

BYR Task Force
Agenda
January 16, 2014
7:00 – 8:30 PM
Armed Forces Reserve and Community Center

Pledge of Allegiance

Guests:

1. Star 95 to present a new picture and check – *Jim R.*
2. New guests to BYR?

Secretary's Report - Minutes from December 19, 2013 meeting – *Kathy R.*

Treasurer's Report – *Jim R.*

Chair's Report – *Jim R. in Bob's absence*

1. Bob spoke with someone at GracePointe Crossing and they have 84 veterans within their facility and they really want lap blankets
2. Received Tax Exempt Status Letter from the IRS/Department of the Treasury!!!

Committee Reports

1. Website/Facebook Committee Report – *Scott/Kerri*
2. Billboard Committee Report –
3. Resource/Brochure Committee Report – *Gail G*
4. Support our Troops Committee Report – Isanti Family Support Group – *John & April T*
5. Community Resource Coordinator – *Dave R*
6. Congregational Committee Report – *Curtis A*
7. Fund Raising Committee Report – *Gail G*
8. Quilts for Troops – *Bob and Mary F*
 - a. New space for the quilters!!!!
9. School Liaison – *Randy P*
10. Law Enforcement Liaison – *Scott F*
11. BYR Friends Coordinator – *Dave R?*
 - a. New Friend applications:
 - i. Isanti Family Chiropractic Clinic -- will provide Neuro-musculoskeletal Rehabilitation \$20 initial exam, \$20 adjustment
 - ii. Buck's Toys and Tires – will provide 10% discount off all tires & discounted prices on vehicles

Agenda Items (Review and Discussion):

1. Update on 501(c)(3) process – Received our Tax Exempt Status as a 501c3!!!!
2. Chili Feed at Arctic Plunge at Captains
 - a. Sign Up for help with making Chili on Wed, Feb. 26th
 - b. Sign Up to help with Chili Feed at Captains on Fri., Feb. 28th
3. Adjourn

Next Meeting – Thursday February 20, 2014, 7:00 – 8:30 at the AFRCC

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

Meeting Minutes: December 19, 2013

Member Attendance:

X	Bob B	X	Erven S.	X	Scott F & Lois		Gaylen S
	Jim R		Bruce N	X	Don G		Randy P
X	Susan M	X	Curtis A		Brad R		Monica B
X	Gail G		Carol A		Bryce	X	Dan J
	Kathy R	X	Doug M		Dale S.		Kevin G
X	Jim J		Scott G		Doug		Greg A
X	April T		Walt M	X	Mary F		Kathy A
X	John T	X	Dave R.	X	Bob F		Chris C
	Kerri K	X	Walt M		Bryan R		Joel S
X	Carol Ann S	X	Pam M		Tim S.		

Agenda Item	Discussion	Motions/Action Taken
Call to Order		Meeting was called to Order at 19:00 by Chair Bob B
Pledge of Allegiance		Meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance at 19:00
Guests	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Bob spoke with Dale at Star 95 and will be at the January meeting to present picture "Forever Fly". Tom Kramin from the MN Elks/Veterans Service Commission. Fraternal Order of Elks-26 Lodges in MN who focus on children & veterans. 	
Secretary Report	Minutes of the November 21, 2013 meeting were distributed by e-mail.	Motion: Motion made by Jim J and seconded by April T to accept the November Task Force minutes. Unanimously approved.
Treasurer Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> \$3630 in donations (refer to fundraising) Balance is \$28,919.48 	Motion: To approve the Treasurers Report and was unanimously approved.
Chair's Report	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 850th HEC is in Ft. Bliss, TX and Jim R in TX with them. Arrival at MSP airport at 10:00am. There will be a State Patrol escort to Isanti County line – arrive in Cambridge at 13:00 to High School. No formal program planned. \$1800 expenditure was brought b/4 the task force because it was over the Board's limit. 	A motion was made by Bob F and seconded by Don G to accept the Chair's Report.
Committee Reports:	<p>Website Committee: Scott F gave the update.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 5662 visitors to website No Facebook report 18 Twitter followers HEC 850th homecoming info posted <p>Billboard Committee: No report. Will do an inventory before spring.</p> <p>Resource/Brochure Committee Report: Nothing new. Plenty of brochures in the CVSO office.</p> <p>Friends of BYR Committee: No report.</p>	

Support our Troops/Military Family Support Group:

Gail gave info to John & April re: Joshua. 849th Unit got 21 packages – food and Christmas Cards.

Community Resource Coordinator: On-going discussion with Peggy B.

Congregational Committee: There will be a military prayer meeting on Sunday, January 5th at 15:00pm at the Anderson Home.

Fundraising:

- Misc. Donations:
 1. \$250 Sarhara Sands
 2. \$500 MN EC Vietnam Veterans
 3. \$2560 Star 95 met goal
 4. \$50 anonymous
 5. \$250 Isanti VFW for party
 6. \$20 misc.
 7. \$41 Military night at Hockey Game
 8. \$20 anonymous
 9. \$50 Bob F sent with Karen Myers for her girls
- Arctic Plunge – Feb. 28, 2014 need a chair for this event.
- MinnCo Donation from Doug Halstrom of \$1000

Camo Quilts for Troops:

- Made 527; Sent 435; In-stock 92 Army bedrolls
- Jan. 20, 2014 is the 3rd Birthday of the sewing group
- Senior Dining Center moving into City Center quilt space as of March 2014. Bob B looking into options. There was discussion about making lap robes or bedspreads for single beds for veterans at nursing homes.

