

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

Meeting Minutes: January 18, 2018

Member Attendance:

x	Jim R		Erven S.		Scott F		Randy P
x	Susan M		Kerri K		Greg A		Reents, Sgt Brad
	Gail G		Curtis A		Jamie N		Chris C
x	Kathy R		Carol A		Curt H		Pauline A
	Bob B	x	Brad B	x	Dan J		Heidi B
x	Jim J		Randy H		Doug M		Terry L
x	David O		Dave R	x	Mary F		Cathy B
x	Dan M (CVSO)		Walt M	x	Bob F	x	Don C
	Perseke, Sgt Major Dan		Pam M		Robin, Sgt Bryan	x	Lisa B
x	Carol Ann S		Sean W	x	Deanna B	x	Guest: Yolanda vl
x	Bruce D		Barbara K	x	Ben B		Guest:
x	Brent L		April T		Helen S		Guest:
	Candi L		John T		Rachel G		

Agenda Item	Discussion	Motions/Action Taken
Call to Order		Meeting was called to Order at 1900 by Chair Jim R
Pledge of Allegiance		Meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance Introductions were made
Guest	<p>Yolanda von Itter MN National Guard Military Family Assistance Specialist was present to tell us about her role. The Family Assistance Centers (FAC) are resource & referral agencies and paid for by the Department of Defense (DOD). They assist any branch of service. Their focus is on active duty personnel and those out of the military service less than 12 months. They have access to Military Family Foundation grants. The FAC around the state are open Mon-Friday 0800-1630 and on call 24/7.</p> <p>Yolanda also shared that the FAC locations in Minnesota are being re-distributed based on geographic location of persons served. She announced that Cambridge is getting a FAC!!!! It will be housed in the AFRCC. The Family Assistance Specialist job position is now open. Another new FAC will open in Bloomington. The Bemidji FAC is closing.</p>	<p>Information accepted</p> <p>Information accepted. Secretary will email job description to ICBYR Task Force members.</p>
Secretary Report Carol Ann S	Minutes of the December 2017 meeting were distributed by e-mail.	Motion: A motion was made by (Jim J) and seconded (Dave O) to approve the minutes. Minutes approved
Treasurer Report Kathy R.	<p>Income and expenses were reviewed for December:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Income includes: private donors and donations from Star 95 Car Wash, Sahara Sands, VVA & a refund on the coffee cup order 	Information accepted and filed for audit

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Expenditures were: phone bill, car repairs for soldier, coffee cup order, Newton Financial Services & Christmas gift cards Kathy explained that the coffee cup purchase was a good deal, but shipping was very expensive. We cancelled the order and lost \$50 <p>Kathy delivered the sad news that one of our anonymous donors died this week. She had faithfully donated to ICBYR each month for many years. Her thank you plaque will be posted at the AFRCC.</p>	<p>Our gratitude to our donors</p> <p>Our deepest sympathy to the family of this generous donor</p>
<p>Chair's Report Jim R</p>	<p>1) Veterans issues: Dan M reporting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 850th HEC soldier requests assistance with new furnace. Estimate \$2,500. Financial need has been verified Another veteran in need of dentures. Estimate \$1,000 Dan states the CVSO office could use more gift cards for food <p>2) January Executive Board meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Please refer to meeting summary emailed Dec 19th for further detail 	<p>Motion: A motion was made by (Mary F) and seconded (Ben B) to approve the furnace purchase. Motion approved</p> <p>Motion: A motion was made by (Brad B) and seconded (Dan J) to approve the purchase of dentures. Motion approved</p> <p>Motion: A motion was made by (Bob F) and seconded (Dave O) to approve the purchase of \$500 worth of Cub Foods gift cards (\$20 each). Motion approved</p> <p>Information accepted</p>
<p>Committee Reports:</p>	<p>Website Committee: Scott F</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> No report – Chair absent Tweet of tonight's meeting sent <p>Resource/Brochure Committee Report: Gail</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> No report – Chair absent <p>Billboard Committee: Dave R</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> No report – Chair absent <p>Community Resource/Friends of BYR Coordinator:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> No report – Chair absent <p>Support our Troops/Military Family Support Group:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> No report Chairs absent <p>Congregational Committee: Brent L</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ICBYR training for local clergy on "Military Culture" and "Pastoral Care for Veterans" will be on April 26, 2018. 	<p>Information accepted</p>

	<p>The VA Trainer will to come to Cambridge. Commons Grounds has been booked as the venue. A “Save-the-Date” card will be mailed in February.</p> <p>School Liaison: Randy P.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No report - Chair absent <p>Law Enforcement: Scott F</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No report – Chair absent <p>Scholarship Committee: Brad B, Dan J & Carol Ann S:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Update on advertising plan given. Interviewed by Isanti County News Editor on Jan 4th and excellent article was in the next edition. Discussed how to reach home-schooled children. • Will meet in early February to develop scoring rubric <p>Fundraising: Jim R for Gail G:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Arctic Splash - We will sell chili on Saturday in the tent from 1100-1830 (or earlier if we run out of chili). The tent will have a bar and a band. There will also be food available inside Captain’s and on the lake. Ice cutting at 1100. First jumper at 1300. Band begins 1900. Sign-up sheets passed to volunteer to prepare chili Feb 8th at the AFRCC from 1300-1700 – Susan Morris leading this workgroup. Please bring your own knife, apron & cutting board. Volunteers needed to sell chili Feb 10th, sign-up sheet passed. • “Country Classics” Dinner & Dance March 24th. Have had 2 meetings with KBK. Food will have a BBQ theme. There will be a silent auction and a live dessert auction. Jim gave a summary of today’s meeting 	<p>Information accepted</p> <p>Information accepted</p>
<p>Upcoming Events ICBYR</p>	<p><u>ICBYR Events:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Arctic Splash Chili Feed – February 10 2. ICBYR Dinner/Dance- Country Classics theme – March 24 3. ICBYR Clergy training – April 26 <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 	

New Business:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussion held about a 2018 ICBYR raffle. Is the money we made worth the work? • Discussion about ICBYR booth at the Isanti County Senior Fair April 26th • High School graduates entering the military. Jim R proposed recognizing the 2018 high school graduates by hosting a brunch. This would include graduates from all schools in Isanti County. Families and siblings would be invited as well as recruiters, high school counselors, and fraternal organizations. Will present graduates with a Certificate from ICBYR (Bob F to design). May also give them a honorary “cord/braid” to wear at graduation (if okay with the school). 	<p>After discussion, it was decided to not have a raffle in 2018</p> <p>After discussion it was decided to have a booth at the Senior Fair. Jim R & Brad B to staff it. Secretary will submit the paperwork for a booth.</p> <p>The Task Force was in favor of pursuing this. Scholarship Committee members will discuss this with the schools when they meet with them about the scholarships. Want to avoid prom & graduation dates. Potential suggested date May 19, Armed Forces Day.</p>
Open Agenda:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Again discussed the need for an ICBYR historian. Anyone interested please contact Jim R • The goal is to have the 2017 Annual Report completed and printed for the March 24 Dinner Dance. Please submit volunteer hours and any pictures you have of ICBYR 2017 events to the ICBYR gmail address or the Secretary 	Information accepted
Adjournment		Motion: Motion was made (Ben B) and seconded (Brad B) to adjourn pm. Motion approved at 2025.

Submitted by: Carol Ann Smith, ICBYR Secretary

Next Meeting: February 15, 2018 7:00-8:30 p.m. AFRCC

Link to the Military Action Group:

https://www.revisor.mn.gov/bills/status_result.php?body=House&search=committee&session=0902017&committee_id=90022&submit_committee=GO