

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

Meeting Minutes November 21, 2019

Member Attendance:

x	Jim R		Erven S.		Scott F		Karla D
x	Susan M		Kerri K		Adam F		Cory B
x	Gail G	x	Curtis A	x	John W		Chris C
x	Kathy R	x	Richard N		Curt H		Pauline A
x	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
	Dan M (CVSO)	x	Walt M		Sandra S		Don C
	Perseke, Sgt Major Dan	x	Pam M		Robin, Sgt Bryan	x	Jessica H
x	Brad B	x	Sean W		Deanna B		Rachel J - YYROC
x	Bruce D		Barbara K		Ben B	x	Guest: Carole W
x	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 1903 by Board Member Gail G
Pledge of Allegiance		Meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance
Presentation	Postponed to January	Information accepted
Secretary Report Carol Ann S	Minutes of the October meeting were distributed by mail and email	Motion: A motion was made by (Jim J) and seconded (Brad B) to approve the minutes. Minutes approved.
Treasurer Report Kathy R	<p>Income and expenses were reviewed for October:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Income includes: private donors, donation from Rum River Rods Car Club • Expenditures were: phone bill, direct assistance to veterans, gas cards for FAC, Veterans Day dinner support. <p>ICBYR Tax Exempt Status was approved!! We have received all paperwork. Thanks to Kathy R!!</p>	<p>Report to be filed for audit.</p> <p>Our gratitude to our donors</p> <p>A note that about \$8,000 in direct veteran support was given in October</p>

<p>Chair's Report Gail G & Dan M</p>	<p>Veterans issues:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Veteran immediate need – electricity shut off – has applied to SOAR – owes Connexus Energy past due bill + current bill + re-connect fee = \$493.32 • Veteran with 2 medical bills related to cancer treatment at the VAMC and Veterans Choice scheduling - \$265 + \$199. Meeting with CVSO next week to see if they have other needs • Veteran with propane tank at 15% - requests fill of 300 gallons for \$389.70 • Veteran came in today with need for a ramp. Dan will assess on Monday • Referral from Sgt Lopez with 434th Chemical Company – service member 2 months behind on mortgage and also needs tires – met with Sandra Schroeder – received a grant. 434th CC part of 84th Troop Command – drills in Red Wing – soldier lives in Sherburne County – referred to Elk River BYR • Discussion on ICBYR coverage of 84th Troop Command – clarified that ICBYR covers those who live in Isanti County or drill at the Cambridge AFRCC • F/U veteran who needed furnace –Dave O made home visit – will replace • Veteran Holiday needs - Dan Meyer and staff to collect names of veterans and families in need <p>ICBYR will give each family member a \$100 gift card with a cap of \$500 per family and overall cap of \$2500 Exceptions to be discussed on an individual basis</p> <p>November Executive Board meeting: Please refer meeting summary emailed November 20</p>	<p>Information accepted</p> <p>Refer to New Business for votes</p> <p>Information accepted</p>
<p>CVSO Dan M</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thank you from veteran & wife who received ICBYR funds for dental care • Explanation of Veterans Treatment Court through 10th Judicial District – looking for veterans to volunteer as mentors. See Dan if interested. • Distribution of “Surviving Spouse” manual to assist with planning before and after a Veterans death 	<p>Information accepted</p>
<p>Committee Reports:</p>	<p>Website Committee: Scott F</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No report, Chair absent <p>Resource/Brochure Committee Report: Gail</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Low on stock for brochures – will see if any revision needed before re-printing <p>Billboard Committee: Brad B</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Winter weather – no new signs placed <p>Community Service Resource Coordinator: Carol Ann S.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Walker Methodist Senior Resource Fair – shared table with CVSO – very successful – lots of traffic – good networking with other vendors • Set up snow plowing for family of deployed soldier <p>BYR Friends Coordinator: Jessica H</p>	<p>Information accepted</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No new ICBYR Friends application forms turned in at this time Met with Braham Country Floral/coffee & tea bar <p>Packages for the Deployed Community Liaison: Dan J.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Task Force members met November 14 at the Rum River Event Center and packed boxes for local troops overseas. 29 boxes were mailed This included the “Treats for Troops” from Fleet Farm and other donations Received a stack of letters from Sean Wilson. These letters written by children at Isanti Primary school. These were written for Veterans Day. Will send in Christmas cards and future box mailings. THANKS to Mrs. Wilson for coordinating this! Christmas cards signed tonight for local troops stationed in Europe Dan J still looking for more names of local people deployed <p>Congregational Committee: Brent L</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Collaborated with New Hope Church on snow plowing for family of deployed soldier <p>School Liaison: Bruce D</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Is contacting local schools to determine a liaison <p>Law Enforcement Liaison: Scott F</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> No report - Chair absent <p>Scholarship Committee: Bruce D & Dan J</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> First meeting tonight prior to the Task Force meeting Application deadline will be March 20 and awards given April 16 Discussion on why there were so few applicants last year compared to the first year <p>Fundraising: Gail G</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Will pick up check from Star 95 Car Wash this week for November fundraiser the week of Veterans Day. \$725 donated from customers!! 2020 Dinner Dance – “Mardi Gras” – March 28 – meeting in November to continue planning <p>Investment Coordinator Quarterly Report: Gail G</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> No new report 	<p>Information accepted</p> <p>Information accepted</p> <p>Information accepted</p> <p>Information accepted</p> <p>Information accepted</p> <p>Information accepted</p>
<p>Upcoming Events</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Snowflake Lighted Parade – November 23 Meet in AFRCC parking lot no later than 5:00. We are unit #37. Can ride in the pickup or walk. Susan to bring lighted necklaces. Thanks Sean for driving the float! Dress warm!! 2020 Dinner Dance – “Mardi Gras” – March 28 	<p>Information accepted</p>

