

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

Meeting Minutes: May 21, 2015

Member Attendance:

x	Jim R	x	Erven S.	x	Scott F		Gaylen S
x	Susan M		Bruce N		Don G		Randy P
x	Gail G		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	x	Dave R	x	Mary F		Kathy A
	John T		Walt M	x	Bob F		Chris C
	Kerri K		Pam M	x	Bryan R, Sgt		Joel S
x	Carol Ann S		Sean W		Tim S.		Lois F
	Bruce Danielson		Barbara K	x	Byrnes, C. CPT	x	David O

Agenda Item	Discussion	Motions/Action Taken
Call to Order		Meeting was called to Order at 1900 by Chair Jim Rostberg
Pledge of Allegiance		Meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance
Guests	<p>1) Nine girls from Girl Scout Troop 13021, Co-leaders Becky Skoog & Carrie Hawley and Cookie Manager/Treasurer Diane Matic attended to present the IC BYR with 120 boxes of Girl Scout cookies they would like to donate to the troops. Twelve girls from Troop 13021 based in Cambridge and part of the Cambridge/Isanti Service Unit sold the cookies. This is their 3rd year donating to IC BYR.</p> <p>2) Commander of the 850th HEC CPT Chris Byrnes</p>	<p>1. Many thanks to the Girl Scouts and their leaders for this wonderful donation. We thank you!!</p> <p>2. Welcome Commander Byrnes!</p>
Secretary Report	Minutes of the April meeting were distributed by e-mail. T	Motion: A motion was made (Jim J) and seconded (Dan J) to approve the minutes Minutes approved
Treasurer Report	<p>Income and expenses were reviewed by Kathy R. for April 22-May 20.</p> <p>This includes payment to the Isanti County Agricultural Society, Inc. for the IC BYR and CVSO booths for the 2015 County Fair.</p>	Report accepted
Chair's Report	<p>1) No veterans issues that require action this meeting</p> <p>2) No "Friend" applications this month</p> <p>3) May Executive Board meeting highlights will be covered in other agenda items</p>	Information accepted

<p>Committee Reports:</p>	<p>Website Committee: Scott F reported:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 159 hits since last meeting • 8,394 visitors to date to the website • Sent out Twitter reminder for meeting (N=23) • Link removed to Mary Pawlenty’s military project as it is no longer active (Military Family Care Initiative) <p>Billboard Committee: Bob B spoke with Gaylen:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gaylen will move the signs (old design) from Don G’s house to his house • We need to decide how many signs need to be replaced and where we want new ones placed • Gail obtained quotes on new signs for the May Executive Committee meeting • Bob B will do a site map of where the current signs are placed & also speak with Gaylen • Will decide on needed purchases when inventory done and current signs viewed to see how many require replacement <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 with Jim R. and Jim J. <p>Community Resource/Friends of BYR Coordinator: Dave R.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dave communicated with all 2014 Friends and they are on board to stay Friends in 2015 <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"> - 6 quilts on the shelf - 90 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 - Distributed quilts to Prairie Senior Cottage in Isanti April 20th, Elim Care Center in Princeton May 4th, & Ecumen in North Branch May 18th. Many emotional and positive comments from Veterans and their families - Need to postpone the June 1st distribution at Elim Care Center in Milaca set for June 1st as we do not have enough quilts - No new camo bedrolls distributed. N=510 	<p>Information accepted</p>
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	<p>Congregational Committee: No report.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jim R. to contact Bryce to see if he is interested in being Congregational Committee Chair. <p>School Liaison: No report.</p> <p>Law Enforcement: Scott reported there is a new state trooper. He is a veteran.</p> <p>Fundraising: Gail reported:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - \$1,466 made at May 16th Recycling Day at Clarence's Recycling plus \$196.72 in the jar at the IC BYR table. Over 2,600 pounds of metal collected. Wonderful volunteers from IC BYR, Boy Scouts of America and the Sea Cadets - Save the Date for Clarence's Recycling Day Sept 12th - Gail will check with Bradford and Bar 65 about potential donations from their motorcycle rides - Golf tournament committee very busy with planning details and obtaining sponsorships (\$200 per hole). They meet weekly. Gail has flyers and registration forms tonight. Flyers will be sent out by email next week. Bob also has business cards to advertise. There is a limit of 22 teams. Plan is to keep this a local event. Each participant will get a gift bag. Gail will send PDF of flyer and registration form to Scott to post on the website. 	<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>Upcoming Events</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Braham Appreciation Days –invited to have a float in the June 6th parade. Application has been mailed in. Need volunteers from IC BYR to ride on the float (see sign-in sheet). There is room for about 12 to ride on the float. People can also walk. Please wear your red IC BYR shirts. 2. Red Bull Military Appreciation Day – June 7th - (North Branch). Carol Ann and Jim Johnson to staff the table. 3. Isanti Rodeo Days Parade – July 9th. Carol Ann to mail application by June 12th. Will ask for volunteers to ride on the float at the June meeting. 4. Freedom Fest – July 22nd from 1:00-8:00 pm. Jim summarized the day. The Mpls VAMC, local Veterans organizations, the mobile Vet Center and others will be present. Each Veteran will get free entry to the Isanti County Fair that day plus a free sandwich/pork chop, a free pronto pup from the Cooties and an Entertainment 2015 book. Will ask for Volunteers to staff the table at the June meeting 5. Isanti County Fair – July 22-26. Will ask for volunteers to staff the booth at the next meeting. 6. Clarence's Recycling – Sept 12th. Gail has Save the Date flyers. 	<p>Information accepted</p>