School Liaison: No report.

Law Enforcement:

- Scott will be the escort for the 850th HEC Homecoming.
- Bob involved in 80 workshops for military PTSD to law enforcement
 1. Legislative funding approved
 2. Finished curriculum yesterday and will begin teaching in March.

BYR Friends Coordinator:

- MN Elks Veterans Service Commission
- Central Minnesota Legal Services – free legal services to low income military families.

Contact local nursing homes re: process. Will need to design and buy patriotic fabric. The Veterans Homes want bedspreads not lap robes. Lap robes get caught in wheelchair wheels. Will put together cost proposal.

Motion: A motion was made by Don G and seconded by Jim J to approve the MN Elks application to be a new friend of ICBYR.

Motion: A motion was made by Don G and seconded by John T to approve Central MN Legal Services.

<p>AGENDA Items</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Update on 501c3 – had to revise the application and Bob faxed it in 2. Christmas Party recap – Pictures – Gail will send to Scott F. Thank you to everyone who helped and the many volunteers. Thank you to all the committee chair members. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Susan M – Chair • Kathy B – decorations • Jim R – tree donations • Kathy R – trinkets & admin • Carol Ann – Gifts & admin • Carol A. – Homemade Cookies for families The local newspaper came & Susan writing article for Isanti County News. Give input to Susan. 3. Quilts/Bedrolls/Lap Blankets: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue to make bedrolls. • Bob offered quilts to Arden Hills unit. • In 2014 only expect 400 soldiers statewide to deploy so will need less quilts. • Don G stated Isanti VFW adopted unit in Superior, WI who will deploy in summer. 4. Location – Bob B spoke with City of Cambridge re: space. Current SACS will be demolished or sold. Executive committee working with other sites – Army Recruiting office (old) is a consideration. 5. Election of Officers – the Executive Committee talked and recommend the same slate of officers as 2013 board. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chair – Bob B. • Vice Chair – Susan M. • Treasurer – Jim R. • Secretary – Kathy R. • Fundraising – Gail G. 6. Toy Drive – Trust Vets – Saturday, Dec. 21st 10-1pm at the Blaine Brunswick Zone 	<p>Mary F and Jim J are withdrawing their Motion from November 21st meeting for Susan to be chair.</p> <p>Motion: A motion was made by Jim J and seconded by Don G to approve the slate of officers for 2014. Unanimously approved.</p>
<p>Miscellaneous</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Dave Rosten to chair the Chili Feed for the Arctic Plunge in March. 2. Certificate received from CSOAF for our booth at Red Bull Military Appreciation in North Branch in June. 3. Dave Rosten mentioned he is a member of SCORE (Service Core of Retired Executives) and they are available to assist vets. 	
<p>Adjournment</p>	<p>Adjourned at 8:35pm</p>	<p>Motion: Made and seconded to adjourn.</p>

Submitted by: Kathy Rostberg, Secretary

Next Meeting: January 16, 2014 7:00-8:30 p.m. AFRCC

BYR Executive Committee

Minutes

January 8, 2014

1. Dave Rosten, guest to discuss Arctic Plunge Chili Feed on Friday, February 28th. Susan will buy the ingredients and will do the cooking of the Chili. Need sign-up sheets for:
 - Help with making chili on Wednesday, Feb. 26th – not sure what time at the AFRC kitchen
 - Help at the Chili Feed on Friday, February 28th at Captains
2. Any updates on families/veterans needing assistance? – **Jim** – A spouse of one of the 850th had dryer problems. Jim R contacted a repair company and gave the number to the spouse. The spouse was to contact the repair company to make arrangements to fix the dryer and bill the BYR. No word on whether that was done or not.
3. Status of 501(c)3 – **Jim** – **No update**
4. REMINDER of Blaine's BYR Event – Free special class for parents "Coming Together Around Military Families" presented by Julie Wasiluk of ChildCare Aware on January 15th 7:00 to 8:00pm at the Rasmussen College Campus in Blaine.
5. Camo Quilters location. Still looking at possible move to somewhere else in the Cambridge City Center Mall – former Army Recruiting Station? This is still an option! – **Bob** spoke with someone at GracePointe Crossing and they have 84 veterans within their facility and they really want lap blankets. We are very glad to have a project for the quilting group to continue serving our veterans.
6. Bedroll Packaging and Distribution – Monday, January 13th at 1:00 pm – **Bob** requested an e-mail go out to the task force asking for assistance. Monique from RSVP offered volunteers to help as well. Bob and Mary will be in charge of the coordination and getting the materials to package and ship the 65 bedrolls to the 114th Transportation Unit in Afghanistan.
7. Thank You from 850th FRG – BYR received a very nice Thank You from the FRG – 850th HEC Families on the Christmas Party. KR will make the Thank you available on the PowerPoint for the meeting for all to see.
8. New Hope Community Church Partnership Application – **Kathy** will complete the application and will get Bob's signature and send it to New Hope.
9. BYR Debit Card – Number of cards and location? – It was decided to look into another debit card that the other officers could use when appropriate. Took a copy of the debit card that Susan has to keep in the CVSO office for now.
10. New BYR Friend application – **Bob** and Jim had a new friend application to bring before the task force.
 - Isanti County Chiropractic Clinic
 - Buck's Toys & Tires
11. Talked briefly about doing a Welcome Home Dinner for the 850th. Bob is going to check with Sgt. Robin and Susan is going to check with the FRG to see what they think.