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

Meeting Minutes February 20, 2020

Member Attendance:

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Agenda Item | Discussion | Motions/Action Taken
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Call to Order | | Meeting was called to Order at 1900 by Chair
Pledge of Allegiance | | Meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance
Secretary Report Carol Ann S | Minutes of the January meeting were distributed by mail and email February 3rd | Motion: A motion was made by (Mary F) and seconded (Jim J) to approve the minutes. Minutes approved.
Treasurer Report Jim R | Income and expenses were reviewed for January:  
- Income includes: private donors  
- Expenditures were: phone bill, direct assistance to veterans ($3,000), 3 scholarships paid, Senior Resource Fair registration, liquor license for dinner dance fundraiser | Report to be filed for audit. (Jim J & Bob F)  
Our gratitude to our donors
Chair’s Report Jim R | Veterans issues:  
- Veteran needs assistance replacing exhaust system in car – PAID $232.63  
- Veteran needs assistance with rent and electric bill  
$400 PAID toward January rent (Veteran paid remainder of total).  
$234.31 PAID to East Central Energy.  
Gave them $200 Walmart gift card for groceries  
Request Task Force for approval for February rent at $1,095.00  
- Veteran needs assistance with mortgage $1,224.43 due March 1 | Issues discussed and information accepted  
See New Business for votes
• 84th Troop Command soldier needs assistance with car loans (one for soldier and one for spouse)
  $649.28
  $506.00

Dan Meyer explained the Lutheran Social Services (LSS) CORE Program. If a veteran is asking the CVSO office for financial assistance, a referral to MAC-V, or a special needs grant, they now require the veteran do an initial assessment with LSS CORE. If needed, financial planning/budgeting courses may be recommended.

**February Executive Board** meeting:
Please refer meeting summary emailed February 16th

**Debrief/Misc:**
Thank you note from soldier who received new tires

**Happy Birthday ICBYR!!**
It has been 10 years since ICBYR received the Governor’s Proclamation.

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<th>Committee Reports:</th>
<th>Website Committee: Scott F</th>
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<td>• 46,639 total website hits (2,246 since last meeting)</td>
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<td>• New resource links added</td>
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<td>• Brochure link fixed</td>
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<td>• Tweet sent out about tonight’s meeting</td>
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<td>• All photos posted and captioned from recent ICBYR events</td>
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<td>• Need to update latest agendas and minutes</td>
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**Resource/Brochure Committee Report**: Gail
• Chair absent
• Jim R states new brochures are here if anyone needs them

**Billboard Committee**: Brad B
• No painting or installation due to winter weather

**Community Service Resource Coordinator**: Carol Ann S.
• Attended kick-off meeting of VAMC Twin Cities Suicide Prevention Coalition on January 21 and follow-up meeting on February 10. Shared vision statement: To eliminate suicide in the military connected community within the greater metropolitan area
• Met with Cassie S from Isanti County Public Health Department about Suicide Prevention Coalition. Sent many emails to potential partners.
• Attended North 65 Chamber of Commerce meeting. Met new mental health Nurse Practitioner.

**BYR Friends Coordinator**: Jessica H
• Went to Thunder Brothers Brewery in Isanti
• No new Friends applications returned
Packages for the Deployed Community Liaison: Dan J.
- Dan’s son Brett is home from his deployment!!
- Brett thanked ICBYR for their support, packages, treats (especially Dot’s Pretzels), and the letters from Isanti Primary School
- Brad H home!!
- More packages packed and mailed February 12
- Have 12 names of currently deployed
- Have mailed 160 boxes so far. Over $2,000 worth of items donated!!
  Cost about $45 to mail a box
- Extra treats from Fleet Farm donation taken to 850th break room at the AFRCC for distribution before they expire
- Donation of hard back books given to Cambridge library as they are too heavy to ship
- Need a process to know when soldiers/sailors return home so we don’t send more boxes

Congregational Committee: Brent L
- No report – Chair absent

School Liaison: Bruce D
- Making progress to determine who to contact at each school, nearly done

Law Enforcement Liaison: Scott F
- Twenty decals will be given to the Sheriff’s Department for new vehicles to be installed on their back windows
- Has more decals available

Scholarship Committee: Bruce D & Dan J
- Committee did not meet tonight as advertising is in place
- KBEK interview February 24. Will play multiple times in the next weeks
- Fillable PDF application form online
- Setting date for April 1 to review scholarships

Fundraising: Jim R & Susan M
- 2020 Dinner Dance – “Mardi Gras” – March 28 – planning meeting today at KBEK - 5th annual dinner dance!
- Sign up with Susan M to donate items to the silent auction or help with the silent auction
- Prime Time Singers will salute the troops by singing the theme song for each branch of the service. Horn players will greet us.
- Susan M coordinating the food. Bartenders booked
- Live Dessert auction planned. Auctioneer booked. Jim R will talk about people we impacted in 2019
- Raffle tickets available for booze barrel, wine wagon and beer buggy
- Beautiful hand crafted stained glass mask created by Bruce Danielson will go to the female winner of the costume contest. The male winner gets the beverage of his choice.

| Upcoming Events | 1. 2020 Dinner Dance – Mardi Gras” – March 28 |
|                | 2. Central MN Council on Aging – Senior Resource Fair – Braham – Event Center - April 6 |
|                | 3. North 65 Chamber of Commerce – Senior Resource Fair – Cambridge – City Mall - April 23 |
|                | 4. City Center Market – Featured Non-Profit Organization for “Round it Up” Program - May |

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<th>YYROC Report: Rachel J</th>
<th>Joining Community Forces Conference</th>
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<td>May 1 &amp; 2 at Camp Ripley</td>
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<td>Each BYR should send at least 1 person – will get $50 for travel</td>
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Suicide Prevention Coalition Meetings
- Twin Cities Suicide Prevention Coalition – February 10

