BYR Task Force
Agenda
May 15, 2014
7:00 – 8:30 PM
Armed Forces Reserve and Community Center

Pledge of Allegiance

Guests:
1. New guests to BYR?

Secretary’s Report - Minutes from April 17, 2013 meeting – Kathy R.

Treasurer’s Report – Jim R.

Chair’s Report – Bob B.

Announcements:

Committee Reports
1. Website/Facebook Committee Report – Scott/Kerri
2. Billboard Committee Report –
3. Resource/Brochure Committee Report – Gail G
5. Community Resource/BYR Friends Coordinator – Dave R
6. Congregational Committee Report – Curtis A
7. Fund Raising Committee Report – Gail G
   a. ICBYR Yellow Wristbands
8. Quilts for Troops – Bob and Mary F
9. School Liaison – Randy P
10. Law Enforcement Liaison – Scott F

Agenda Items:

Calendar of Events Coming Up:

1. BYR Can Recycling Day at Clarence’s – Saturday, May 17th at 7:30 a.m. – Sign Up
2. Historical Society Armed Forces Day Concert – Saturday, May 17th at 6:00 p.m.
3. Armed Forces Day at Ogilvie Speedway – Saturday, May 17th – Bob, Jim & Gail are attending
4. Red Bull Day in North Branch – Sunday, June 15th
5. 850th Summer Picnic on Sunday, June 15th – Sign Up
   o Susan is providing food
7. Freedom Fest at the Fairgrounds – Wednesday, July 23rd

Adjourn

Next Meeting – Thursday June 19, 2014, 7:00 – 8:30 at the AFRCC
BYR Executive Committee
Minutes
May 5, 2014

1. Report on Veteran’s Assistance this month – Jim R.
   a. Jim assisted a veteran who was asking for help with his mortgage. Ended up not assisting with any monetary value but gave him very good advice.

2. Checklist for our BYR Network to complete this year – Annette Kuyper e-mail – tabled for now

3. BYR Can Recycle Day at Clarence’s Recycling on Saturday, May 17th
   a. Raffle off donated Print – how do we do this? Committee decided to suggest to Kella that we ask for donations towards a raffle and raffle it off at the County Fair with full acknowledgement of the donation from Clarence’s Recycling (Kella).

4. Historical Society Armed Forces Day Concert – Saturday, May 17th
   a. 6:00 p.m. at the Historical Society bldg – by the fairgrounds. Since part of the proceeds of the tickets is going to Isanti County BYR, we should have an Executive Committee Member present and any task force member who would like to go.

5. Armed Forces Day at Ogilvie Speedway – Saturday, May 17th
   (Jim, Gail & Bob are attending)

6. Red Bull Day in North Branch – Sunday, June 15th – Gail and Jim Johnson are signed up to attend.

7. 850th Summer Picnic on Sunday, June 15th – Sign Up
   a. Susan will provide the food along with the Units contribution. Unit will also supply all the beverages.

8. ICBYR Grand Marshall in the Isanti Rodeo Parade on July 10th
   a. Jim R. to chair and organize the float.
   b. Committee would like to see signs identifying the # of Isanti County Veterans by era displayed on the float.

9. Gail purchased YELLOW Wristbands to be handed out at the fair and other events for a small donation. Committee decided not to pass them out at the parade and would like to give it to those that will wear it.
Isanti County Beyond the Yellow Ribbon Task Force
Armed Forces Reserve and Community Center (AFRCC)

Meeting Minutes: April 17, 2014

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Agenda Item | Discussion | Motions/Action Taken
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Call to Order | Meeting was called to Order at 19:00 by Bob B. |  
Pledge of Allegiance | Meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance at 19:02 |  
Guests | Girl Scout Troop 13021 came to the meeting to donate 139 boxes of cookies to be sent to the Troops. | Signed Releases and permission to put their picture on the website and in the local papers. 
**Motion:** Motion was made by Jim J and seconded by Mary F to send all the cookies donated except for the chocolate ones to the 114th Transportation Co. in Afghanistan.  
Secretary Report | Minutes of the March 20, 2014 meeting were distributed by e-mail. | **Motion:** Motion made by Carol A and seconded by Mary F with one correction that there were 20 veterans in each nursing home not 20 altogether. Accepted the March Task Force minutes with correction. Unanimously approved.  
Treasurer Report | Jim was not present 
Balance is $23,642.90 | Need to acknowledge the anonymous donor. 
**Motion:** To approve the Treasurers Report. Unanimously approved.  
Chair’s Report | **Website Committee:** 6091 visitors. 
**Billboard Committee:** Bob F counted signs: 5 large signs, but need 4x4’s for these signs. Continue to look for new locations. 
**Support our Troops/Military Family Support Group:** No packages sent. The Thomas’s are still storing materials for packages. | Bob B to communicate with the Sgt of the 114th to see if they would like more packages.  
Committee Reports:
**Community Resource Coordinator:** Dave R has spoke to all the BYR Friends we have.

**Congregational Committee:** The MN/WI Reserve Navy Seabee Unit arrived in Afghanistan last week. There was a transition of authority ceremony at Camp Phoenix (near Kabul) on April 15th. The end of March Curt sent an introduction e-mail to the Chaplain, Command Master Chief telling them about Isanti County BYR and also provide contacts to similar support organizations throughout MN. Chaplin replied back with a thank you for the contact.

**Fundraising:**

**Camo Bedroll Report:** Bob shared that there were 9 Army quilted bedrolls made and the group is done making bedrolls. Approximately 45 bedrolls in stock and have sent 510 bedrolls. The group started slowly with the beginnings of the military quilts for the nursing homes. They have 20 bolts of fabric stored. Mary Norton-Larson is the owner of the quilt shop that ordered the fabric.

**School Liaison:** Randy not present, no report.

**Law Enforcement:** Scott present, no report.

**NEW Friends of BYR:** None

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**AGENDA Items**

1. New BYR Friend – Innovative Basement Systems – Basement & Foundation Specialists – Jim Laven is the Marketing Manager. 7% off of all services to all veterans.

**Motion:** Made by Jim J and seconded by Dave R to accept them as our friend.

**Calendar of Events**

BYR Recycling Day at Clarence’s – May 17th at 7:30 am

Historical Society Armed Forces Day Concert – May 17th

Armed Forces Day at Oglivie Speedway – May 17th

Red Bull Day in North Branch – June 15th

850th Summer Picnic – June 15th

Isanti County Rodeo Parade – July 10th

Freedom Fest at the Fairgrounds – July 23rd

Isanti County Fair – July 23-27th

Rodeo Parade Float – had some ideas of what the float should look like – advertise how many Isanti County Veterans, Things that the ICBYR does in the community.

Freedom Fest – first day of the Fair and all veterans can enter for free that day.

Gail and Dave distributed posters of BYR Recycling Day at Clarence’s Recycling.

**Motion:** Made by Bob and seconded by Gail to distribute the donated red shirts to the unit and their families at the picnic.

850th Summer Picnic – will supply the same food as last year – hamburgers, Hot Dogs, Cole Slaw and fruit. The unit will supply enough food for each soldier and BYR will supply the rest.

Beverages will be supplied by the Unit. Looking for suggestions for activities that day.

**Plaques**

1. Mary Norton-Larson
2. City of Isanti
3. Company in Bradford
4. Anonymous Donor

Ask Dave R to make the plaques and we will reimburse him for all the materials.

**Adjourment**

Adjourned at 8:20pm

**Motion:** Made and seconded to adjourn.

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Submitted by: Kathy Rostberg, Secretary

**Next Meeting:** May 15, 2014 7:00-8:30 p.m. AFRCC