

Jan. 21, 2016

## NDVCC MINUTES

### **OPENING:**

Vice Chairman Rod Olin opened the meeting in the absence of Chairman Russ Stabler who was excused. We opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence for our POW/KIA.

Roll Call was taken with 3 members excused and Ron Otto sitting in for Warren Tobin.

We went around the table and introduced ourselves for the new members of the committee.

Bud Goldsmith, American Legion moved to accept the minutes and David Johnson, American Legion seconded the motion and they were approved.

Gary Maddock, AMVETS gave the finance report and it was approved.

We had Keith Peterson scheduled to speak on the PTSD/Suicide program that the AMVETS are promoting, but because of rescheduling until fall, it was delayed until then. There will be a program at the Bismarck AMVETS this fall and Gary said that they would like the other VSO's to be involved if possible.

### **Old Business:**

David Johnson gave a report on the referendum that has been discussed with other members of a coalition. There was not much to report as it is still in the infancy stages.

### **New Business:**

Larry Young, VVA asked about future legislation and the need to be informed and all on the same page.

Dave Vareberg brought up how some people were having problems getting rides to Ft Meade Veterans Hospital. The complaint was that they had to take such a rough physical that they had trouble finding drivers. He was advised to talk to Lonnie Wangen on this and see if he had a solution.

### **Good and Welfare:**

Murray Strom showed the plaque they received for joining the 50<sup>th</sup> Commemorative Partners of the Viet Nam war and what was involved with this program.

### **Next Meeting:**

Bud Goldsmith reported to the ACOVA of our meeting and they will be meeting April 21 at the Comfort Inn.

This concluded the meeting and we adjourned.

Submitted by  
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