

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

Meeting Minutes February 20, 2020

Member Attendance:

x	Jim R		Erven S.	x	Scott F		Karla D
x	Susan M		Kerri K		Adam F		Cory B
	Gail G	x	Curtis A	x	John W		Chris C
	Kathy R	x	Richard N		Curt H		Pauline A
	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
x	Dan M (CVSO)	x	Walt M		Sandra S		
x	Jesse P	x	Pam M		Robin, Sgt Bryan		
x	Brad B	x	Sean W		Deanna B		Rachel J - YYROC
x	Bruce D	x	Jessica H		Ben B		Guest:
	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 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: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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	<u>Veterans issues:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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

	<p>Packages for the Deployed Community Liaison: Dan J.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 <p>Congregational Committee: Brent L</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No report – Chair absent <p>School Liaison: Bruce D</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Making progress to determine who to contact at each school, nearly done <p>Law Enforcement Liaison: Scott F</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Twenty decals will be given to the Sheriff’s Department for new vehicles to be installed on their back windows • Has more decals available <p>Scholarship Committee: Bruce D & Dan J</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Committee did not meet tonight as advertising is in place • KBK interview February 24. Will play multiple times in the next weeks • Fillable PDF application form online • Setting date for April 1 to review scholarships <p>Fundraising: Jim R & Susan M</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2020 Dinner Dance – “Mardi Gras” – March 28 – planning meeting today at KBK - 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 	<p>Information accepted</p> <p>Information accepted</p> <p>Thank you Dan!!</p> <p>Information accepted</p> <p>Information accepted</p> <p>Information accepted</p>
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2020 Dinner Dance – Mardi Gras” – March 28 Central MN Council on Aging – Senior Resource Fair – Braham – Event Center - April 6 North 65 Chamber of Commerce – Senior Resource Fair – Cambridge – City Mall - April 23 City Center Market – Featured Non-Profit Organization for “Round it Up” Program - May 	Information accepted
YROC Report: Rachel J	<p><u>Joining Community Forces Conference</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> May 1 & 2 at Camp Ripley Each BYR should send at least 1 person – will get \$50 for travel Register at https://www.Eventbrite.com/e/spring-2020-joining-community-forces-tickets-8085404362 <p><u>Suicide Prevention Coalition Meetings</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Twin Cities Suicide Prevention Coalition – February 10 <p><u>Free e-Filing Tax Software</u></p> <p>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.</p>	Information accepted Contact Secretary for details
Old Business	None	A reminder from Dan Meyer that veteran volunteers are still needed for the Veterans Treatment Court
New Business: New Business:	<p><u>Vote on Veterans Needs:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Request Task Force for approval for Veteran’s February rent at \$1,095.00 Veteran needs assistance with mortgage \$1,224.43 due March 1 Additional request for this veteran to have a \$200 gift card for groceries and essentials 	<p>Motion: A motion was made by (Brad B) and seconded (Carol Ann S) to approve the \$1,095 for rent Motion approved</p> <p>Motion: A motion was made by (Susan M) and seconded (Dan J) to approve \$1,224.43 for</p>

	<p>3) 84th Troop Command soldier needs assistance with car loans (one for soldier and one for spouse) \$649.28 and \$506.00</p> <p><u>Discussion on revised Mission Statement:</u> 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.</p> <p><u>Current Mission Statement:</u> To support Isanti County’s military service members, veterans, and their families through coordinating services and resources available to them</p> <p><u>Proposed Mission Statement:</u> 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</p> <p><u>Honoring students who join the Military</u> 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.</p> <p>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</p>	<p>mortgage. Motion approved</p> <p>Motion: A motion was made by (Mary F) and seconded (Scott F) to approve \$200 gift card. Motion approved</p> <p>Motion: A motion was made by (Jim J) and seconded (Bob F) to approve the \$649.28 & \$506 for car loans Motion approved</p> <p>Information accepted</p> <p>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</p>
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	<p>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.</p>	
<p>Open Agenda</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thanks given to Jim Johnson on the excellent, detailed ICBYR reports he gives to the American Legion in Cambridge • <u>MAC-V Legal Clinic</u> Thursday, March 5, 2020 9:00 am - 3:00 pm Anoka County Government Center -2100 3rd Avenue-Room 237 - Anoka, MN 55303 • <u>Mental Health First Aid for Veterans, Service Members and their families</u> 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 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Military OneSource offers free e-filing to currently serving military and their family • Polaris Battalion fundraising breakfast - <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 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. 	<p>Thanks Jim!!</p> <p>Information accepted</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> REBOOT Combat Recovery is a 12-week, faith-based course that teaches combat veterans how to find healing from their spiritual wounds. <p>The next REBOOT Combat Recovery course will begin on Tuesday, February 25th</p> <p>River Valley Christian Church, 37126 Highway 65 NE; Stanchfield, MN (just 3 miles north of Cambridge).</p> <p>Classes will start at 6 p.m., with dinner and childcare available.</p> <p>The course is open to combat veterans and their spouses.</p> <p>Registration is required. To register, go to rebootrecovery.com.</p> <p>Call Tom Bakke at (763) 228-0883 for more information.</p>	Information accepted
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=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
February Military History:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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