

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

Meeting Minutes June 18, 2020

Member Attendance:

x	Jim R		Erven S.		Scott F		Karla D
x	Susan M		Kerri K		Adam F		Cory B
x	Gail G		Curtis A	x	John W		Chris C
x	Kathy R	x	Richard N		Curt H		Pauline A
x	Carol Ann S		Mary F		Dan J		Heidi B
x	Jim J		Bob F		Doug M		Terry L
	David O		Randy H		Lisa S		Cathy B
x	Dan M (CVSO)		Walt M		Sandra S		
	Jesse P		Pam M		Robin, Sgt Bryan		
	Brad B		Sean W		Deanna B		Rachel J - YYROC
	Bruce D		Jessica H		Ben B	x	Guest: Shari H
	Brent L		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 1902 by Chair
Pledge of Allegiance		Meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance
Guest Speaker	Curt Haugen was present to give an update on the Veterans Memorial Park, Inc. progress. He shared the design and distributed copies of the site map. Groundbreaking was last Friday. There will be 8 monuments when completed. They will begin with two. There will be a US Flag pole in the center and 6 service flags. Work on the footings and foundations begin next week. Susan M will take pictures daily. Follow on ICBYR FaceBook. Thanks to Curt H for his leadership!	Information accepted
Secretary Report Carol Ann S	Minutes of the May meeting were distributed by mail and email	Motion: A motion was made by (Susan M) and seconded (Jim J) to approve the minutes. Minutes approved.
Treasurer Report Kathy R	Income and expenses were reviewed for May: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Income includes: private donors, foundation donor, dinner dance sponsorships Expenditures included: phone bill, direct assistance to veterans (\$5,080), 1 scholarship paid. Direct assistance includes gift cards for 850th HEC soldiers in need & water softener for family of deployed soldier. 	Report to be filed for audit. (Jim J & Shari H) Our gratitude to our donors
Chair's Report Jim R	Veterans issues: Dan M. CVSO <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Thank you note received from wife of deployed soldier for water softener 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No other requests received – service members referred to MDVA COVID-19 grants if they need financial help <p>Dan Meyer stated he is being deployed in August for 1 year. He will begin vacation at the end of next week to spend with family. Stacey Brown will increase her hours. A representative from MDVA will be in Cambridge twice a week to assist.</p> <p>Dan also expressed his appreciation for the camo quilt he received 8 years ago during his first deployment. He described how much it has meant to him and how he has used it in the last 8 years. It will be going with him on this deployment.</p> <p>Susan M stated Dan M gave an excellent annual summary presentation to the County Board recently. He mentioned how ICBYR supports the CVSO office and IC veterans.</p> <p>June Executive Board meeting: Please refer meeting summary sent by email</p>	<p>Issues discussed and information accepted</p> <p>Information accepted</p>
2019 Annual Report	Gail distributed a draft of the 2019 Annual Report. Please get feedback to her ASAP.	Information accepted
Committee Reports:	<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"> Nothing new to report <p>Billboard Committee: Brad B</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> No report – chair absent <p>Community Service Resource Coordinator: Carol Ann S.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> North 65 Chamber of Commerce meeting yesterday. Made a contact with the Executive Director of the Academy of Arts and Sciences in Isanti. Had a phone conversation with him today. There are children from military families in his school. Introduced him to Bruce D over email. Connected with new North 65 Chamber member Adara Home Health Care. They have a Veterans program. Twin Cities VAMC Suicide Prevention Coalition has not had any in person meetings. Have had phone discussions with Jessi F. Will have SAVE training via Zoom next week Assisted a veterans family with resources for dementia. Encouraged them to contact CVSO <p>BYR Friends Coordinator: Jessica H</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> No report – chair absent 	Information accepted

	<p>Packages for the Deployed Community Liaison: Carol Ann for Dan J.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Five boxes of paperback books donated by Cambridge Library since February. • Upcoming deployments for IC soldiers/sailors: May – 8 currently deployed; June 7 deploying; August 6 deploying. Hope to be able to send packages soon. • ICBYR transported donations of food and water to the National Guard soldiers deployed to Minneapolis and St. Paul during the recent riots. Donations coordinated by a woman in Braham. Dan J drove 2 pickup loads to Coon Rapids for distribution. Thanks Dan!!! <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"> • No report – chair absent <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"> • Video made by Bruce D to present scholarship to Riley at Monticello High School. Thanks Bruce!! • Scholarship paid to recipient in graduate school at Kansas State University • Thank you note received from scholarship recipient from Ogilvie High School <p>Fundraising: Gail G</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2020 Dinner Dance – “Mardi Gras” – sadly cancelled for 2020 due to COVID 19. Gail states the 2019 dinner dance brought in \$9,000 • Sponsors have been contacted. Some are donating their sponsorships to ICBYR. THANK YOU!! Some are transferring the funds to the 2021 dinner dance. Thank you!! • Raffle tickets available for booze barrel, wine wagon and beer buggy. The winning tickets will be drawn at the Golf Tournament • ICBYR received \$831 from City Center Market from their May “Round It Up” program. Thank you!! • Isanti Liquor is hosting a “Salute for the Troops” in June and running through the 4th of July weekend. They are accepting monetary and in kind donations. Budweiser is also contributing \$1 for each case of beer sold in that time frame. • Golf Tournament on schedule for September 18. Gail confirmed date with Purple Hawk. There will be a silent auction as well as the raffle. 	<p>Information accepted</p> <p>Information accepted</p> <p>Information accepted</p> <p>Information accepted</p> <p>Information accepted</p>
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	<p>Investment Coordinator Report: Gail</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> With the stock market drop, our investment portfolio is down 28.1% from Jan 1 to April 30. It did increase 10.4% in May. 	Information accepted
Upcoming Events	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Golf Tournament September 18 County Fair, Freedom Fest, State Fair, Senior Resource Fair, Isanti Rodeo and Parade all cancelled due to COVID 19 	Information accepted
YYROC Report: Rachel J	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> State BYR has hired a new Outreach Specialist who will focus on social media. Welcome Bianca! She hopes to attend an upcoming ICBYR meeting 	Information accepted
Old Business	None	
New Business:	None	
Open Agenda	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Susan M stated her daughter Erica who has been deployed for 7 years to Korea, Germany and the United Arab Emirates is separating from the Air Force and has accepted a Federal job with the VA in Minneapolis!!! Gail states the Pine City Blue Star Moms are having a fundraiser at the Northern Hollow Winery in Grasston this Saturday from 5:00-7:00 pm with brick oven pizzas, wine and raffle tickets. Jim R states the VFW adjutant Mike H has just returned from deployment Bob H is deploying soon Veterans Memorial Park, Inc. groundbreaking ceremony this Friday, June 12 at 10:00 am – 2nd and Birch in Cambridge A reminder there is no ICBYR Task Force meeting in July 	Information accepted
Adjournment		Motion: A motion was made by (Richard N) and seconded (Susan M) to adjourn meeting. Motion approved & meeting adjourned at 1944

Submitted by: Carol Ann Smith, ICBYR Secretary

Next Meeting: August 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