

**Isanti County Beyond the Yellow Ribbon Task Force
AFRCC**

Meeting Minutes: October 20, 2016

Member Attendance:

x	Jim R	x	Erven S.	x	Scott F		Randy P
	Susan M		Dan M		Greg A		Reents, Sgt Brad
	Gail G		Curtis A	x	David O		Chris C
x	Kathy R		Carol A		Curt H		
x	Bob B	x	Brad B	x	Dan J		
x	Jim J		Scott G		Doug M		
	April T	x	Dave R	x	Mary F		
	John T		Walt M	x	Bob F		
	Perseke, Sgt Major Dan		Pam M		Robin, Sgt Bryan		Guest:
x	Carol Ann S	x	Sean W		Kerri K		Guest:
x	Bruce D		Barbara K		Jamie N		Guest:

Agenda Item	Discussion	Motions/Action Taken
Call to Order		Meeting was called to Order at 1906
Pledge of Allegiance		Meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance
Guests	Skip S. from "Hope in Action" was unable to attend tonight's meeting and will come in November	Information accepted
Secretary Report	Minutes of the September meeting were distributed by e-mail.	Motion: A motion was made by (Jim J) and seconded (Dan J) to approve the minutes. Minutes approved
Treasurer Report Kathy R.	Income and expenses were reviewed for Sept/Oct: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Income includes: golf sponsorships, donation from Landmark Bank, misc. donors • Expenditures were: Veterans needs, phone bill, golf tournament expenses 	Information accepted Our gratitude to our donors
Chair's Report Jim R.	1) Veterans issues: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Veteran with water leak at his home. Extensive work needed. Probable mold. Homeowner to get estimate. CVSO working on funding opportunities. • Closure on roof replacement for veteran's widow. No ICBYR assistance needed. Rural Development loan covered majority of costs and contractor donated the \$300 expenses not covered. 2) Request for packages from a platoon in the United Arab Emirates. Platoon of 25 soldiers with 4 from Isanti County. Discussion held. ICBYR will send care packages and camo bedrolls to the 4 soldiers from	Information accepted Motion: A motion was made by (Mary F) and seconded (Jim J) to approve the sent the 4 soldiers

	<p>Isanti County. For the other 21 soldiers we will offer to partner with the Isanti Lions and a Rum Rivers Special Ed classroom teacher that want to send packages. Jim R to touch base with Isanti Lions and see how they want to proceed. If they are willing to send the packages, ICBYR will donate money for items and shipping costs.</p> <p>3) Friend applications: see New Business</p> <p>4) Jim attended the Welcome Ceremony for the Medal of Honor recipients at US Bank Stadium October 5th. He stated the ceremony was wonderful and he was honored to attend.</p> <p>5) St Cloud VA Veteran Rendezvous went well. Jim R staffed the table. Stated there was good attendance and he talked to a few people from Isanti County. He felt it was worth the time to staff a booth.</p> <p>6) October Executive Board meeting – please refer to minutes.</p>	<p>with an Isanti County affiliation care packages and quilts.</p> <p>During discussion, motion amended to include an offer of \$210 to the Isanti Lions if they will send packages to the other 21 soldiers in the platoon. Motion approved</p> <p>Information accepted</p>
<p>Committee Reports:</p>	<p>Website Committee: Scott F:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Website has been upgraded as our current package no longer offered. Website has a different look. Some new options available. Scott and Sean looking at this. Plan on getting calendar set up. A link to Facebook has been added. The “hit” counter has been removed but will get that back up and running soon. There have been a total of 10, 627 through September. Tweet about tonight’s meeting sent out <p>Resource/Brochure Committee Report: Jim R for Gail G:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> New brochures printed as we were running low on stock <p>Billboard Committee: Dave R:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sign installed by Green Lake at the intersection of County Roads 7 & 11 at home of Brad Brown. Two metal and 13 plastic signs are left Plan on updating signs by Bradford and Isanti/Kanabec County line before winter Joe Mau gave permission to install sign on his property at Hwy 47 and IC County 8. Dave R to touch base with him on exact location. Jill will change an error found on 3 signs <p>Community Resource/Friends of BYR Coordinator: Dave R.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Potential new Friend from Dean’s Heating and A/C. They were at golf tournament. Need to make a change on The Barbershop Friend site. Scott F will do this. Friend application just received from Miracle Ear. Will vote on at next meeting. 	<p>Information accepted</p> <p>Information accepted Thank you Brad!!</p> <p>Information accepted</p>

Support our Troops/Military Family Support Group: John & April T:

- No report
- Will notify them of care packages needed

Quilts for Veterans: Bob F:

- Moved most items out of sewing room at City Center October 17th
- Will distribute quilts to nursing homes until the supply is gone. Plan on a delivery to the Braham nursing home in November.
- About 30 bedrolls left. Will distribute as asked. Will donate one to City of Cambridge as a thank you. Bob & Mary will write up a summary of this project. Committee met from 2011-2016 for approximately 150 quilts and 550 camo bedrolls made.
- Items returned to Don Grotte family (cutting board & rulers)
- Misc. supplies donated to the 2 churches that supported the quilters and long-term quilters (fabric, pens and pencils).
- Five long-term quilters got a bedroll to keep
- Three of the original group of quilters received a hand-made iron thread holder.

