

BYR Task Force Agenda
March 21, 2013
7:00 – 8:30 PM
Armed Forces Reserve and Community Center

Pledge of Allegiance

Guests – Chris Caulk, Present final roster for the Public Safety De-escalation Tactics for Military Veterans in Crisis Training on May 7, 2013.

Secretary's Report: Minutes from February 21, 2013 meeting – Kathy R.

Treasurer's Report – Jim R.

Chair's Report – Bob B.

Committee Reports

1. Website/Facebook Committee Report – Scott/Kerri
2. Billboard Committee Report – Gaylen
3. Resource/Brochure Committee Report - Denise
4. Support our Troops Committee Report – Isanti Family Support Group
5. Community Resource Coordinator – Dave R
6. Congregational Committee Report – Curtis A
7. Fund Raising Committee Report – Gail G
 - a. Blue Star Banners funding request update
8. Quilts for Troops – Bob and Mary F
9. School Liaison – Randy P
10. Law Enforcement Liaison – Ron S
11. BYR Friends Coordinator – Denise B

Old Business

1. Events Report
 - a. "A Penny a Pound" recycling program – Bob B
 - New end date Saturday, May 4, 2013
 - Semi-annual aluminum collection same date
 - Picnic same date

New Business

1. Review new Friends of BYR – Bob B
2. Fire on the Rum Saturday, June 15, 2013
3. Patriot Ride Saturday, June 15, 2013
4. Unit picnic Sunday, June 16th (not confirmed)
5. Isanti parade Thursday, July 11, 2013
6. Isanti County Fairgrounds Wednesday thru Sunday, July 24 thru 28, 2013
7. Motorcycle ride at Captain's Saturday, September 1, 2013
8. Utilize Photo Release form prior to public release of photo's
9. Update on 501(c)(3) process
 - a. Waiting for federal approval

Next Meeting – Thursday April 18, 2013, 7:00 – 8:30 at the AFRCC

Adjourn

Minutes from Executive Board Meeting, February 11, 2013

- Discussed purchasing more decals and possibly more patches.
- Continuing towards becoming a 501(c)3. Bob B will phone Kevin B regarding status of application.
- Gail G has been in contact with Zylstra Harley Davidson who will be participating in the motorcycle run at Captain's.
- Susan M reported that the food left over from the deployment breakfast was provided to the Refuge women's shelter and BYR received a very nice thank you from them.
- Bob B reported BYR received two written thank you's from unit members of the 850th HEC.
- Discussed the Isanti parade to be held Thursday, July 11, 2013. Task Force needs to decide if we will participate.
- Jim R had requested funds to assist a needy veteran but other resources were utilized and BYR did not expend funds.
- Jim R reported that the Executive Board approved providing propane to a family in need. Their gas tank was at 5 percent. This was an older veteran.
- Jim R reported that just prior to the 850th HEC deploying on Wednesday that BYR was notified of a family whose furnace quit the evening prior to departure. The Executive Board made a decision to fix the furnace by contacting Johnson Bros Plumbing and Heating. The furnace was repaired within three hours of the report.
- Discussion regarded the spending limit of the BYR Executive Board when there is not enough time to go to the Task Force for authorization.
- Gail G discussed a program called Trust Vets. Trust Vets is a website to assist veteran owned businesses to advertise their company so persons who want to utilize a veteran owned business will have a one-stop place to find the business.
- BYR now has a checkbook and can pay bills as needed. The decision was made that paying bills once a week would meet most needs. Jim R suggested that Friday afternoon deposits may be the best time to make deposits as the Credit Union is open later on that day.
- BYR received a request to assist in locating a new rental home for a family of a deployed 850th HEC Soldier. Gail G is the contact person for this family.
- Family Readiness Group referred a family to BYR for potential assistance to the spouse of a deployed 850th HEC Soldier.
- Considered ways to increase public awareness such as to have some type of participation certificate the Friends of BYR could post in their establishment in order to make their patrons aware of the services they offer.

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

Meeting Minutes: February 21, 2013

Member Attendance:

X	Bob B	X	Kory D	X	Scott F		Gaylen
X	Jim R		Ron S		Don G	X	Randy P
X	Susan M		Bruce N	X	Brad R	X	Monica B
	Gail G	X	Denise B		Bryce	X	Dan J
X	Kathy R		Scott G		Lindy		Kevin G
X	Jim J	X	Erven S		Carol Ann S	X	Greg A
X	April T				Mary F		Kathy A
X	John T	X	Curtis A		Bob F		Dennis A
X	Dave R	X	Carol A		Ed M		
	Kathy M	X	Sgt. Mark S				

