


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

Meeting Minutes: August 15, 2019

Member Attendance:

x	Jim R		Erven S.	x	Scott F		Randy P
	Susan M		Kerri K	x	Adam F		Cory B
x	Gail G		Curtis A	x	John W		Chris C
x	Kathy R	x	Richard N		Curt H		Pauline A
x	Carol Ann S	x	Mary F		Dan J		Heidi B
	Jim J	x	Bob F		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
	Brad B	x	Sean W		Deanna B	x	Guest: Corky O
	Bruce D		Barbara K		Ben B	x	Guest: Mark K
	Brent L	x	Andrea D		Helen S		Guest:
	Candi L		Jeremy M		Stacey B		Guest:

Agenda Item	Discussion	Motions/Action Taken
Call to Order		Meeting was called to Order at 1901 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!
Guests	Corky Olson was present from Freedom Fishing Foundation which is a non-profit 501(C)3 that supports veterans and military families and provides them “an opportunity to attain tranquility and fellowship through the sport of fishing.” Year round fishing excursions and equipment are provided free of charge . Corky gave the history of the organization and an excellent overview. For more information call 612-618-3825 or visit their website www.freedomfishingfoundation.com They are based in Lino Lakes, MN.	Information accepted
Guest	Dan Meyer, Isanti County Veterans Services Director gave a presentation on the Blue Water Navy Vietnam Veterans Act of 2019. This Act expands the Agent Orange benefits to veterans meeting specific medical criteria and IF veteran served offshore of the Republic of Vietnam between January 9 th , 1962 and ending May 7 th , 1975. The VA is updating the list of ships that had exposure. Please see the attached PowerPoint.	Information accepted

	 <p>Blue Water navy Vietnam veterans ac</p>	
Secretary Report Carol Ann S	<p>Minutes of the June meeting were distributed by e-mail on July 1 (no July meeting due to Isanti County Fair)</p>	<p>Motion: A motion was made by (Adam F) and seconded (Mary F) to approve the minutes. Minutes approved.</p>
Treasurer Report Kathy R.	<p>Income and expenses were reviewed for July:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Income includes: private donors • Expenditures were: phone bill, direct assistance, Isanti County Fair expenses <p>Income and expenses were reviewed for August:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Income includes: private donors • Expenditures were: phone bill, direct assistance, Isanti County Fair expenses, Freedom Fest expenses, first 2019 scholarship, North 65 Chamber of Commerce dues 	<p>Motion: A motion was made by Adam F) and seconded (Richard N) to accept the reports and file them for audit. Motion approved.</p> <p>Our gratitude to our donors</p>
Chair's Report Jim R	<p>Veterans issues: (Dan M CVSO)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Veteran requests assistance with dental bill for him and his wife– in process of getting estimates • Veteran requests assistance with dental bill – CVSO helping him apply for VA funding • Veteran requests assistance with assisted living bill – ICBYR will pay second half of taxes on veterans home • Veteran requests assistance with medical transport bill • Request from MAC-V veteran in need of furniture – ICBYR task force member donated bed and bedding/new pillows. ICBYR spent \$50 at garage sale for table, chairs and dresser • New issue presented tonight by CVSO. Veteran needs assistance with car payments. Repossession paperwork has started. Past due 4 months. Veteran 100% service connected. Recently laid off from job but will begin employment next week – needs car to get to work <p>Events: Briefly reviewed all July and August events Red Bull Military Appreciation Days Isanti Rodeo Days Jubilee Parade Polaris Battalion Car Show Freedom Fest Isanti County Fair Braham Pie Day Discover Downtown Thursday</p>	<p>Information accepted</p> <p>Refer to New Business for votes</p> <p>Information accepted</p>

