

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

Meeting Minutes: April 19, 2018

Member Attendance:

x	Jim R		Erven S.	x	Scott F		Randy P
	Susan M		Kerri K		Greg A		Cory B
x	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	x	Cathy B
	Dan M (CVSO)	x	Walt M	x	Bob F		Don C
	Perseke, Sgt Major Dan	x	Pam M	x	Robin, Sgt Bryan	x	Lisa S
x	Carol Ann S	x	Sean W	x	Deanna B	x	Sandra S
x	Bruce D		Barbara K		Ben B	x	Guest: Kalie M & parents Lucas & Mary M
x	Brent L		April T		Helen S	x	Guest: Jared K & parents
	Candi L		John T	x	Stacey B	x	Guest: Megan C
X	Guest: Richard A	X	Guest: Jennifer A			x	Guest: Makayla G-H

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
Secretary Report Carol Ann S	Minutes of the March 2018 meeting were distributed by e-mail on April 17th.	Motion: A motion was made by (Mary F) and seconded (Dave O) to approve the minutes. Minutes approved.
Treasurer Report Kathy R.	Income and expenses were reviewed for March: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Income includes: private donors, Cambridge Lutheran donation, dinner dance & quarterly dividends Expenditures were: phone bill, veteran dental care, printing for raffle & dinner dance tickets, Braham Business Expo registration, stamps, dinner dance paper products, veteran dentures, printing of annual report 	Information accepted and filed for audit Our gratitude to our donors
Chair's Report Jim R	1) Introduction of new Family Assistance Specialist at Cambridge AFRCC Sandra Schroeder. Sandra said a few words. Her focus is resource & referral for military service members, veterans and their families. She works will all branches of the service, active duty or veterans. ICBYR will	Welcome Sandra!! Information accepted

	<p>be working closely with Sandra and the IC CVSO to meet all needs.</p> <p>2) Veterans issues: Jim & Stacey</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 850th soldier needed assistance. Exec Board sent \$500 Walmart gift card from ICBYR. Referred to FAC. • Widow of veteran requests assistance with propane. Exec Board approved partial fill. Will complete fill this summer when prices down. • Widow of veteran with concerns about foundation of home. Jim & a professional assessed. No work needed at this time. If problem worsens, should call CVSO. • Veteran requesting assistance with purchase of boots. CVSO resolved through a donation. • Notified of a veteran & wife in need. Jim R called wife. • National Guard soldier & wife in need. Jim R called them. Referred to FAC <p>3) Executive Board met with new Family Assistance Specialist Sandra Schroeder April 9th to explain ICBYR and discuss process of referrals. Also discussed idea of having hygiene kits available for weekend drill</p> <p>4) Thank You note received from soldier who received gift card</p> <p>5) April Executive Board meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Please refer to meeting summary emailed April 17 for further detail 	<p>Information accepted</p>
<p>Committee Reports:</p>	<p>Website Committee: Scott F</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Website up to date through end of March • Tweet of tonight’s meeting sent • 24,537 website total hits (1,247 since last meeting) • Will post 2017 Annual Report <p>Resource/Brochure Committee Report: Gail</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Brochure updated & printed • 2017 Annual Report distributed tonight & at dinner dance • ICBYR Thank You note revised • New ICBYR Sympathy Card created. Will send this instead of flowers. • Discussed re-ordering ICBYR wrist band. Can use at events such as IC Fair. Wrist band had ICBYR name & website address. 500 are 24 cents each. 1,000 are \$150 <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. The VA Trainer will come to Cambridge. Commons Grounds has been booked as the venue. Letters of 	<p>Information accepted</p> <p>Motion: A motion was made by (Cathy B) and seconded (Mary F) to purchase 1,000 wrist bands (600 youth & 400 adult size). Motion approved.</p>

	<p>invitation sent to local area churches by mail and email. Lunch will be catered by SACS. Thanks to Sgt Dalmo for coordinating the electronic registration. So far 20 are registered. Chaplain Law has sent us all the needed training materials. Sgt Dalmo gave us 20 packets leftover from the Rochester training.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Brent also mentioned faith based marriage retreats at Ironwood Spring Christian Ranch. See him for details if you are interested. This is free to veterans, service members & their families. There is also a family camp. <p>Scholarship Committee: Bruce, Dan J & Carol Ann S:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scholarship presentations tonight at 6:00 pm • Coverage by Isanti County News <p>Fundraising: Gail G:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gail gave a review of the revenue & expenses from the "Classic Country" Dinner & Dance March 24th. We made an excellent profit from the table sponsors, ticket sales, silent auction, dinner auction, booze raffles, dessert auction and bar sales. A thank you gratuity was sent to Sgt Robin for all of his hard work on the Dinner & Dance. • A gratuity to the Polaris Battalion SeaCadets was also discussed 	<p>Information accepted</p> <p>Information accepted</p> <p>Motion: A motion was made by (Jim J) and seconded (Cathy B) to give \$300 to the Sea Cadets. After discussion the amount was amended to \$500. Motion approved.</p>
<p>Upcoming Events ICBYR</p>	<p>ICBYR Events:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. ICBYR Clergy training – April 26 – Common Grounds Methodist Church 2. North 65 Chamber of Commerce Senior Fair – April 26 – Cambridge City Center Mall - Jim R & Brad B to staff table 3. Braham Business Expo – May 3 4. Graduating Senior Brunch – May 19 Armed Forces Day Bruce D and Dan J coordinators. Lunch at AFRCC at noon for high school seniors who have committed to military service. Schools and recruiters getting names to us. Braids for graduation to be ordered. Invitations to be sent. Bob F working on certificates. Bob Boone to speak. Representatives from local military organizations have been invited. Registration deadline May 10 5. Braham Appreciation Days Parade – June 2 – Dave R will drive 6. Isanti Rodeo Days Parade – July 5 7. Freedom Fest – July 18 	<p>Information accepted</p>