Agenda Item	Motions/Discussion	Action
Call to Order		Meeting was called to Order at 19:02 by Chair Bob B.
Pledge of Allegiance		Meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance at 19:04
Guest	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> VVA President, Bob Ciszewski Sgt. Mark Shields 	VVA President Bob Ciszewski gave a presentation on the Honor Freedom Flight fundraiser in St. Cloud on 3/23. Sg. Mark Shields updated the Task Force on the deployment. 3/3 @ 3:00pm Deployment Ceremony at the CIHS, 3/6 Departing Soldiers at the AFRCC. Patriot Guard will be present at the Deployment Ceremony and there will be law enforcement escort out of town.
Secretary Report	Minutes of the January 17, 2013 meeting were distributed by e-mail.	Motion: To accept the January Task Force minutes as presented. Hearing no discussion, a motion was made by Jim J and seconded by John T. Minutes were unanimously approved.
Treasurer Report	Income and expenses reviewed by Jim R. Balance on hand is \$30,417.76	Motion: To approve the Treasurers Report, hearing no discussion a motion was made by _____ and seconded by _____ and the motion was unanimously approved.
Committee Reports:	<p>Website Committee: Scott F. share there were 4654 hits on the website so far. A Tweet was sent re: Owls Tickets available for Veterans. Scott will post on the website the information on the Deployment Ceremony, the Freedom & Honor Flight Fundraiser on 3/23 and the Isanti County Conservation Day on 5/17. Star 95 would be able to post the Deployment Ceremony information on their sign.</p> <p>Billboard Committee: Gaylen not present. No report given but BYR always looking for new locations for signs.</p>	

	<p>Resource/Brochure Committee Report: Jim R and Denise B met and went over the brochure and made a few changes – took out the phone number in a couple of places and changed the picture on the back.</p> <p>Friends of BYR Committee: Denise B contacted a few friends and stated no changes and they will remain as is.</p> <p>Support our Troops/Military Family Support Group: April & John T have labels from the Post Office and are all set and ready to send out packages.</p> <p>Community Resource Coordinator: Dave R made some contacts with local businesses about raising money for the BYR. There was discussion that all resources should funnel through one number and then go to Dave R as needed.</p> <p>Congregational Committee: Curt A. reported: Had a great meeting with the 682 EnBn (and 850 HEC) chaplain CH(CPT),discussed BYR and how BYR might support the 850th. Three areas came out of our discussion:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. General support. 2. Counseling 3. Prayer – Need to look for a Catholic contact. Curt will follow up on a Catholic Liaison. <p>Fundraising: Gail was not present. Blue Star Checks were deposited.</p> <p>Camo Quilts for Troops: Bob and Mary not present. In good shape with quilts for the upcoming deployment.</p> <p>School Liaison: Randy reported that the Deployment Ceremony being held at the CIHS will have a cost of custodial care and wondered if BYR would pick up the cost. Motion was made during the New Business.</p> <p>Law Enforcement: Ron not present. The Public Safety De-escalation Tactics for Military Veterans in Crisis Training will be on May 7th. BYR will provide breaks and lunch to the group. Susan was authorized to contact Vicky about lunch and snacks.</p>	<p>Bob B to get address of soldier on ship in Japan to the support group to send package.</p> <p>Dave R to meet with the Executive Committee on Fri. 3/8.</p> <p>Curt A to follow up on a Catholic Liaison.</p>
Old Business	<p>Events Report:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. "Penny a Pound" – Over 436,000 lbs. The family is discussing whether to extend the program until May at our BYR can fundraiser on May 4th. 2. Ryerson Inc's request – They have decided to support the Vets Home in Minneapolis. 3. Arctic Plunge on 3/1 – signup sheet went around looking for volunteers during 2 shifts. 4. Public Safety class – an adjustment was made and a motion. 	<p>Motion: To spend up to \$1000 for food for the class lunch and breaks. A motion was made by Monica B and seconded by Jim J. Hearing no discussion, motion approved.</p>

New Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review new Friend of BYR. • Update on 501(c)(3) process: Bob B went to MinnCo and opened an account. Bob then went to the Isanti County Board to thank them acting as the fiduciary for the past 5 years. The board passed a resolution transferring funds to BYR and a check would be cut on that Friday. BYR has to wait 9 days before they can write a check from their account. • BYR Summit in St. Cloud on March 9th – go to website to register. • Isanti County Conservation Day on May 17th to be posted on the BYR website. They are looking for volunteers if anyone is interested. • Request from returning veteran for help with rent and utilities. Jim R will take care of this. • Dan J donated a picture to BYR which he bought at an auction for BYR to do what they want. It will be hung at the AFRC. • Deployment Ceremony - School District will be paying the rental fee towards the Deployment Ceremony and would like assistance with the custodial care of \$250. • Deployment Breakfast for 850th HEC – see Motion. 	<p>Motion: To accept Cambridge Dental Center. A Motion by Jim J and seconded by Denise B. Hearing no discussion, motion approved.</p> <p>Motion: To cover cost up to \$800 for the veteran to assist with rent and utility bill. Motion made by Jim J and seconded by Brad. Motion approved unanimously.</p> <p>Motion: BYR will pay \$250 towards the custodial care at the CIHS after the Deployment Ceremony. A motion was made by Randy and seconded by Dave, hearing no discussion, motion approved.</p> <p>Motion: Extend money to Susan up to \$2000 to purchase food for the Deployment Breakfast. A motion was made by Curtis and seconded by John. Discussion to send around a sign-up sheet for volunteers to help. Motion approved unanimously.</p>
Adjournment		Motion: To adjourn.

Submitted by: Kathy Rostberg, Secretary

Next Meeting: March 21, 2013 7:00-8:30 p.m. AFRCC