

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

**Meeting Minutes: February 15, 2018**

**Member Attendance:**

x	Jim R	x	Erven S.		Scott F		Randy P
	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
x	Bob B		Brad B	x	Dan J		Heidi B
x	Jim J		Randy H	x	Doug M		Terry L
	David O	x	Dave R	X	Mary F		Cathy B
x	Dan M (CVSO)		Walt M	x	Bob F		Don C
	Perseke, Sgt Major Dan		Pam M		Robin, Sgt Bryan	x	Lisa B
x	Carol Ann S	x	Sean W		Deanna B		Guest:
x	Bruce D		Barbara K	x	Ben B		Guest:
x	Brent L		April T		Helen S		Guest:
x	Candi L		John T		Rachel G		

<b>Agenda Item</b>	<b>Discussion</b>	<b>Motions/Action Taken</b>
<b>Call to Order</b>		Meeting was called to Order at 1903 by Chair Jim R
<b>Pledge of Allegiance</b>		Meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance
<b>Guest:</b>	<p>Jill Arnoldy from the local Chapter of the Salvation Army was present to tell us that the Chapter gives out free hams at Easter time. No financial assessment, just call IC Family Services to request one. This year they want to reserve 6 hams for military service members/veterans.</p> <p>Jill also gave an excellent summary of how Salvation Army dollars work locally. This includes Easter hams, backpack school supplies and Thanksgiving turkeys. Money raised at Christmas bell ringing kettles (90%) and monthly donations. If you send in a monthly donation, you can indicate that you want your donation to go to the Isanti County Chapter. The main MN office will keep a small % for the Disaster Relief Fund, and the majority of your donation will be sent to the Isanti County Chapter. Volunteers are needed for the Isanti Chapter. They meet the 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of the month at the Catholic Church in Cambridge.</p> <p>The Easter hams will be distributed March 29<sup>th</sup> at Common Ground Methodist Church. Volunteers needed. 763-689-7111. Salvation Army address PO Box 623 Cambridge</p>	Information accepted
<b>Guest:</b>	Dawn & Brent van Hees, LTJGs from Polaris Battalion gave an update on Battalion activities and also showed a video of 2017	Information accepted

