


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

Meeting Minutes: February 21, 2019

Member Attendance:

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

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	All present introduced themselves.	
Presentation	<p>Dan Meyer, Isanti County Veterans Service Director gave a presentation on burial options and benefits. Military Veterans and their spouses can be buried in any National and State Cemetery. Fort Snelling is the only National Cemetery in Minnesota. There are two State Veterans Cemeteries, one in Little Falls and one in Preston. There is no cost to the veteran to be buried in a state veteran's cemetery but there is a cost to the spouse of \$745.</p> <p>Eligibility for a burial benefits:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Service Connected – up to \$2000 for death after 911 or up to \$1500 for death prior to 911. • Non-Service Connected – up to \$780 towards expenses if hospitalized by VA at the time of death; or \$300 towards expenses if not hospitalized by VA at the time of death; or \$780 plot-interment allowance if not buried in a National Cemetery. 	Information accepted PowerPoint will be attached to the minutes
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Secretary Report Kathy R for Carol Ann S	Minutes of the January 2019 meeting were distributed by e-mail.	Motion: A motion was made by (Jim J) and seconded (Wally M) to approve the minutes. Minutes approved.
Treasurer Report Kathy R.	Income and expenses were reviewed for January: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Income includes: private donors and dinner dance ticket sales and donations • Expenditures were: veteran support and dinner dance expenditures. 	Motion: A motion was made by (Jim J) and seconded (Wally M) to accept report and file it for audit. Motion approved. There were a few deposits that did not have any description so next month, Jim & Kathy will share that. Our gratitude to our donors
Chair's Report Jim R	Veterans issues: (Dan M & Jim) <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Veteran with well problem – Dan just happened to be at this veterans home when the work was being done so reviewed finances with the veteran and determined ICBYR could assist. 2) Widow of veteran requested snow plowing x2 – have not received an invoice yet. 3) Request for wheelchair ramp – Dan and Jim went to the veteran's home and put in the ramp. 4) Medical bills for recently deceased veteran – terminal illness took this veteran very fast so ICBYR helped with some medical bills. 5) Request to assist veteran with cell phone, auto insurance and propane bills – all paid and sent YYROC Feedback Panel in February – Jim and Carol Ann participated via phone conference. Rachel shared that the panel is very interested in forming a State Advisory Board who would be a group that would assist yellow ribbon networks in need. January Executive Board meeting. Please refer meeting summary emailed. Appointments of Committee Chairs/Liaisons/Coordinators. Jim shared that all our committees are now full. The newest coordinators are Carol Ann for Community Service Resource Coordinator; Dan J as Packages for the Deployed Community Liaison and Jessica H is the new BYR Friends Coordinator.	Information accepted

<p>Committee Reports:</p>	<p>Website Committee - Scott F</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 35,064 website visitors (total) • Tweet sent out for tonight’s meeting • Website updated through January <p>Resource/Brochure Committee Report - Gail</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No report – Chair absent <p>Billboard Committee - Brad B</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No report – absent <p>BYR Friends Coordinator – Jessica H</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No report – Jessica is meeting with Jim and Carol Ann next week for orientation <p>Packages for the Deployed Community Liaison - Dan J</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Has contacted people to save outdoor and other types of magazines for troop packages • In the past has contacted teachers and principals of elementary and middle schools for letter writing to soldiers who do not receive mail • Would appreciate names and APO addresses of any deployed soldiers connected to Isanti County <p>Congregational Committee - Brent L</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No report – absent <p>Community Service Resource Coordinator – Carol Ann</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attended the “Community Dialogue on Poverty” hosted by Family Pathways. Excellent dialogue. Good networking • Spoke with a representative from JustServe.org • Meeting next week with someone from Common Ground UMC about their volunteer program <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 • Scott has enough vehicle decals to distribute as needed <p>Scholarship Committee - Brad, Bruce, Dan J & Carol Ann</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dan shared he has 2 applications so far • Bruce will be doing a KBK Radio Interview on Feb. 28th • Application deadline March 15 • Scholarships awarded at April Task Force meeting 	<p>Scott would like a copy of the Dinner Dance flyer to add to the website. Jim will send him a PDF of the flyer.</p> <p>Information accepted</p> <p>Information accepted</p> <p>Information Accepted</p>
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	<p>Fundraising – Gail G</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> No report – Chair absent 	
<p>Upcoming Events ICBYR:</p>	<p>“The Roaring Twenties” Dinner Dance - Jim gave an update on the Dinner Dance - Date is March 23, 2019. Jim has raffle tickets, dinner tickets and a few flyers for anyone that wants to purchase, sell or display the flyers. Jessica mentioned that the flyer could be added to the Chamber Monday Mailbag every Monday till the dance.</p>	Information accepted
<p>Old Business:</p>	<p>Bruce talked to Lona from the St. Croix Hospice and is currently going through the training to become a hospice volunteer. Lona asked Bruce to share this with the Task Force to see if there is anyone else interested.</p>	Information accepted
<p>New Business:</p>	None	
<p>Open Agenda:</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> MN BYR Joining Community Forces State Conference: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> April 24 – Mankato May 1 – Proctor May 15 – Minneapolis Eagle’s Nest Fundraiser on February 23rd if anyone is interested in going. 	Jim & Kathy will be going to the May 15 th in Minneapolis and let us know who would like to go so we can car pool.
<p>Adjournment</p>		<p>Motion: A motion was made by (Curt A) and seconded (Jim J) to adjourn meeting. Motion approved & meeting adjourned at 20:05.</p>

Submitted by: Kathy Rostberg, ICBYR Treasurer

Next Meeting: March 21, 2019 7:00-8:30 p.m. AFRCC