

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

Meeting Minutes: September 20, 2018

Member Attendance:

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

Agenda Item	Discussion	Motions/Action Taken
Call to Order		Meeting was called to Order at 1910 by Chair Jim R
Pledge of Allegiance		Meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance
Guest: Andrea Dunn DEED	Andrea Dunn from DEED introduced herself. Charlie Armentrout has retired and Andrea is now covering Isanti County and other metro counties through Dakota County. Andrea has an office in St. Paul and will come to Cambridge by appointment. Andrea states there are job openings in our area. The National unemployment rate is 3.3%. In this area of MN we are at 3.2%. Andrea will be meeting with the Isanti County CVSO and the Family Assistance Center specialist at the AFRCC.	Information accepted Thank you to Andrea for presenting tonight
Guest: Rachel Johnson BYR	The state BYR has created a new position called Yellow Ribbon Regional Outreach Coordinator. Three people have been hired. Rachel Johnson will represent Northern MN. She is present tonight to introduce herself and describe the role. Sammi Korinek will represent Central MN, including Isanti County. She will attend the October meeting. Sammi and Rachel will share Isanti County. Rachel offices by Camp Ripley. Sammi offices in Cottage Grove. These positions are new, created about 3 months ago. Rachel and Sammi will be meeting with the Isanti County CVSO and the Family Assistance Centers. The Outreach Coordinators will assist and support the BYR networks as needed. One focus is to communicate best practices.	Information accepted
Secretary Report Carol Ann S	Minutes of the August 2018 meeting were distributed by e-mail on August 27th.	Motion: A motion was made by (Mary F) and seconded (Jim J) to approve the minutes. Minutes approved.

New Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussion held on 125th Field Artillery Family Day that was held August 11th at Camp Ripley. 125th FA is led by Sgt Major Harris who resides in Isanti County. The Family Day was very successful and there were some unexpected expenses. Discussion held if ICBYR could help with expenses. 	Motion: A motion was made by (Bob B) and seconded by (Jim J) to assist with 125 th FA Family Day expenses up to \$500. After discussion, motion approved
Community Events of Interest	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MN Twins game – September 29th – 6:00 pm Free tickets available at CVSO Office • Polaris Battalion Sea Cadets Fundraising Breakfast – September 30th – 0800-1200 Forest Lake VFW • Growing Home Luncheon - October 2 – Braham Event Center • A fundraiser is being held for MAC-V, the MN Assistance Council for Veterans. They are a 501c3. They are raising money for their mission to end veteran homelessness. The event is October 5th in Milaca. Tickets available at the CVSO Office for \$25.00 	Information accepted
Veterans Day Events	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cambridge American Legion Auxiliary Lunch at Spirit River in Isanti • Isanti VFW Supper for Veteran & guest • Bradford Roadhouse Lunch 	Information accepted
Open Agenda	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bob B suggested the Executive Committee look at how ICBYR can financially assist the Veteran’s Memorial Park, Inc. Discussion followed. Suggestions included giving them a donation and/or hosting a fundraiser for them • Our thoughts are with the Red Bulls tonight as soldiers are deploying to Fort Hood and then Kuwait through July 2019. A send-off ceremony is being held tonight in Rosemount. If you know of soldiers with Isanti County connections being deployed please let the Executive Committee know. • Scott F emailed that a MN State Trooper that works in Isanti County is being deployed • Carol Ann mentioned Minnesota Brain Injury Alliance “Unmasking” events that are focusing on Veterans. They will be held Oct 16 at Eagle’s Healing Nest Sauk Centre and Oct 18 at Eagle’s Healing Nest Anoka 	Information accepted
Adjournment		Motion: A motion was made by (Mary F) and seconded (Gail G) to adjourn meeting. Motion approved & meeting adjourned at 2018.

Submitted by: Carol Ann Smith, ICBYR Secretary

Next Meeting: October 18, 2018 7:00-8:30 p.m. AFRCC

Distributed to Task Force by email August 27th

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