

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

Meeting Minutes: May 17, 2018

Member Attendance:

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

Agenda Item	Discussion	Motions/Action Taken
Call to Order		Meeting was called to Order at 1905 by Chair Jim R
Pledge of Allegiance		Meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance
Guest:	Justin Rost MN Helmets to Hardhats manager gave an excellent presentation on this national program which helps active service members, transitional military & veterans of any era get jobs in the construction trades. The MN program is state run with good networking nationally. GI Bill benefits may be able to be used for the union training programs. You “earn as you learn” by attending school one day a week for 2.5 years and working the other days. Must be 18 or older. Justin’s contact information is 763-234-1446, Justin.rost@mnh2h.org or www.helmetstohardhats.org	Information accepted
Secretary Report Carol Ann S	Minutes of the April 2018 meeting were distributed by e-mail on May 14th.	Motion: A motion was made by (Jim J) and seconded (Brent L) to approve the minutes. Minutes approved.
Treasurer Report Kathy R.	Income and expenses were reviewed for April: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Income includes: private donors Expenditures were: phone bill, dinner dance food & wine, check printing, Braham Pie Day booth registration, veteran needs (propane purchase), stamps, scholarship treats, donation to Polaris Battalion, military senior certificates and stickers, wristband purchase 	Information accepted and filed for audit Our gratitude to our donors
Chair’s Report Jim R	1) Veterans issues: Jim & Stacey	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Korean War Veteran needed assistance moving – Jim R and Motorcycle Bob from Braham VFW/VVA did the move • Veteran requesting assistance with transportation – referred to Heartland Express & Family Pathways • Request for assistance for 850th soldier. Request to pay one month mortgage. Soldier to meet with Family Assistance Specialist and Chisago County CVSO to apply for grants • Mother’s Day basket delivered to wife of deployed soldier. Thanks to Jessica Harris for shopping and delivering • Request for box to be sent to deployed soldier. Will refer to Isanti Lions. ICBYR information to be inserted. • Request from veteran for assistance with water heater purchase <p>2) Senior luncheon for graduates entering the military cancelled as only 1 person out of 12 sent RSVP. Very busy time of year. Will try next year and have lunch in April & not on the National Guard drill weekend. Braham graduates will wear red, white & blue braids. Certificates will be sent.</p> <p>3) Braham Business Expo went well. Good attendance & networking. Next year will move to the Saturday of the city wide garage sale. Jim R, Bob B, Dave R and Carol Ann staffed the booth.</p> <p>4) North 65 Chamber Senior Fair went well. More traffic this year. Good networking. Jim R and Brad B staffed the booth.</p> <p>5) May 21-27 is National Volunteer Week. Thanks to all ICBYR volunteers!! In 2017 you donated 2,625 hours of your time. A value of \$69,300!! We would not be successful without our volunteers!</p> <p>6) May Executive Board meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Please refer to meeting summary emailed May 16 for further detail 	<p>Information accepted</p> <p>Motion: A motion was made by (Cathy B) and seconded (Mary F) to pay for one month’s mortgage for the 850th soldier. Motion approved.</p> <p>Motion: A motion was made by (Bob B) and seconded (Deanna B) to purchase a \$100 gift card from Target for the 850th soldier. Motion approved.</p> <p>Thank you to our volunteers!!</p> <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 April Executive Board meeting. Annual Plan 2017 posted. Photos updated • Tweet of tonight’s meeting sent • 25,366 website total hits (829 since last meeting) • Facebook updated with Vietnam Wall information <p>Resource/Brochure Committee Report: Gail</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Will update brochure to include address & instructions on how to make a donation. Brochures cost 37 cents each to print • 2017 Annual Report printing cost is \$1.10 each • Wrist bands have arrived. Bonus of 100 free! 	<p>Information accepted</p>

