

**Isanti County Beyond the Yellow Ribbon Task Force
Armed Forces Reserve and Community Center (AFRCC)**

Meeting Minutes: April 16, 2015

Member Attendance:

x	Jim R	x	Erven S.		Scott F		Gaylen S
	Susan M		Bruce N		Don G		Randy P
x	Gail G	x	Curtis A		Brad R		Tyler T
x	Kathy R		Carol A	x	Curt H	x	Dan J
x	Bob B		Doug M		Dale S.		Brad Reents (850 th)
x	Jim J		Scott G		Doug M		Greg A
	April T		Dave R		Mary F		Kathy A
	John T	x	Walt M	x	Bob F		Chris C
	Kerri K	x	Pam M	x	Bryan R, Sgt		Joel S
x	Carol Ann S	x	Sean W		Tim S.		Lois F
	Bruce Danielson	x	Barbara K				

Agenda Item	Discussion	Motions/Action Taken
Call to Order		Meeting was called to Order at 1903 by Chair Jim Rostberg
Pledge of Allegiance		Meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance
Guests	None	
Secretary Report	Minutes of the February meeting were distributed by e-mail. There was no March meeting.	Motion: A motion was made (Jim J) and seconded (Walt M) to approve the minutes Minutes approved
Treasurer Report	Income and expenses were reviewed by Kathy R. Jim R reported on the veteran assistance/services for February 18 – April 14. There was an issue with the Verizon bill for the IC BYR “duty phone”. We were incorrectly charged \$25 for an upgrade. We are working on a reimbursement.	Report accepted
Chair’s Report	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) \$500 donation received from the Arctic Plunge committee 2) \$175 donation from a Veteran 3) March & April Executive Committee highlights 4) New Friend Application: None 5) IC BYR ad in “Many Faces of Isanti County” publication. This was paid for by a donor 6) Volunteers of America CarFit Technician Training offered April 24 or May 12. 7) Veterans Issues: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) 850th HEC member has well problems. IC BYR will pay \$800 toward the bill 	Information accepted

<p>Committee Reports:</p>	<p>Website Committee: Scott F reported via email:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 283 hits since last meeting • 8,235 visitors to date to the website • Will send out Twitter reminder for meeting • All new Friends updated <p>Billboard Committee: Bob B spoke with Gaylen:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Debut of new sign design. The Executive Committee approved the new design. Two new metal signs have been ordered in the new design. • Gaylen will move the signs (old design) from Don G’s house to his house • Bob B will do a site map of where the current signs are placed • We need to decide how many signs need to be replaced and where we want new ones placed • Gail getting quotes on new signs for the May Executive Committee meeting <p>Resource/Brochure Committee Report: Gail reported:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Need to update brochure. Goal to have it completed for Isanti County Fair. Gail will set up a meeting about this. • Small decals are needed for law enforcement vehicles. <p>Community Resource/Friends of BYR Coordinator: Dave R. not present.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bob B reported he attended and spoke at the new “North 65 Chamber of Commerce” meeting. This is a newly formed Chamber made up of the former Cambridge and Isanti Chambers of Commerce. The Chamber will send out information on the Clarence’s Recycling Day and the IC BYR Golf Tournament to their 200 members. Bob also networked with business people re: sponsoring the golf tournament and/or becoming Friends of the IC BYR. Information very well received • The local radio station KBK will air free Public Service Announcements (PSA) nightly from 7:15-7:30 pm for non-profits. Bob will record a PSA for IC BYR and a 30” ad for Clarence’s Recycling Day • Bob was invited to a “Business & Industry” meeting by Jill Reller. This group meets weekly in Isanti • Bob will set a meeting with the Braham Chamber of Commerce • The ESGR/682nd Engineering Company is having an “Employers Day” at Camp Ripley May 14th. Sgt. Robin has the flyer. Bob & Sgt Robin will work on 	<p>Information accepted</p> <p>Positive comments about the new sign design</p>
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	<p>this event.</p> <p>Support our Troops/Military Family Support Group: No report.</p> <p>Quilts for Veterans: Bob & Mary reported:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 38 quilts on the shelf - 46 quilts distributed - Sewing group will continue through June and then take the summer off and start again in September - When the fabric runs out the group will decide to continue the project or stop - Will distribute quilts to Veterans at 4 more care facilities between now and June: Prairie Senior Cottage in Isanti April 20th at 1:30 Elim in Princeton May 4th at 2:30 Ecumen in North Branch May 18th at 3:00 Elim in Milaca June 1st at 2:30 - Request for quilt from deployed soldier Kelsey Merry (Afghanistan). Will send quilt and care package. - Bob took a quilt to a Veteran just before his death - No new camo bedrolls distributed. N=510 <p>Congregational Committee: Curtis reported:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Curtis announced that he and Carol are not able to continue as Congregational Committee Chairs. <p>School Liaison: No report.</p> <p>Law Enforcement: Scott reported by email. No news.</p> <p>Fundraising: Gail reported:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - \$107.86 made at Arctic Plunge pre-plunge chili feed - \$500 donation from Arctic Plunge - Flyers distributed for May 16th event at Clarence's Recycling. Also save the date for Sept 12th - Golf tournament: Next committee meeting April 22nd 	<p>Sincere thanks from the Executive Committee and all Task Force members for all Curt & Carol have done for the IC BYR, military personnel, Veterans and families</p>
<p>Old Business:</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Arctic Plunge Recognition Dinner – Jim R and Susan attended. IC BYR received a \$500 donation 2. Placement of new metal 4x8 signs planned for Isanti Police Dept and Dalbo 3. Veteran from Isanti needs help with lawn repair from snowplow damage. IC BYR to provide labor. 4. 850th HEC Picnic – June 21st – IC BYR to donate cash to support event. Sgt Robin will bring request to May Task Force meeting 	<p>Motion made by Bob F and seconded by Jim J to spend up to \$1200 in support of the 850th HEC picnic. Motion approved.</p>
<p>New Business:</p>	<p>None</p>	
<p>850th HEC</p>	<p>Sgt Robin announced that he is the official 850th HEC</p>	

	liaison to the IC BYR effective May 2015	
Upcoming Events	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Clarence's Recycling Day – May 16th Volunteer Sign-up sheet sent around 2. Braham Appreciation Days –invited to have a float in the June 6th parade 3. Red Bull Military Appreciation Day – will have a booth (North Branch) 4. Freedom Fest – July 22nd from 1:00-8:00 pm 5. Isanti County Fair – July 22-26 6. Golf Tournament – Sept 25th – Bob Boone Committee Chair. Next meeting April 22nd 	Information accepted
Miscellaneous	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bob B stated there are grants available for non-profits at: • CenterPoint Energy • East Central Energy also has “Operation Round-Up” monies available • Connexus Energy 	Carol Ann to check websites for applications
Adjournment		Motion: Motion was made (Jim J) and seconded (Dan J) to adjourn pm. Motion passed at 8:18 pm

Submitted by: Carol Ann Smith, IC BYR Secretary

Next Meeting: May 21, 2015

7:00-8:30 p.m. AFRCC