Congregational Committee:

- Need new Chair. Will touch base with minister at New Hope

School Liaison: Randy P.

- Jim R spoke with Randy. Randy is aware of the new state law Military Connected Youth Identifier – when child enrolls in school can now ask if they have a military connection (parent or sibling). Cambridge updating their forms to include this question. Will be updated by Spring 2017.

Law Enforcement: Scott F:

- Scott stated they responded to an incident today where a veteran was in distress and taken to the hospital. Wife and veteran not aware of CVSO or ICBYR. Scott gave wife business card for CVSO and encouraged her to contact him.
- ICBYR decals distributed to new Sheriff and Police cars. Need to give to Fire Departments.

Fundraising: Jim R and Dave R for Gail G:

- Golf Tournament 2016 – Sept 23rd.

Information accepted

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	<p>Went extremely well. Committee and volunteers met last week to debrief. Total income of \$28,034.52 with \$4,892.52 in expenses for net income of \$23,140.98.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2017 golf tournament Sept 22nd • Star 95 Car Wash fundraiser “Wash for a Cause” was held October 8-15. Proceeds divided between Beyond the Yellow Ribbon and Harbor Room Cancer Resource Center. Each organization will get approximately \$1,000. Will be asked to meet in early November for a photo op. 	<p>Information accepted</p>
<p>Upcoming Events ICBYR</p>	<p><u>ICBYR Events:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Snowflake Parade - Nov 19th 2. HEC 850th Christmas Party - TBD <p><u>Community Events of Interest:</u> SeaCadets fundraising breakfast – 5th Sunday - Forest Lake American Legion</p>	
<p>Old Business</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None 	
<p>New Business:</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Request from Bob B for care package to be sent to CHIS graduate USAF Captain who flies missions overseas. Dad works at Purple Hawk. • Veteran’s Day breakfast at CIHS. Social Studies Dept invites all veterans and ICBYR members to their annual Veteran’s Day breakfast on November 11th at 7:30 am in the high school cafeteria. Please wear your ICBYR shirts. • Veteran’s Day Dinner (evening) at the Isanti VFW. All veterans invited. May bring one guest. Jim R will give a presentation about ICBYR. Discussion if ICBYR wants to assist the Isanti VFW with financing the meal. • Volunteers needed to bring food to veterans at their homes if they are unable to drive to the dinner at the Isanti VFW November 11th. Contact Jim Rostberg if you are interested. • Request for assistance with tribute to Vietnam veterans at CIHS. Social Studies class creating a tribute to 2 CIHS graduates who were KIA in Vietnam. Requesting \$240 to purchase medals for the shadow box tributes. • New Friend application from the MN Deer Hunters Association – Isanti County Chapter • Veterans in need for Holiday Season. CVSO collecting names of veterans in need of Holiday gifts. Jim also stated the couple who donated funds last year will be donating again this year. More 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Decision: Yes will send care package and Air Force camo quilt • Please attend if you are able • Please attend if you are able • Motion made (Dan J) and seconded (Jim J) to donate \$200 to the Isanti VFW to assist with the cost of the meal. After discussion motion amended to include same offer of up to \$200 to any Veterans Day meals being offered at the Cambridge Legion, Braham VFW or their Auxiliaries. Motion approved. Jim R to reach out to these organizations.

	<p>information to come. Will also ask Sgt Robin if there are 850th HEC soldiers in need.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Motion made (Bruce D) and seconded (Dan J) to donate \$240 to the CIHS Vietnam Tribute to purchase the medals needed for the shadow boxes • Motion made (Bob B) and seconded (Brad B) to accept MN Deer Hunters Asso as a Friend of ICBYR. Motion approved. Scott F to contact them for website details.
Open Agenda:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Error on 2 ICBYR signs still needs to be corrected (incorrect website address). Jill will personally see to this. • Walgreens offering free flu shots to Veterans. Cambridge Walgreens is participating. No appointment needed. Walk in whenever the Pharmacy open. Bring your VA ID Card. Your VA medical record will be updated electronically. 	Information accepted.
Adjournment		Motion: Motion was made (Jim J) and seconded (Mary F) to adjourn pm. Motion passed at 8:36 pm

Submitted by: Carol Ann Smith

Next Meeting: November 17, 2016 7:00-8:30 p.m. AFRCC