

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

Meeting Minutes August 20, 2020

Member Attendance:

X	Jim R		Erven S.	x	Scott F		Karla D
X	Susan M		Kerri K		Adam F		Cory B
X	Gail G	x	Curtis A	x	John W		Chris C
X	Kathy R	x	Richard N		Curt H		Pauline A
X	Carol Ann S	x	Mary F		Dan J		Heidi B
x	Jim J	x	Bob F		Doug M		Terry L
	David O		Randy H		Lisa S		Cathy B
	Erin Y (CVS Office)		Walt M		Sandra S	x	Nanci M
	Jesse P		Pam M		Robin, Sgt Bryan		
	Brad B	x	Sean W		Deanna B		Rachel J - YYROC
	Bruce D		Jessica H		Ben B		Guest:
	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 1900 by Chair
Pledge of Allegiance		Meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance
Secretary Report Carol Ann S	Minutes of the June meeting were distributed by mail and email. There was no July meeting.	Motion: A motion was made by (Jim J) and seconded (Mary F) to approve the minutes. Minutes approved.
Treasurer Report Kathy R	Income and expenses were reviewed for June & July: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Income includes: private donors, foundation donor, refunds from Braham Pie Day registration and dinner dance liquor license Expenditures included: phone bill, direct assistance to veterans (\$387.36), printing, North 65 Chamber of Commerce membership 	Report to be filed for audit. (Jim J & Erin Y) Our gratitude to our donors

<p>Chair's Report Jim R</p>	<p>Veterans issues: Erin Y - CVS Office</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Veteran requests assistance with Connexus Energy bill. Referral from CVSO. Refer to New Business for vote. • Veteran requests assistance with cleaning out garage. Will discuss options when veteran ready (concerned about COVID 19) • Veteran requests assistance moving a couch. Done by Dave O and Jim R • Surviving spouse requests assistance repairing handicap ramp after storm damage. Dave O arranged for another veteran to do this. • Veteran requests help with lawn mowing for remainder of year. Two Sea Cadets will do this. <p>August Executive Board meeting: Please refer meeting summary sent by mail and email</p>	<p>Issues discussed and information accepted</p> <p>Information accepted</p>
<p>2019 Annual Report</p>	<p>Gail distributed the 2019 Annual Report.</p>	<p>Information accepted</p>
<p>Committee Reports:</p>	<p>Website Committee: Scott F</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ICBYR content on the new North 65 Chamber of Commerce updated by Scott. Members present viewed information via link. • 53,044 total website visits (6,405 since February) • Golf tournament flyers and registration forms on website • ICBYR 10th Anniversary banner added to website • Tweet sent out for tonight's meeting <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"> • Brad sent report to Jim R • Inventory is 4 large signs and 4 blank signs • Bob F visited all the signs and listed needed repairs/painting • Bradford sign needs to be replaced (done, flipped to new side). Suggest the location be changed as sign blocked by trees • Discussion: Do we need a sign replacement policy? ie replace so many signs each year? • Discussion: Should the treated posts be painted? Yes, paint them white • Discussion on metal versus plastic signs. Metal heavy but last longer. Plastic lighter and easier to install, but doesn't last as long. 	<p>Information accepted</p> <p>Information accepted</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gail will get quotes on cost of metal and plastic signs. Also color options. Red fades quickly. • Sign committee to recommend which signs need immediate replacement • Any suggestions on where new signs could be placed? • Jim R assigned an address to every sign. Sean created a Goggle map (see link at end of minutes) <p>Community Service Resource Coordinator: Carol Ann S.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • North 65 Chamber of Commerce July meeting was a virtual tour of the new website. August meeting yesterday was annual meeting with the Board of Directors (Zoom). • Coordinated with CVSO to find someone to mow lawn for a veteran • ICBYR brochures to both Chambers of Commerce for new teacher baskets • Twin Cities VAMC Suicide Prevention Coalition SAVE training done via Zoom June 24. Coalition meeting via Zoom July 24 & August 17. Phone conference with leader July 31. • Gathered BYR resources for Mother of soldier • Connected wife (& veteran) of deployed soldiers to other wives in similar situations • Golf tournament information to North 65 “Monday Mailbag” <p>BYR Friends Coordinator: position open</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jim R states Jessica H is stepping down from this position. Please let Jim know if you are interested in the position. <p>Packages for the Deployed Community Liaison: Dan J. via text</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Would like to send boxes to troops in September. Addresses needed, hope to obtain them from the YYROC and community. • Need a process to know when troops are home and no longer overseas <p>Congregational Committee: Brent L</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No report – Chair absent <p>School Liaison: Bruce D via email</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nothing to report <p>Law Enforcement Liaison: Scott F</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nothing to report 	<p>Information accepted</p> <p>Information accepted</p> <p>Information accepted</p>
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	<p>to the Military & Family Readiness Specialists (this is the combined position of the Family Assistance Center [FAC] and Family Readiness Support Assistants [FRSA] they are currently onboarding and we anticipate training to be completed this fall); and 3) unit reps / deployments.</p> <p>3. BTYR Coffee Talk - the next coffee talk will be on Wednesday, September 9th at 8:00 - 9:00 a.m. we will have a guest speaker: Nici Trem, Program Manager for Project Evergreen's GreenCare for Troops and SnowCare for Troops for MN. Join Zoom Meeting https://us04web.zoom.us/j/325878593 Meeting ID: 325 878 593 Dial in Number (312) 626-6799 One tap mobile +13126266799,,325878593# US (Chicago)</p> <p>4. Facebook Page - I do have a closed FB page in which we can share events, resources, news, etc. I do share out files on this page as well. https://www.facebook.com/groups/2303615423016974</p> <p>5. 2021 BTYR Strategic Planning - Work has started on the 2021 strategic planning goals and objectives. This is your opportunity to provide feedback on what you think we should keep working on and/or move forward with new strategies. The survey will take approximately 5 minutes. There are a few open ended questions that include: 1) What do you feel are the strength(s) of the BTYR Program? 2) What do you feel are the weakness(s) of the BTYR Program? 3) What do you feel are the opportunities of the BTYR Program? 4) What do you feel are the threat(s) of the BTYR Program?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/KBTQX5X?fbclid=IwAR3w3i1CK3MOp5pC0_bl44X1fNsJS6tD-TMdv8iERdHwflHJn4IR3c3tzQc 	
Old Business	None	
New Business:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Veteran needs assistance with Connexus Energy bill \$387.36 2. Veteran needs assistance with Connexus Energy bill \$180.06 3. CVS0 request food and gas gift cards to keep in office for veteran assistance. Requesting 10 food and 10 gas only cards at \$25 each. 4. Discussion on need for ICBYR to purchase a hard drive so we have a place to keep minutes and policies and also the history of BYR. Currently things are scattered on multiple computers and 	Motion: A motion was made by (Scott F and seconded (Richard N) to pay for the 2 Connexus Energy bills and purchase the gift cards

