

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

**Meeting Minutes December 19, 2019**

**Member Attendance:**

x	Jim R		Erven S.		Scott F		Karla D
	Susan M		Kerri K		Adam F		Cory B
x	Gail G		Curtis A	x	John W		Chris C
x	Kathy R		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)		Walt M		Sandra S		Don C
	Perseke, Sgt Major Dan		Pam M		Robin, Sgt Bryan		Jessica H
	Brad B	x	Sean W		Deanna B		Rachel J - YYROC
x	Bruce D		Barbara K		Ben B		Guest:
	Brent L		Andrea D		Helen S		Guest:
	Candi L		Jeremy M		Stacey B		Guest:

Agenda Item	Discussion	Motions/Action Taken
<b>Call to Order</b>		Meeting was called to Order at 1903 by Chair
<b>Pledge of Allegiance</b>		Meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance
<b>Presentation</b>	<p>Alex Parker, Title IV ADA Specialist, from ClearCaptions was present to give an excellent presentation on what is available from ClearCaptions. They provide special phones at no cost for those with hearing loss. They are federally funded through Title IV fees.</p> <p>Requirements are: hearing loss, home phone service, internet connection for home phone. There is a mobile app available for iPhone 5s or newer.</p> <p>For information contact Alex at (612) 368-1273 or Alex.Parker@clearcaptions.com</p>	Information accepted
<b>Secretary Report</b> Carol Ann S	Minutes of the November meeting were distributed by mail and email December 12th	<b>Motion:</b> A motion was made by (Jim J) and seconded (Mary F) to approve the minutes. <b>Minutes approved.</b>
<b>Treasurer Report</b> Kathy R	<p>Income and expenses were reviewed for November:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Income includes: private donors, donation from Star 95 Car Wash</li> <li>• Expenditures were: phone bill, direct assistance to veterans (\$2,224.19), Veterans Day dinner support, postage to ship boxes to troops, order of checks</li> </ul>	<p>Report to be filed for audit.</p> <p>Our gratitude to our donors</p>

