks to "HUG", over 200 bikes were present and the CVVA WALL drew a lot of interest and was greatly appreciated, their next meeting will be August 6 at the VFW in Lisbon, T-shirts for sale for \$10.

#487 and The American Legion Post #290 would like to make a pledge of \$200-\$500. per month to the State Council for operating expenses, "Thank You!", Jerome, rusty, Dave, Ken, and Hall will work together on a committee to seek donation from the oil barons in the Basin, currently they have 34 members and 4 AVVA members.

#941 have been very involved in promoting the VVA through out the NE/ND and NW/MN through their parades and active participation in the communities, they currently have approximately 70 members and growing.

Job Service Report: Roy explained all the activity which the job service is involved in throughout ND; including the homeless, returning warriors, current soldiers, etc.

ND Department of Veterans Affairs report: Lonnie, gave an in-depth report of all the current action legislatively, PWTF, grant program, IU & DIC 100% coverage, Veterans Court ND, members needed for the mentoring program, and all the positive activity creating a better ND for Veterans and their families.

Old business: was all covered in the excellent reports given!

New business: Chapter #487 donated about \$387. from registration to the State Council. Ray Benson made a beautiful presentation to Dan for all his wonderful dedicated work he has done for the VVA. Motion by Larry Dakken to pull Chapter #80's Charter due to inactivity, seconded by Larry #941 ??, motion passed. Motion by Ron Parkes to give Mark Swartz \$500. for going to the VVA National Convention- Reno, seconded by Virgil. Motioned passed.

Bread & Butter motion to thank Four Bears Casino, Motel; New Town, Legion Post #290, and VVA Chapter #487 for the hospitality.

Adjourned.

Bread & Butter motion: #487