	7. Golf Tournament – Sept 25 th – Bob Boone Committee Chair. See Fundraising report for details.	
Sea Cadet Update	Curt H stated that 2 years ago there were 12-13 Sea Cadets and now there are 39. They were officially commissioned in 2014 when they reached 25 members. There are 10 staff members now and a plan to form a Parents Auxiliary. Polaris Battalion sent 11 youth to Boot Camp last year, the 2 nd highest in the nation. 14 will attend this year. There are 50 advanced training opportunities for them this year. Two cadets will be on the USS New Jersey (in port) for advanced training on seamanship. A youth won a scholarship for their story.	Information accepted
Old Business:	1. Placement of IC BYR signage	To be determined after inventory of current signs and review of signs for “wear and tear”. Location of new and replacement signs to be discussed.
New Business:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Riders for Braham Parade float. Please sign-up to ride or walk 2. 2015 Action plan. The Executive Board revised the Action Plan as it was last updated in 2011. Sections updated included: Purpose Statement, Focus Areas, Organizational Chart, (see Task Force PowerPoint for details). There was a request for “scripting” or a one page summary to describe IC BYR. The Board will work on this as well as an Annual Report. 3. Food tickets for veterans at Freedom Fest 4. Susan Morris suggested we donate the chili that was left over from the Arctic Plunge pre-party to the Isanti County Historical Society for their potato bar fundraiser during their Annual Meeting May 28th 5. Donation to Sea Cadets 6. Donation to Boy Scouts 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. Motion made (Jim J) and seconded (Mary F) to approve the Action Plan revisions. Motion passed. Secretary to file revision with MN BYR 3. Motion made (Gail G.) and seconded (Dave R.) to support the purchase of meal tickets for pork chops for veterans attending Freedom Fest 4. Motion made (Gail G) and seconded (Carol Ann S) to donate the chili to ICHS. Motion passed 5. A motion was made (Bob B) and seconded (Jim J) to donate \$200 to the Sea Cadets for their assistance with the IC BYR Clarence’s Recycling Day. Motion passed. 6. A motion was made (Bob B) and seconded (Dave R) to donate \$100 to the local Boy Scout Troop for their assistance with the

		IC BYR Clarence's Recycling Day
Representative from Isanti County Commissioners	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • David Oslund is the new IC BYR representative from the Isanti County Commissioners • We thank Greg Anderson for his years of service to the IC BYR 	Welcome to David. Introductions of all members present.
Miscellaneous	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gail reminded us of the Sea Cadets Polaris Battalion breakfast fundraiser at the Forest Lake American Legion on Sunday, May 31st from 9:00 am to noon. This event happens the 5th Sunday of the month (May 31, August 30, Nov 29) • The Minnesota Military Family Tribute is hosting a dedication ceremony June 13th from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm at the MN State Capitol Mall. This ceremony is to thank Gold Star, Blue Star and veteran family members. Jim R. stated there are 87 "story stones" in the monument, one representing each county. Veteran stories/quotes were sent in and one from Isanti County was chosen to be engraved on the monument • Have a happy and safe Memorial Day weekend. A reminder to attend a honor guard/rifle squad ceremony at a local cemetery on Memorial Day. There are also programs in Braham, Cambridge and Isanti on Monday. Jim R. is the guest speaker at the Isanti program • Dan J shared comments about the Korean War • David O mentioned his son is doing well during his deployment to Afghanistan • Susan M stated her daughter is home now and will leave soon for Korea 	Information accepted.
Adjournment		Motion: Motion was made (Mary F) and seconded (Jim J) to adjourn pm. Motion passed at 8:23 pm

Submitted by: Carol Ann Smith, IC BYR Secretary

Next Meeting: June 18, 2015

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