

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

Meeting Minutes: May 16, 2019

Member Attendance:

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

Agenda Item	Discussion	Motions/Action Taken
Call to Order		Meeting was called to Order at 1908 by Chair Jim R
Pledge of Allegiance		Meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance
Introductions	Members and guests present introduced themselves	Welcome new members and guests!
Guest	<p>Kathy Kraft, North Case Manager, from the Minnesota Assistance Council for Veterans (MACV) gave a presentation about the organization.</p> <p>Their vision is to end veteran homelessness in Minnesota. They were formed in 1990 and are a 501(c)3 non-profit. They focus on veterans who are homeless, about to become homeless, or having a life crisis that affects their housing.</p> <p>The state is divided into 3 regions with offices in the metro, Mankato and Duluth. Kathy covers 11 counties including Isanti. Her office is in Princeton. Examples were given of how MAC-V collaborates with the CVSO and BYR. Funding is from federal and state funds and private donors.</p> <p>There are 240 homeless veterans on their Registry!</p> <p>Kathy thanks ICBYR for our partnership.</p> <p>A Standdown with job fair and legal clinic is being planned at the AFRCC in September. More details to follow.</p> <p>Please see below for MACV handouts</p>	Information accepted

<p>Upcoming Events ICBYR</p>	<p>ICBYR Events:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Braham Appreciation Days Parade – June 1 –Parade at 1300 (line up at high school at 1230) 2. Cambridge Day Out – June 1 – 0930-1300 – Karla & Carol Ann to staff booth. Jim R & Dave O to set-up/take down tent 3. Red Bull Military Appreciation Days – June 30 – Gail G, Richard N, and Jim J to staff booth 4. Isanti Rodeo Days Jubilee Parade – July 11 – application done via website 5. Polaris Battalion Car Show – July 13 6. Freedom Fest – July 24 7. Isanti County Fair – July 24-28 – paperwork due June 15 8. Braham Pie Day – August 2 9. Golf Tournament – September 20 	<p>Information accepted</p>
<p>YPROC Report: Rachel J (Email)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community Forces Conference May 22nd - Bethel University - 8:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. • Pine City Yellow Ribbon is being re-energized and will have their first meeting on Monday, May 20th 5:30 p.m. at the Pine City Armory. Jada Osterdyk and Jan Carl are points of contact. I am super excited for their community and look forward to how progress! • Grant County is working on becoming a Yellow Ribbon County. Kickoff meeting is May 16 from 5:00 - 7:00 p.m. • Congratulations to Chisago Lakes on being proclaimed on May 4th! Thank you, Isanti County Yellow Ribbon for all your assistance and support you have provided them through their progress. It is great to see the collaboration and all the great work you continue to do and the positive influence you provide to not just your county but to the region! I am very grateful to all you do. • Proctor City Council proclaimed May 1st as Beyond the Yellow Ribbon Day in the City of Proctor. This is the first city (that I know of) that has proclaimed an official day. Super excited to see this and their continued dedication to their local network! • Attended the Military Academy presentation in Proctor on May 9th with Congressman Pete Stauber. He was not in attendance, however his staff was there. This is the second event and they will be looking at having more in the future. If this is something you are interested in doing in your area please let me know and I will get you connect with his staff. I am working on writing up all the information from the presentation and will send out to the networks in the next week. 	<p>Information accepted</p>

Old Business	None	
New Business:	<p>1) Does ICBYR want to participate in the Braham Appreciation Days parade?</p> <p>2) Does ICBYR want to participate in Cambridge Day Out?</p> <p>3) Do we want to give away an American Flag at the County Fair booth each day of the fair?</p> <p>4) Is ICBYR going to give a donation to the Veterans Memorial Park, INC? Susan M gave an explanation of the memorial park and how to purchase bricks or support the effort. Model can be seen at the American Legion in Cambridge. Ground breaking soon. Discussion held – should we invite them to share our IC Fair booth.</p>	<p>Yes – will participate. Secretary to file application. Jim R to coordinate pick-up/walking. Four volunteers so far. Secretary to send email to Task Force</p> <p>Yes – will participate. Carol Ann & Karla will staff the booth. Jim R/Dave O to set-up take down tent</p> <p>Motion: A motion was made by (Brad B) and seconded (Richard N) to purchase American Flags and give one away each day at the county fair. After discussion, motion amended to give 2 flags away each day (Brad B; Brent L). Motion approved</p> <p>Executive Committee will discuss and bring recommendation to June Task Force meeting</p> <p>Motion: A motion was made by (Dan J) and seconded (Jim J) to invite the Veterans Memorial Park, INC to share space with ICBYR at the Isanti County Fair. Motion approved</p>
Open Agenda	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fishing for Life: Army Birthday June 13 Armed Forces Family Fun Celebration on Lake Minnetonka • Free event for military/veteran families • Armed Forces Fishing Celebration/AUSA Birthday Party • Thursday, June 13 – 0800-1400 • Lord Fletchers on Lake Minnetonka • Free fish fry picnic lunch – fishing contest – boats & equipment provided – shore/dock fishing provided – boat tours available • Sponsored by Twin Cities Muskies, Inc & the Optimists Club 	Information accepted

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Volunteers needed for registration, boat guides, shore helpers, set up crew and clean up crew 	
Open Agenda	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> MN BYR Joining Community Forces state conference May 22 – Roseville (Bethel) North 65 Chamber of Commerce Golf Outing – July 29 – Purple Hawk Polaris Battalion Fundraising breakfast – June 30 – Forest Lake VFW 0800-1200 National Volunteer week – Thanks to all CIBYR volunteers!! You volunteered 2,700 hours in 2018, which is a value of \$76,000!!! A reminder there is no July Task Force meeting due to the Isanti County Fair 	Information accepted
Open Agenda	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> PAWWS - Annual spring walk to help our veterans and their service dog's needs! Come Meet Onamia's Veteran Service Dog Team!!! When: June 1, 2019 Where: Onamia Depot Library Parking Lot 204 Roosevelt Road Onamia, MN Time: 10:00 AM 	Information accepted
Adjournment		Motion: A motion was made by (Susan M) and seconded (Brad B) to adjourn meeting. Motion approved & meeting adjourned at 2040

Submitted by: Carol Ann Smith, ICBYR Secretary

Next Meeting: June 20, 2019 7:00-8:30 p.m. AFRCC

*See attachment

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