

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

Meeting Minutes: September 20, 2012

Member Attendance:

x	Bob B		Kory D	x	Scott F		Gaylen
x	Jim R	x	Greg A		Don G		Ron S
	Susan M		Bruce N		Brad R		
	Gail G	x	Denise B		Bryce		
	Monica B	x	Scott G		Lindy		
x	Jim J	x	Erven S	x	Carol Ann S		
x	April T		Bob F		Mary F	x	Guest: Pam G
x	John T		Curtis A		Bob F	x	Guest: Randy P

Agenda Item	Motions/Discussion	Action
Call to Order	Bob B asked for volunteer to take minutes tonight	Meeting called to Order at 1903 by Chair Bob B Attendance sign-in form distributed Carol Ann S volunteered to take minutes
Pledge of Allegiance		Meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance
Guest Introduction	Bob B introduced Randy Pauly, who has agreed to be the BYR school liaison. Mr. Pauly gave a brief summary of his military experience, work experience and personal life. He is currently the Isanti Middle School Principal.	Members welcomed Mr. Pauly
Secretary Report	Minutes from August 16 th were distributed by email Sept 14th Minutes from the September 10 th Executive Board meeting were distributed by email Sept 14th	Motion made by Jim T and seconded by John T to accept the minutes. No discussion. Minutes unanimously approved Information accepted
Treasurer Report	Income and expenses reviewed by Jim R Donations received from Satellite Experts and Ribfest. Satellite Experts	Information accepted

	check made out to BYR, so returned to sender and request made to make check out to Isanti County.	
Committee Reports:	<p>Website Committee: Scott stated there have been 4,208 website hits. The Clarence's Recycling flyer is on line. All friends are updated. Working on placing agendas and minutes on the website.</p> <p>Friends of Isanti County BYR: Jim R stated Denise B to begin making annual calls to validate participation.</p> <p>Support our Troops/Military Family Support Group: John & April T reported they are sending boxes to 3 personnel. John donated extra magazines and Girl Scout Cookies to the VA home in Fergus Falls.</p> <p>School Liaison: Bob B announced that Randy P Principal at Isanti Middle School will be the BYR school liaison.</p> <p>No report offered for: Billboard Committee, Resource/Brochure Committee, Community Resource Coordinator, Congregational Committee, Fundraising, Camo Quilts for Troops, Law Enforcement</p>	Information accepted
Old Business	None	
New Business	Jim R and Bob B announced that Monica B will be unable to continue as secretary for Isanti County BYR due to a conflict on this same night. Discussion will be held about selecting a new Secretary.	Information accepted
New Friends of BYR	<p>Bob B stated an application has been filed by "Work Connection" to become a Friend of BYR. Ms. Pam Gilley was present from Work Connection, a staffing agency that opened in May. This is a free service and is open to all Veterans, families of deployed service members and guard/reserve. Work Connection is interested in being involved in the community and participating in fundraisers.</p> <p>An application was received from Cambridge Eye Associates, P.A. / Dr. Chad Christensen to be a Friend of BYR. All Veterans will receive a 20% discount on all prescription glasses and free adjustments.</p>	<p>A motion was made by Jim J and seconded by Denise B to accept Work Connection as a Friend of BYR. No discussion. Motion unanimously approved.</p> <p>A motion was made by John T and seconded by Erv S to accept Cambridge Eye Associates, P.A. as a Friend of BYR. A question was asked if the discount applied to family members. Bob B will check. No further discussion. Motion unanimously approved.</p>
Camo Quilts for the Troops Policy	The BYR Executive Committee reviewed the policy for distribution of the camo quilts. Bob B explained the background and members reviewed the	A motion was made by Jim R and seconded by Jim T to accept the Quilt