	<p>flash drives. Purchase would be approximately \$100. The hard drive would be kept in the CVSO. Also discussed other storage options such as Google Drive, Microsoft, and the cloud</p>	<p>for the CVSO. Motion approved</p> <p>Motion: A motion was made by (Mary F) and seconded (Bob F) to purchase the hard drive. Motion approved</p>
<p>Open Agenda</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • REBOOT Combat Recovery is a 12-week, faith-based course that teaches combat veterans and first responders how to find healing from their spiritual wounds. • The next REBOOT First Responders course will begin on September 3 • The next REBOOT Combat Recovery course for veterans will begin on September 8 • 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 available. <p>Registration is required.</p> <p>To register, go to rebootrecovery.com.</p> <p>Call Tom Bakke at (763) 228-0883 or email tcbakkefam@izoom.net</p>	<p>Information accepted</p>
<p>Open Agenda</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Brigadier General Manke named Adjutant General of MN National Guard • Gov. Tim Walz has appointed Brigadier General Shawn Manke to serve as Minnesota’s next adjutant general, filling the vacancy created upon the resignation of Maj. Gen. Jon A. Jensen, who was recently promoted to lieutenant general. • Manke has served in a number of leadership roles in the Minnesota National Guard since 2003. Currently, he serves as the assistant division commander of the 34th Infantry Division based in Rosemount, providing training and readiness oversight for ten National Guard brigades with more than 23,000 soldiers across Minnesota and eight other states. 	<p>Information accepted</p>
<p>Open Agenda</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nanci M stated that the sewing group she is involved in would like to sew quilts and lap robes for veterans. She has spokne to staff at GracePointe crossing. They have 16 veterans and 6 need quilts. Many need lap robes. 	<p>Information accepted</p> <p>Thank you Nanci!</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> John W shared information about a book written by a soldier who survived D-Day. He was in the first wave on Normandy beach. The book is “An Artist’s Journey Through War: Drawing D-Day by Ugo Giannini. John read about the book in the American Legion newspaper and asked the Cambridge Library to purchase it. 	Information accepted Thank you John!
Adjournment		Motion: A motion was made by (Jim J) and seconded (Scott F) to adjourn meeting. Motion approved & meeting adjourned at 2000

Submitted by: Carol Ann Smith, ICBYR Secretary

Next Meeting: September 17, 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
August Military History	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> August 6, 1945 - The first Atomic Bomb was dropped over the center of Hiroshima at 8:15 a.m., by the American B-29 bomber <i>Enola Gay</i>. August 7, 1990 - Just five days after the Iraqi invasion of Kuwait, President George Bush ordered Desert Shield, a massive military buildup to prevent further Iraqi advances. August 14, 1945 - V-J Day, commemorating President Truman’s announcement that Japan had surrendered to the Allies. August 17, 1943 – During WWII in Europe, the Allies completed the conquest of the island of Sicily after just 38 days. This gave the Allies control of the Mediterranean and also led to the downfall of Benito Mussolini and Italy's eventual withdrawal from the war.

