


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

**Meeting Minutes January 16, 2020**

**Member Attendance:**

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

<b>Agenda Item</b>	<b>Discussion</b>	<b>Motions/Action Taken</b>
<b>Call to Order</b>		Meeting was called to Order at 1900 by Chair
<b>Pledge of Allegiance</b>		Meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance and Introductions
<b>Presentation</b>	<p>Jessi M. Faue, BS, BSN, RN – Outreach and Education Specialist for the Minneapolis VAMC Suicide Prevention Program, gave an excellent presentation on the new coalitions being formed in Minnesota to address veteran suicide. The coalitions in NE MN and the St. Cloud area are already meeting. The Twin Cities coalition kick-off this next Tuesday, January 21<sup>st</sup> in St. Paul.</p> <p>Jessi explained that the area she covers is 51 counties, covering NE MN, the metro area, southern MN and some in Western Wisconsin.</p> <p>This is a national VAMC project and Jessi is the first person in the country hired for this role! Minnesota is the pilot state.</p> <p>Jessi gave many interesting statistics. Please refer to her PowerPoint presentation for details.</p>	Information accepted
	<p>Jessi is sharing her PowerPoint presentation with the understanding that it cannot be edited or shared further without her permission.</p>  <p>FAUE COALITION BUILDING.pptx</p>	Information accepted



	<p><b>Billboard Committee:</b> Brad B</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No painting or installation due to winter weather</li> </ul> <p><b>Community Service Resource Coordinator:</b> Carol Ann S.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Collecting names of wives/girlfriends of deployed soldiers for a “spa day” hosted by New Hope Church</li> <li>Attended January North 65 Chamber of Commerce meeting and announced scholarships and dinner/dance</li> </ul> <p><b>BYR Friends Coordinator:</b> Jessica H (via email)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Reached out to wife of another deployed soldier with the 34<sup>th</sup> CAB</li> <li>Keeping in touch with the wife of the first soldier deployed with the 34<sup>th</sup> CAB</li> <li>Met with Braham Meats</li> <li>No new Friends applications returned</li> </ul> <p><b>Packages for the Deployed Community Liaison:</b> Dan J.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Has names &amp; addresses for 12 deployed</li> <li>Postage for 29 boxes to troops \$400</li> <li>4H troop doing Valentines for soldiers</li> <li>Isanti City Hall offered to be a drop-off point for items needed for the troops – will discuss further</li> </ul> <p><b>Congregational Committee:</b> Brent L</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Nothing new to report</li> </ul> <p><b>School Liaison:</b> Bruce D</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Is contacting each local school to determine who to contact at each school</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> </ul> <p><b>Scholarship Committee:</b> Bruce D &amp; Dan J</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Committee met tonight</li> <li>Advertising in progress. Article in today’s County News Review</li> <li>Setting date in April to review scholarships</li> </ul> <p><b>Fundraising:</b> Gail G</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2020 Dinner Dance – “Mardi Gras” – March 28 – planning meeting Tuesday at KBEK</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> <p>Information accepted</p>
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<b>Upcoming Events</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. 2020 Dinner Dance – “Mardi Gras” – March 28</li> <li>2. North 65 Chamber of Commerce Senior Resource Fair – April 23</li> </ol>	Information accepted
<b>YYROC Report:</b> Rachel J	<p><b><u>Joining Community Forces Conference</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• May 1 &amp; 2 at Camp Ripley</li> <li>• Each BYR should send at least 1 person – will get \$50 for travel</li> <li>• Register at <a href="https://www.Eventbrite.com/e/spring-2020-joining-community-forces-tickets-8085404362">https://www.Eventbrite.com/e/spring-2020-joining-community-forces-tickets-8085404362</a></li> </ul> <p><b><u>Suicide Prevention Coalition Meetings</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Twin Cities Suicide Prevention Coalition – Kick-off – January 21</li> <li>• Central MN Suicide Prevention Coalition – January 23</li> </ul> <p><b>Strategizing new structure before hiring more YYROC</b></p> <p><b>Grant County starting at BYR network. Their Chair has spoken with Jim R about how to apply for 501©3 status.</b></p> <p><b>Rachel has been traveling around the state to Austin, Glencoe and Mankato</b></p> <p><b>Hiring Our Heroes Job Fair – February 11 – Xcel Energy Center – <a href="http://www.hiringourheroes.org">www.hiringourheroes.org</a></b></p> <p><b>Working on “Make a Difference” volunteers. Family Readiness Assistance Coordinator position will manage this.</b></p>	<p>Information accepted</p> <p>Contact Secretary for details</p>
<b>Old Business</b>	None	
<b>New Business:</b>	<p><b><u>Vote on Veterans Needs:</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• None needed</li> </ul>	
<b>New Business:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Chair to appoint committee chairs/liasons/coordinators. He will contact each person to make sure they wish to continue in their roles.</li> </ul>	
<b>Open Agenda</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Polaris Battalion fundraising breakfast December 29 is <b><u>CANCELLED</u></b></li> <li>• City of North Branch joining Chisago Lakes BTYR – ceremony February 13<sup>th</sup> – 1800 - North Branch High School Auditorium</li> <li>• Brent and Candi Lund express their thanks for the sympathy card that ICBYR sent them upon the death of Candi’s father</li> </ul>	Information accepted

<b>Adjournment</b>		<b>Motion:</b> A motion was made by (Jim J) and seconded (Mary F) to adjourn meeting. <b>Motion approved &amp; meeting adjourned at 2040</b>

Submitted by: Carol Ann Smith, ICBYR Secretary

**Next Meeting: February 20, 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)