Free e-Filing Tax Software
Military OneSource offers free e-filing to currently serving military and their family. Attached is the Miltax eFiling Software instructions for those eligible through Military OneSource. Please pass along to those currently serving.

| Old Business | None |

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<th>New Business: Vote on Veterans Needs:</th>
<th>1) Request Task Force for approval for Veteran’s February rent at $1,095.00</th>
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<td>2) Veteran needs assistance with mortgage $1,224.43 due March 1</td>
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<td>Additional request for this veteran to have a $200 gift card for</td>
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Motion: A motion was made by (Brad B) and seconded (Carol Ann S) to approve the $1,095 for rent
Motion approved

Motion: A motion was made by (Susan M) and seconded (Dan J) to approve $1,224.43 for
3) 84th Troop Command soldier needs assistance with car loans (one for soldier and one for spouse) $649.28 and $506.00

Discussion on revised Mission Statement:
Sample revised mission statement reviewed. Task Force members asked to think about this and give input via email and at next Task Force meeting. Secretary to send email about this.

Current Mission Statement:
To support Isanti County’s military service members, veterans, and their families through coordinating services and resources available to them

Proposed Mission Statement:
To support Isanti County’s military service members, veterans, and their families through coordinating available services and resources, direct and indirect support, and collaborating with our community

Honoring students who join the Military
Dan J reported that Howard McCarty American Legion Post 290 in Cambridge is working on recognition for those students at Cambridge-Isanti High School or Cambridge Christian School who join the military. They will give that person a free Legion membership.

Dan J also states that Mr. Weibel the history teacher at C-I high school is hoping to have a “signing day” for students that join the military, similar to those who sign for college sports

Motion: A motion was made by (Mary F) and seconded (Scott F) to approve $200 gift card. Motion approved

Motion: A motion was made by (Jim J) and seconded (Bob F) to approve the $649.28 & $506 for car loans
Motion approved

Motion: A motion was made by (Bob F) and seconded (Richard N) to donate $200 to the Cambridge American Legion to support the recognition event for students joining the military
Motion approved
Shadow Boxes
Dan J also mentioned the shadow boxes at C-I High School that recognize students in the military that were KIA. How can ICBYR support them? The Legion and Isanti VFW gave funds for this. Also be thinking of who else could be honored with a shadow box.

Open Agenda

- Thanks given to Jim Johnson on the excellent, detailed ICBYR reports he gives to the American Legion in Cambridge

- **MAC-V Legal Clinic**  
  Thursday, March 5, 2020 | **9:00 am - 3:00 pm**  
  Anoka County Government Center -2100 3rd Avenue-Room 237 - Anoka, MN 55303

- **Mental Health First Aid for Veterans, Service Members and their families**  
  Friday, March 13  
  Spirit River Community Church - Isanti  
  Free but must register at mhfa-for-vets-srcc.Eventbrite.com or call Chris at 612-351-2080  
  Eight hour public education program on the unique risk factors and warning signs of mental health and substance abuse problems in adults  
  Builds understanding of the importance of early intervention and teaches individuals how to help adults in crisis or experiencing a mental health challenge

- **Free e-Filing Tax Software**  
  - Military OneSource offers free e-filing to currently serving military and their family

- **Polaris Battalion fundraising breakfast** -  
  - March 29 – Forest Lake American Legion – 9:00-12:00

- **Homeless Day on the Hill**  
  **Wednesday March 11th, 2020**

  Every year, hundreds of community members convene for a day of advocacy, meetings with lawmakers, committee hearings, and more.

- **Veterans Day on the Hill**  
  **Monday April 20th, 2020**

  "Veterans Day On The Hill" is for Veterans to meet with their respective legislators and share their concerns for issues that are important to them.

Thanks Jim!!
• REBOOT Combat Recovery is a 12-week, faith-based course that teaches combat veterans how to find healing from their spiritual wounds.

The next REBOOT Combat Recovery course will begin on Tuesday, February 25th

River Valley Christian Church, 37126 Highway 65 NE; Stanchfield, MN (just 3 miles north of Cambridge).

Classes will start at 6 p.m., with dinner and childcare available.

The course is open to combat veterans and their spouses.

Registration is required. To register, go to rebootrecovery.com.

Call Tom Bakke at (763) 228-0883 for more information.

Adjournment

Motion: A motion was made by (Jim J) and seconded (Brad B) to adjourn meeting.

Motion approved & meeting adjourned at 2033

Submitted by: Carol Ann Smith, ICBYR Secretary

Next Meeting: March 19, 2020 7:00-8:30 p.m. AFRCC

Viewable Link for ICBYR Goggle Sign Map: https://www.google.com/maps/d/viewer?mid=19P7VjNkq81qUQQF281XcPCLhv91gk1O&ll=45.58600856114631%2C-93.2951827499998&z=11

Link to the Military Action Group: https://www.revisor.mn.gov/bills/status_result.php?body=House&search=committee&sessenon=0902017&committee_id=90022&submit_committee=GO

February Military History:

• February 9, 1943 - During WWII, U.S. troops captured Guadalcanal in the Solomon Islands after six months of battle, with 9,000 Japanese and 2,000 Americans killed.

• February 10, 1942 - The first Medal of Honor during World War II was awarded to 2nd Lt. Alexander Nininger (posthumously) for heroism during the Battle of Bataan.

• February 17, 1865 - During the American Civil War, Fort Sumter in South Carolina was returned to the Union after nearly a year and a half under Confederate control. The fort had been the scene of the first shots of the war.

• February 27, 1991 - In Desert Storm, the 100-hour ground war ended as Allied troops entered Kuwait just four days after launching their offensive against Saddam Hussein's Iraqi forces