	<p>Billboard Committee: Dave R</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None installed since last autumn • Last year put up 2 new and replaced 8 • Signs just west of Cambridge on Hwy 95 top priority for this year, very faded <p>Community Service Resource/BYR Friends: Dave R</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bring Friend Applications to both Chamber meetings to encourage businesses to sign up <p>Packages for the Deployed: John & April Thomas</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” was held on April 26, 2018. Chaplain Law gave an excellent presentation and led active discussion. 14 in attendance, very engaged. Mary Jo Pine, the nurse from St Cloud VA who heads up the suicide prevention program also present. <p>School Liaison: Randy P</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No report, Chair absent <p>Law Enforcement Liaison: Scott F</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nothing new to report <p>Scholarship Committee: Bruce, Dan J & Carol Ann S:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scholarship presentations last month went very well!! All four scholarship recipients present and 3 brought their parents. Excellent coverage by Isanti County News. Thanks to Bruce D for the treats. • Bob B and Dave R will go to CIHS and Monticello High School to present the scholarships at the school celebrations. The Monticello High School principal stated his son served in the 850th HEC! <p>Fundraising: Gail G:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Golf tournament planning has begun. One team is already signed up. A letter will be sent to potential donors and to those who have golfed before in June. Next meeting June 22 at 3:15 pm Cambridge State Bank by Culvers. 	<p>Information accepted</p> <p>Information accepted</p> <p>Information accepted</p>
<p>Upcoming Events ICBYR</p>	<p>ICBYR Events:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Braham Appreciation Days Parade – June 2 – Dave R will drive – meet at Braham Area High School parking lot at 3:00 pm 2. Isanti Rodeo Days Parade – July 5 	

	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3. Freedom Fest – July 18 – Stacey gave update on who will vendor. Justin Rost from Helmets to Hardhats and Mary Jo Pine from St Cloud VA Suicide Prevention will be there. Letters are being sent to local military and fraternal organizations 4. 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 2 American Flags 3x5 USA made. Will have wrist bands and stickers to give away 5. Braham Pie Day – August 3 6. Military Appreciation Day – MN State Fair – August 28 7. ICBYR Golf Tournament - September 21 	Information accepted
Community Events of Interest	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 – need guard volunteers as wall needs to be guarded 24/7 • Vietnam Memorial Wall – Mora – August 3-5 (also parade, veteran art exhibit & “Eyes of Freedom” exhibit and new PTSD Memorial) – need guard volunteers as wall needs to be guarded 24/7 • TRIAD – Isanti County Sheriff Department – Community/Senior Citizens/Law Enforcement – meets the 4th Tuesday of each month. June meeting is a picnic at the Sheriff’s Office in Cambridge 1100 pot luck • 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 – volunteers needed 	Information accepted
Old Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None 	
New Business:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vote on mortgage payment and gift card for 850th HEC soldier • MN State Fair – participation in Military Appreciation Day Parade August 28 -- discussion held and we will participate again. Secretary to send in form 	<p>See Chair’s report</p> <p>Motion: A motion was made by (Dave R) and seconded (Jim J) to participate in the State Fair parade on Military</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • North 65 Chamber of Commerce golf tournament July 30th – task force members invited to participate if they wish to. Application form shared 	Appreciation Day. Motion approved.
Open Agenda:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dave R stated he will call the new owner of the Hwy 65 Pub & Grub to see if their annual motorcycle ride benefitting ICBYR is going to happen • Jim R will talk with Sean from Cambridge Bar and Grill about their annual fundraiser • Bruce D mentioned that Ole & Lena will be a part of a evening performance in the Cambridge Park on July 5th • A reminder there is no July Task Force meeting due to the Isanti County Fair • PowerPoint slides shown to honor Memorial Day 	Information accepted
Adjournment		Motion: A motion was made by (Jim J) and seconded (Brent L) to adjourn meeting. Motion approved & meeting adjourned at 2032.

Submitted by: Carol Ann Smith, ICBYR Secretary

Next Meeting: June 21, 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