	Discussion held on new Treasurer report format.	
<b>Chair's Report Jim R</b>	<p><b>Veterans issues:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Snow plow request from the widow of a veteran. Jim R found a community volunteer to plow for her</li> <li>• Discussion on veterans and families who request extended assistance – need to develop a policy – what is our mission – how long do we help one person? – how can we help them learn to budget – Executive Board to discuss further and return to Task Force with ideas/policy</li> <li>• Holiday gift cards delivered to CVSO office</li> <li>• Request from FAC – 850<sup>th</sup> soldier needs assistance with purchase of tires for car - \$1,022.90</li> </ul> <p><b>December Executive Board meeting:</b> Please refer meeting summary emailed December 14<sup>th</sup></p> <p><b>Debrief/Misc:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Snowflake Parade – went really well – thanks Sean!!</li> <li>– 850<sup>th</sup> Holiday Party – fun party – excellent food</li> <li>– End of fiscal agent for CLBYR – checking account closed</li> <li>– Operation Homefront toys and stockings</li> <li>– Boy Scout Troop #523 wishes to donate 2 trees – let Sean W know of someone in need</li> <li>– Thank you notes for sponsoring Veterans Day dinners from American Legion and American Legion Auxiliary</li> </ul>	<p>Information accepted</p> <p>Refer to New Business for votes</p> <p>Information accepted</p>
<b>Committee Reports:</b>	<p><b>Website Committee:</b> Scott F (via email)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 44,393 total website hits</li> <li>• All minutes and agendas up to date</li> <li>• Tweet sent out about tonight's meeting</li> <li>• All photos posted and captioned from recent ICBYR events</li> </ul> <p><b>Resource/Brochure Committee Report:</b> Gail</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Brochure revised and has been sent to the printer. Added QR Code and Task Force meeting information</li> </ul> <p><b>Billboard Committee:</b> Brad B</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No report, Chair absent</li> </ul> <p><b>Community Service Resource Coordinator:</b> Carol Ann S.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Over 100 Fleece blankets made by Church of the Latter Day Saints youth group. Distributed to Walker Methodist Levande 22 veterans and Packages for the Deployed Committee. We were notified of this through the Cambridge Lions.</li> </ul>	<p>Information accepted</p> <p>Information accepted</p> <p>Information accepted</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Attended Pine City BYR Fundraiser, TRIAD meeting and North 65 Chamber of Commerce meeting on behalf of ICBYR</li> </ul> <p><b>BYR Friends Coordinator:</b> Jessica H (via email)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Met with owner of Rendevous Coffee in Isanti</li> <li>• Spoke with owner of CrafTea in Cambridge</li> </ul> <p><b>Packages for the Deployed Community Liaison:</b> Dan J.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Task Force members met November 26 at the Rum River Event Center and December 17 at the Cambridge American Legion to pack boxes for local troops overseas. This included the “Treats for Troops” from Fleet Farm, the letters from Isanti Primary School, cookies baked by Susan Morris, books from 850<sup>th</sup> soldiers, and other donations. 29 boxes were sent in November and 19 in December</li> <li>• Donated fleece blankets from youth group to Sandra S at FAC and Camp Ripley</li> <li>• Still looking for more names of local people deployed</li> <li>• Mentioned the shadow boxes at CIHS in honor of KIA soldiers. School looking for donations to pay for the cost of the shadow boxes. Happy to report that the Isanti VFW and Cambridge American Legion donated money to cover the cost of the shadow boxes.</li> </ul> <p><b>Congregational Committee:</b> Brent L</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No report, Chair absent</li> </ul> <p><b>School Liaison:</b> Bruce D</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Is contacting each local school to determine a liaison, a work in progress</li> </ul> <p><b>Law Enforcement Liaison:</b> Scott F (via email)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Nothing new to report</li> <li>• Does have ICBYR vehicle stickers available in a variety of sizes</li> </ul> <p><b>Scholarship Committee:</b> Bruce D &amp; Dan J</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Meeting tonight prior to the Task Force meeting. Finalized application form. Flyer being updated. Will begin advertising early January.</li> <li>• Application deadline is March 20 and awards given April 16</li> <li>• Scholarship committee would like one additional members. Please contact with Dan J or Bruce if you are interested</li> </ul> <p><b>Fundraising:</b> Gail G</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Star 95 Car Wash November fundraiser the week of Veterans Day. \$725 donated from customers!! Picture of check presentation in local paper.</li> <li>• 2020 Dinner Dance – “Mardi Gras” – March 28 – planning in progress</li> </ul> <p><b>Investment Coordinator Quarterly Report:</b> Gail G</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No new report</li> </ul>	<p>Information accepted</p> <p>Information accepted</p> <p>Information accepted</p> <p>Information accepted</p> <p>Information accepted</p> <p>Information accepted</p>
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<b>Upcoming Events</b>	1. 2020 Dinner Dance – “Mardi Gras” – March 28 – planning in progress	Information accepted
<b>YROC Report:</b> Rachel J	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><u>Support for National Guard Families</u></b></li> <li>• As mentioned, a memorial fund has been set up in loving memory of the three National Guard soldiers from Company C, 2-211th General Support Aviation Battalion, St. Cloud, whom dies in the Black Hawk crash Thursday, December 5th.</li> <li>• Chief Warrant Officer 2 James A. Rogers, Jr. Chief Warrant Officer 2 Charles P. Nord Sgt. Kort M. Plantenberg</li> <li>•</li> <li>• Donations may be sent to:</li> <li>• “Beyond The Yellow Ribbon Memorial Fund” Deerwood Bank P.O. Box 337 Waite Park, MN 56387</li> <li>• Donations can be mailed or dropped off at any Deerwood Bank location <a href="https://deerwoodbank.com/hours-and-locations/">https://deerwoodbank.com/hours-and-locations/</a></li> <li>• If you would like your donation to be utilized for a specific purpose, please State the purpose in writing when you donate.</li> <li>•</li> <li>• A main phone number for individuals wanting to contact Deerwood Bank directly for information on how to get their donations to us is: (320)252-4200.</li> <li>•</li> <li>• Questions may be emailed to Anita Harris-Hering at <a href="mailto:BTYRW2C@gmail.com">BTYRW2C@gmail.com</a></li> <li>•</li> <li>• If you would like to make a donation on-line please go to:</li> <li>•</li> <li>• <a href="https://charity.gofundme.com/o/en/campaign/beyond-the-yellow-ribbon-memorial-fund">https://charity.gofundme.com/o/en/campaign/beyond-the-yellow-ribbon-memorial-fund</a></li> <li>•</li> </ul>	Information accepted
<b>Old Business</b>	Nominations for 2020 ICBYR Officers: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Chair: Jim Rostberg</li> <li>• Vice Chair: Dave Oslund</li> <li>• Treasurer: Kathy Rostberg</li> <li>• Secretary: Carol Ann Smith</li> </ul> Were nominated at the November Task Force meeting. No new nominations tonight. Nominations closed.	<b>Motion:</b> A motion was made by (Jim J) an seconded by (Dan J) to close nominations <b>Motion approved</b>
<b>New Business:</b>	Vote on Veterans Needs: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Request from FAC – 850<sup>th</sup> soldier needs assistance with purchase of tires for car - \$1,022.90</li> </ul>	<b>Motion:</b> A motion was made by (Bob F) an seconded by (Mary F) to pay this veteran need <b>Motion approved</b>

<b>New Business:</b>	<p>Vote on election of 2020 ICBYR Officers: Slate of Officers accepted:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Chair: Jim Rostberg</li> <li>• Vice Chair: Dave Oslund</li> <li>• Treasurer: Kathy Rostberg</li> <li>• Secretary: Carol Ann Smith</li> </ul>	<p><b>Motion:</b> A motion was made by (Jim J) and seconded (Dan J) to approve the slate of 2020 ICBYR Officers. <b>Motion approved.</b></p>
<b>Open Agenda</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Newspaper article on Veterans Court</li> <li>• Polaris Battalion fundraising breakfast December 29 is <b>CANCELLED</b></li> <li>• Jim R stated that ICBYR has been invited to send 2 representatives to the Polaris Battalion Military Ball January 11<sup>th</sup>. If interested in attending and representing ICBYR please contact Jim R</li> </ul>	<p>Information accepted</p>
<b>Adjournment</b>		<p><b>Motion:</b> A motion was made by (John W) and seconded (Mary F) to adjourn meeting. <b>Motion approved &amp; meeting adjourned at 2040</b></p>

Submitted by: Carol Ann Smith, ICBYR Secretary

**Next Meeting:                    January 16, 2020                    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-93.29518274999998&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](https://www.revisor.mn.gov/bills/status_result.php?body=House&search=committee&session=0902017&committee_id=90022&submit_committee=GO)