<p>YRROC Report: Rachel J</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mike W the Central MN YRROC has resigned to take another position effective October 21. Rachel & Jeremiah are covering. • The Spring Joining Community Forces (JCF) will be May 1-2, 2020 at Camp Ripley. • Metro YRROC position has not been posted as of today. We are finalizing some structural changes and will be posting in the near future. In the interim Jeremiah Miller Southern MN YRROC and I will be covering this area. • We are working on updating our BTYR point of contact sheets. We are working on adding Outreach area, meeting frequency, time, location, and if you have a website/FB page. • Governor Walz declared November Month of the Military Family. There are currently approximately 1000 service members deployed. We are asking Minnesotans to show support and make a difference in the lives of military families by connecting with the Yellow Ribbon Network within their community or company. • We have placed a "Make a Difference" button on the Beyond The Yellow Ribbon website, and will be connecting new volunteers to you as they come of out the wood work. 	<p>Information accepted</p>
<p>Old Business</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None 	
<p>New Business:</p>	<p>Vote on Veterans Needs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Veteran immediate need – electricity shut off – has applied to SOAR – owes Connexus Energy past due bill + current bill + re-connect fee = \$493.32 – Veteran with 2 medical bills related to cancer treatment at the VAMC and Veterans Choice scheduling - \$265 + \$199 =\$464 – Veteran with propane tank at 15% - requests fill of 300 gallons for \$389.70 <p>Vote on purchase of gift cards for Veterans in need</p> <p>Nominations for 2020 ICBYR Officers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Chair: Bob F nominated Jim Rostberg - Vice Chair: Susan M nominated Dave Oslund - Treasurer: Bob F nominated Kathy Rostberg - Secretary: Susan M nominated Carol Ann Smith 	<p>Motion: A motion was made by (Brent L) and seconded (Brad B) to pay these 3 veteran needs Motion approved</p> <p>Motion: A motion was made by (Curtis A) and seconded (Brent L) to purchase up to \$2,500 in gift cards for Veteran Holiday needs Motion approved</p> <p>Nominations accepted and are open through December meeting</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dan J described the Veterans Day event at Cambridge Isanti High School and said the new shadow boxes cost the school \$1,000 each. Should ICBYR contribute to them? Will discuss further 	
<p>Open Agenda</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jim R gave an update on the progress of Veterans Memorial Park. All local contractors are being used. Will begin construction in the Spring. Enough bricks have been sold for one wall on both sides (90 bricks). There will be lighting on the walls and flags. Trees have been donated. Will be flags for each branch of the service. Obtained ECE grant of \$3,000!! Have applied for other grants. Will meet with the Cambridge City Council re: lawn mowing and snow removal service. Military Family Month was established in 1996 by the Armed Services YMCA, with the U.S. Government recognizing the occasion every year since. Each November, the President signs a proclamation declaring November Military Family Month, and with hundreds of thousands of service members deployed overseas, recognizing the daily sacrifices made by active duty, Guard, and Reserve military families has never been more important. Read more: https://militarybenefits.info • Because of you have shown support, we would like to invite you to celebrate with us at our graduation ceremony! We will be celebrating the achievement of combat veterans who have completed REBOOT Combat Recovery (Reboot). Refreshments will be served. Please bring the whole family. Feel free to call or email with questions. Thank you for your support! REBOOTrecovery.com REBOOT COMBAT RECOVERY GRADUATION CEREMONY WHEN: 6:00 pm Tuesday, November 26 WHERE: River Valley Christian Church - 37126 Highway 65 Stanchfield, MN 55080 RSVP: Pastor Tom Bakke River Valley Christian Church (763)689-6987 justpassinthrough@izoom.net • Disney on Ice Xcel Energy Center and Disney on Ice offer discounts to military members on certain events www.xcelenergycenter.com/military • Fundraiser for Pine City Beyond the Yellow Ribbon - December 6th 5:00-9:00 pm - Floppy Crappie Lakeside Pub – Pine City • Operation Home Front - Cambridge & Princeton Dollar Stores asking customers to donate \$1 toward toys for children of military families. Local donations go to MAC-V who is giving the toys to the units that drill at the Cambridge AFRCC and local VFWs and American Legions & hospices • Mall of America® proudly welcomes current service members, veterans, Gold Star families and friends to a morning filled with memorable moments. Join us Sunday, December 8, 2019 for rides, character appearances, a meet + greet with our Security K9 team, a resource fair and a special visit from Santa! Please be sure to RSVP • Discount for Active Duty Military & Family Amtrak https://www.amtrak.com/military-discounts 	<p>Information accepted</p> <p>Information accepted</p> <p>Contact Secretary if details desired</p>

	<p>Amtrak military discounts: active-duty US military personnel, their spouses and dependents are eligible to receive a 10% discount on most train travel tickets. Save 15% Off with Veterans Advantage VetRewards Card</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Guest with us tonight inquiring about TBI/PTSD resources available locally for the family members. Suggestions made. Will meet with CVSO. 	
Adjournment		<p>Motion: A motion was made by (Susan M) and seconded (Jim J) to adjourn meeting. Motion approved & meeting adjourned at 2027</p>

Submitted by: Carol Ann Smith, ICBYR Secretary

Next Meeting: December 19, 2019 7:00-8:30 p.m. AFRCC

Viewable Link for ICBYR Goggle Sign Map:

<https://www.google.com/maps/d/viewer?mid=19P7VjNkq81qUQQF281XcPCLhvf91gk1O&ll=45.58600856114631%2C-93.295182749999998&z=11>

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