	<p>Battalion events that involved veterans. ICBYR events and people featured in this “Soldiers Eyes” video.</p> <p>Polaris Battalion is one of the largest in the US. They began in 2011 with 7 cadets and 3 staff. Now have over 60 cadets and 22 staff. Cadets gave 1600 hours of community service in 2017. One cadet received a \$180,000 Marine Corp scholarship. About 50% of the cadets enter military service.</p>	
<p><b>Secretary Report</b> <b>Carol Ann S</b></p>	<p>Minutes of the January 2018 meeting were distributed by e-mail on Feb 9th.</p> <p>Correction to the January minutes. Yolanda von Itter emailed that the Bloomington FAC is open and that the FACs serve all service members at all times of their career. The 12 month eligibility was referring to criteria for the MMFF Grant.</p>	<p><b>Motion:</b> A motion was made by (Mary F) and seconded (Candi L) to approve the minutes. <b>Minutes approved with corrections.</b></p>
<p><b>Treasurer Report</b> <b>Kathy R.</b></p>	<p>Income and expenses were reviewed for January:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Income includes: private donors</li> <li>• Expenditures were: phone bill, soldier new furnace, reimbursement for 850<sup>th</sup> HEC Christmas Party supplies, ECM publishers ad, and Dinner/Dance liquor license</li> </ul>	<p>Information accepted and filed for audit</p> <p>Our gratitude to our donors</p>
<p><b>Chair’s Report</b> <b>Jim R</b></p>	<p>1) Veterans issues: Dan M reporting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Veteran requires ride to St Cloud VA for medical appointment in a MediCab. May need future rides. His Medicare is running out. CVSO &amp; IC Family Services met with wife today. Applying for MN Dept of Veteran Affairs for a grant.</li> </ul> <p>2) Planning for CVSO absence due to deployment Dan to be at Fort Sill for 6 months March 23-August 19 Dept of Veteran Affairs to send a representative Mondays and Fridays MACV to send representative one day a week for intakes CVSO in nearby counties to assist Office staff Monica and Erin will be there 5 days a week Dan to return August 20</p> <p>3) February Executive Board meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Please refer to meeting summary emailed Feb 13 for further detail</li> </ul>	<p><b>Motion:</b> A motion was made by (Ben B) and seconded (Candi L) to approve up to \$500 in MediCab expenses. <b>Motion approved</b></p> <p>Information accepted</p>
<p><b>Committee Reports:</b></p>	<p><b>Website Committee:</b> Scott F</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Report via email</li> <li>• Tweet of tonight’s meeting sent</li> <li>• 2,395 website hits since November</li> <li>• Scholarship application online &amp; downloadable</li> </ul> <p><b>Resource/Brochure Committee Report:</b> Gail</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No report – Chair absent</li> </ul> <p><b>Billboard Committee:</b> Dave R</p>	<p>Information accepted</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Nothing new until Spring</li> </ul> <p><b>Community Resource/Friends of BYR Coordinator:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Nothing new to report</li> </ul> <p><b>Support our Troops/Military Family Support Group:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No report Chairs absent</li> </ul> <p><b>Congregational Committee:</b> Brent L</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ICBYR training for local clergy on “Military Culture” and “Pastoral Care for Veterans” will be on April 26, 2018. The VA Trainer will to come to Cambridge. Commons Grounds has been booked as the venue. A “Save-the-Date” card created by Brent &amp; Candi will be mailed in the next few days. Sample shown. Brent working with VA Chaplain Center on electronic registration. Will begin working on lunch options</li> </ul> <p>Brent also stated a veteran &amp; his wife who needed assistance were referred to him by the veteran’s church</p> <p><b>School Liaison:</b> Randy P.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No report - Chair absent</li> </ul> <p><b>Law Enforcement:</b> Scott F</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Nothing to report – report via email</li> </ul> <p><b>Scholarship Committee:</b> Bruce, Dan J &amp; Carol Ann S:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Update on advertising plan given.</li> <li>• Have met with or emailed all school districts in IC</li> <li>• Interview being scheduled at KBEK</li> <li>• Emails sent to ICBYR Friends who have email</li> <li>• Scoring rubric developed</li> </ul> <p><b>Fundraising:</b> Jim R for Gail G:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Arctic Splash – Thanks the volunteers to prepared and sold chili. Disappointing day, only sold 67 bowls of chili. Cold day and we were outside in a tent. Food available on the ice and inside Captain’s. Briefly discussed options for next year if there is another Arctic Splash. Extra chili to be used/sold at dinner/dance.</li> <li>• “Country Classics” Dinner &amp; Dance March 24<sup>th</sup>. Jim stated tickets and flyers being printed now. Should have them in a day or two. We have 12 sponsors. Tickets \$30 prior to March 16 and then \$35. Final arrangements on food and decorations being made. Will have bidding numbers for live, silent &amp; dessert auctions.</li> </ul>	<p>Information accepted</p> <p>Information accepted</p> <p>Information accepted</p>
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<b>Upcoming Events ICBYR</b>	<p><b><u>ICBYR Events:</u></b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. QPR Gatekeeper Training – March 15 – AFRCC Pizza at 5:00 and class at 5:30 – ICBYR sponsoring with Hope in Action MN, Wellness in the Woods &amp; Cambridge Medical Center</li> <li>2. ICBYR Dinner/Dance- Country Classics theme – March 24 - AFRCC</li> <li>3. ICBYR Clergy training – April 26 – Common Grounds Methodist Church</li> <li>4. North 65 Chamber of Commerce Senior Fair – April 26 – Cambridge City Center Mall - Jim R &amp; Brad B to staff table</li> <li>5. Graduating Senior Brunch – May 19 Armed Forces Day Schools were in favor of this Have requested AFRCC space Lisa brought a sample of a red/white/blue braid that we could give the seniors. They could wear this at graduation if there school permits (\$6) (\$5 if we order &gt; 15)</li> </ol> <p><b><u>Community Events of Interest:</u></b> SeaCadets fundraising breakfast – 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday - Forest Lake American Legion</p>	<p>Contact Jim R to register</p> <p>Information accepted</p>
<b>Old Business</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>None</b></li> </ul>	
<b>New Business:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• None</li> </ul>	
<b>Open Agenda:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• MACV free drop-in legal clinic at the Mpls VAMC March 13 from 0900-1400 651-224-0292</li> <li>• 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</li> </ul>	<p>Information accepted</p>
<b>Adjournment</b>		<p><b>Motion:</b> Motion was made (Mary F) and seconded (Jim J) to adjourn pm. <b>Motion approved at 2025.</b></p>

Submitted by: Carol Ann Smith, ICBYR Secretary

**Next Meeting:                    March 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](https://www.revisor.mn.gov/bills/status_result.php?body=House&search=committee&session=0902017&committee_id=90022&submit_committee=GO)