	<p>8. Isanti County Fair – July 18-22 – would like a volunteer to coordinate this. Will not be having a raffle this year. Daily door prize of American Flag 3x5 USA made.</p> <p>9. Braham Pie Day – August 3</p> <p>10. Military Appreciation Day – MN State Fair – August 28</p>	
Community Events of Interest	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Polaris Battalion Breakfast Fundraiser – April 29 – Forest Lake American Legion – 8:00 am to noon • Alzheimer’s Every Minute Counts – Thursday May 3 – 4:00-6:00 pm - CHIS Performing Arts Center – sponsored by MN Board on Aging • Flags for Fort Snelling – Wreaths for every grave at Fort Snelling – visit KARE11.com • Fraud/Scam Class – July 13 – 8:30 am to noon – AFRCC - offered by AARP & the MN Better Business Bureau • ICBYR ad on page 22 of “Many Faces of Isanti County” publication • Chisago Lakes BYR Community Kick-off - June 2 – Lakes Free Church – Lindstrom - 10:00 am to noon • Vietnam Memorial Wall – Princeton – July 4-6 • Vietnam Memorial Wall – Mora – August 3-5 (also parade, veteran art exhibit & “Eyes of Freedom” exhibit and new PTSD Memorial) • TRIAD – Isanti County Sheriff Department – Community/Senior Citizens/Law Enforcement – meets the 4th Tuesday of each month from 10:00-11:00 am. April & May meetings at Walker Levande in Cambridge • Rough ‘n Tough Mudder Against Hunger – July 21 – all proceeds to Family Pathways Foodshelf – 9:00 am-2:00 pm – New Hope Community Church – Cambridge 	<p>Information accepted</p> <p>Separate emails will be sent with information on the 2 Vietnam Walls exhibits and the Fraud/Scam class</p>
Old Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None 	
New Business:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None 	
Open Agenda:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ICBYR members are encouraged to attend the Veterans Panel tonight at the IC Historical Society. This is part of the Community Wide Read Project about the Vietnam War 	Information accepted
Open Agenda	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jim mentioned that all BYR networks in MN received an email to help raise funds for a family from International Falls, MN go to Washington, DC to attend a family burial at Arlington National Cemetery. The soldier was killed in Syria. He is originally from MN home base is Texas 	Information accepted Secretary will send email about this if people wish to make a personal donation

Open Agenda	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wife of deployed soldier requesting help with the dog while he is gone. Lives in Isanti. 	Please contact Jim if you can help
Presentation of Scholarships	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation of inaugural ICBYR scholarships • \$10,000 from 2017 Golf Tournament provided funding • Four scholarships at \$2,500 each • Jim reviewed application process and thanked the Scholarship Committee members • 17 applications sent to Scholarship Committee for their review. 15 women & 5 men. 8 in high school & 9 in college. One actively serving in the National Guard, all others eligible through their parents. Army, National Guard, Navy, Marine Corp & Air Force all represented. • Megan Crist – Cambridge. Eligible through her father (Army). Cambridge Isanti High School senior. Plans to attend Concordia College in Moorhead for Nursing. • Makayla Geyen-Helget – Big Lake. Eligible through her father who drills at the Cambridge AFRCC with the 84th Troop Command. Senior at Monticello High School. Plans to attend North Dakota State University and major in Pharmacy. • Jared Kendrick – Isanti. Eligible through his father (Army). Currently a PSEO student at Anoka Ramsey Community College and CIHS. Plans to attend UW Eau Claire and major in Geology. • Kalie Manke – Cambridge. Eligible through her father (Army). Currently a Senior at the University of MN. Major is Environmental Engineering. Kalie is ROTC & plans to commission into active duty Army Engineering Corps as a Combat Engineer Officer. 	<p>CONGRATULATIONS to each scholarship recipient!!!!</p> <p>A reception was held with cake & beverages so ICBYR Task Forces members could visit with the scholarship winners and their parents. IC News present.</p>
Adjournment		<p>Motion: A motion was made by (Brent L) and seconded (Dave O) to adjourn meeting. Motion approved & meeting adjourned at 1820.</p>

Submitted by: Carol Ann Smith, ICBYR Secretary

Next Meeting: May 17, 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