	<p>policy proposed by the Executive Committee. Discussion was held regarding the definition of Isanti County Members and “others”, revisions were suggested. Refer to policy for additional information (see below).</p>	<p>Policy. After discussion, a motion was made by Denise B and seconded by Jim T to amend the motion to accept the policy with the revisions made at tonight’s meeting. There was no further discussion and the motion was unanimously approved.</p>
<p>Upcoming Events: Clarence’s Recycling</p>	<p>Clarence’s Recycling Fundraiser:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Bob B explained about the recent death of Clarence Sharpen and the family’s wish to continue BYR fundraisers in his honor - The October 6th event will go on as planned. Additional volunteers are needed. Members encouraged to sign-up to work at this event 0730-1300. - Clarence’s recycling is adding an additional fundraiser called “A Penny a Pound” recycling program. Clarence’s will donate a penny pound to the BYR for all metals recycled between September 1, 2012 and April 1, 2013. The goal is 1 million pounds, which could mean \$10,000 to the BYR task force. Flyers were distributed and members encouraged to share this information with family and neighbors. - Bob B is being interviewed for articles in the 2 local newspapers regarding the fundraisers. 	<p>Information accepted</p>
<p>Upcoming Events: Senior Veterans and Future Planning</p>	<p>Event for Senior Veterans:</p> <p>Denise B shared that the Isanti County CVSO office is sponsoring an event for senior Veterans to assist them with planning for the future. This event will address health care directives, end of life issues, funeral planning, and burial benefits. The event is being held October 10, 2012 at the MinnCo Center in Cambridge from 1000-1130. Members are encouraged to attend and invite senior Veterans. Speakers will be Denise Bacon, Jim Rostberg, Rebecca Carlson and attorney Jim Lindberg.</p>	<p>Motion made by Carol Ann S and seconded by Jim J for Isanti County BYR to co-sponsor this event. No discussion. Motion unanimously approved. Event will be posted on BYR website.</p>
<p>Volunteer Time</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Bob B stated that a member contacted him requesting validation of volunteer hours as the member’s employer requires that volunteer hours be tracked. Bob is happy to do this for others as needed. - Bob B reminded those members age 55 or older can join the Volunteers of America and get specific benefits such as liability insurance that covers them while they are volunteering, mileage, etc... This is free - Bob B has signed forms for the BYR to join Volunteers of America 	<p>Information accepted</p>
<p>Upcoming Events: Snowflake Parade</p>	<p>Snowflake Parade:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - November 17, 2012 - Will need blankets for the children 	<p>Defer to October meeting</p>

	- Discussion on how to identify children of deployed parents	
VetCorp Meeting	A VetCorp meeting with Kory D is scheduled for Sept 25th	
Adjournment	Member introductions were made and meeting adjourned at 2107	Motion made by John T and seconded by Randy P to adjourn meeting. No discussion. Unanimous approval.

Attachments: Clarence's Recycling flyer

Minutes submitted by: Carol Ann Smith

**Next Meeting: Thursday, October 18, 2012
7:00-8:30 pm
AFRCC**

<p><u>Quilt Policy – September 10, 2012</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The following policies for distribution of Camo Quilts for the Troops will be followed: • We will not sell quilts. If someone wishes to purchase a quilt, they should be referred to Linda Wieck (920) 627-3460, Franklin American Legion Post 387 Linda.camoquilt@gmail.com • We may decide to raffle quilts at specific events, at the direction of the Executive Committee, with the proceeds going toward the purchase of future quilts • Quilts we be sent to deployed service members outside of the Continental United States (CONUS) with the following priorities: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Isanti County Service Members • Service members with a connection to Isanti County (i.e., parents, brother, sister, nephew, etc...) • Other deployed Service Members as our resources allow. 	<p><u>Camo Quilts for the Troops Policy – September 20, 2012 (revised)</u></p> <p>The following policies for distribution of Camo Quilts for the Troops will be followed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We will not sell quilts. If someone wishes to purchase a quilt, they should be referred to Linda Wieck (920) 627-3460, Franklin American Legion Post 387 Linda.camoquilt@gmail.com • We may decide to raffle quilts at specific events, at the direction of the Executive Committee, with the proceeds going toward the purchase of future quilt kits • Quilts we be sent to deployed service members outside of the Continental United States (CONUS) with the following priorities: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Isanti County Service Members ○ Service members with a connection to Isanti County (i.e., employment, adopted units, parents, brother, sister, nephew, etc...) ○ Other deployed Service Members as our resources allow.
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