	<p><u>Thank You Note:</u> Thank you note received from REBOOT Combat Recovery, Inc. after their presentation at the June Task Force meeting</p> <p><u>July & August Executive Board</u> meetings. Please refer meeting summaries emailed July 29 and August 12 respectively.</p>	Information accepted
<p>American Legion Membership</p>	<p>Dan Meyer also stated that membership in the American Legion has been expanded following legislation changes. Congress overwhelmingly passed the new criteria and the president signed it into law on July 30.</p> <p>The legion helped write the law that says any veteran of the United States Armed Forces, or a government associated with the United States government, who served at least one day on active duty since Dec. 7, 1941, is now eligible to join The American Legion. This includes the National Guard and Reserves as well.</p> <p>Previously, membership was open only to those who served at specific times of conflict. Service members whose tours coincided with peacetime were not eligible</p>	Information accepted
<p>Committee Reports:</p>	<p>Website Committee: Scott F</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 40,624 visitors to date (1,616 since June meeting) • All minutes, agendas and pictures updated • Tweet sent out for tonight’s meeting reminder • Golf Tournament information on website • Up to date BYR Friends page and links <p>Resource/Brochure Committee Report: Gail</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nothing new to report <p>Billboard Committee: Brad B</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jim R stated the sign by the former Archery place on Hwy 65 by Isanti has been replaced • The Pine Brook Inn sign was repaired after storm damage • The Bradford sign was turned with “new” side out • Discussed need for painting wood portions of many signs <p>Community Service Resource Coordinator: Carol Ann S.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reported on Chamber of Commerce meeting • Upcoming meeting with Cambridge Pine City Orthodontics <p>BYR Friends Coordinator: Jessica H</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staffing ICBYR table at the “Discover Downtown” event in Cambridge. ICBYR a guest of Cambridge State Bank • New ICBYR Friends application form created and approved by Executive Board <p>Packages for the Deployed Community Liaison: Dan J.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Report by email 	<p>Information accepted</p> <p>Information accepted</p> <p>Information accepted</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sent 2 boxes last week to Chaplain on USS Abraham Lincoln. One box contained books and Bibles. The other box contained snack foods. <p>Congregational Committee: Brent L</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No report – Chair absent <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 D & Dan J</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chairs absent • First scholarship paid for 2019 <p>Fundraising: Gail G</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hwy 65 Pub & Grub Motorcycle Ride this Saturday • Golf tournament September 20 – volunteer sign up distributed – donations and sponsorships coming in – 10 paid teams so far – new procedure that teams pay ahead of time – raffle sponsored by Isanti Sportmen’s Club benefiting ICBYR (See Jim R if you want to sell tickets) – there will be a silent auction • Star 95 Car Wash fundraiser – week of Veterans Day • 2020 Dinner Dance – “Mardi Gras” – March 28 – will have new caterer <p>Investment Coordinator Quarterly Report: Gail G</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No new report 	Information accepted
<p>Upcoming Events ICBYR</p>	<p><u>ICBYR Events:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Hwy Pub & Grub Motorcycle Ride – August 17 – Gail to staff table 2. Star 95 Carwash Fundraiser – Week of Veterans Day 3. Military Appreciation Day – MN State Fair – August 27 – Parade at 2:00 pm – if you plan on attending see Carol Ann for free gate admission tickets and instructions on where to meet for the parade. Sean W to drive his pickup. Room for about 10 people to ride 4. Golf Tournament – September 20 5. 2020 Dinner Dance – “Mardi Gras” – March 28 	Information accepted
<p>YYROC Report: Rachel J (Email)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Joining Community Forces Fall Conference – October 4 & 5 – Cragun’s Resort – Gull Lake - Brainerd, MN • Camp Ripley Open House – September 15 	Information accepted

<p>Old Business</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> June vote on use of Golf Tournament Funds: received letter of clarification of intent from Bruce Danielson who made the motion about the use of 2019 Golf Tournament funds. Motion revised to “Distribute 2019 ICBYR Golf Tournament proceeds as follows: first \$10,000 to scholarships, next \$5,000 to the Veterans memorial Park, Inc. and any remaining funds to the ICBYR general fund” 	<p>Motion: A motion was made by (Bob F) and seconded (Wally M) to accept revision of motion regarding used of 2019 golf tournament proceeds. Motion approved</p>
<p>New Business:</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recommendation to pay second half of taxes in the amount of \$1,551 for veterans home (instead of paying long term care bill) Recommendation to pay \$686 medical transport bill Recommendation to pay \$1,086.03 in past car payments for veteran in need so car is not repossessed Presentation of 2019 Action Plan – new sections/revisions presented 	<p>Motion: A motion was made by (Bob F) and seconded (Wally M) to pay second half of 2019 on veterans home. Motion approved</p> <p>Motion: A motion was made by (Bob F) and seconded (Adam F) to pay \$686 for medical transport bill Motion approved</p> <p>Motion: A motion was made by (Bob F) and seconded (Carol Ann S) to pay past due car payments. Motion approved</p> <p>Motion: A motion was made by (Scott F) and seconded (Adam F) to approve 2019 Action Plan. Motion approved</p>
<p>Open Agenda</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Senator Mark Koran was present and said a few words about his role in the MN Congress as the Senator from District 32 American Legion has expanded their membership criteria. Opened enrollment to all with service after 1941 Congratulations to Jim Johnson – Isanti County Outstanding Senior Citizen!! 	<p>Information accepted</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Congratulations to Scott Fredell on his retirement!! 20 years as a MN State Hwy Patrol Trooper • REBOOT Combat Recovery concert and barbeque August 24 – flyer sent via email • MAC-V fundraiser October 18 	
Adjournment		Motion: A motion was made by (Mary F) and seconded (Richard N) to adjourn meeting. Motion approved & meeting adjourned at 2020

Submitted by: Carol Ann Smith, ICBYR Secretary

Next Meeting: September 19, 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