

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

Meeting Minutes September 17, 2020

Member Attendance:

X	Jim R		Erven S.		Scott F		Karla D
X	Susan M		Kerri K		Adam F		
X	Gail G	x	Curtis A	X	John W		Chris C
X	Kathy R		Richard N		Curt H		Pauline A
X	Carol Ann S	X	Mary F		Dan J		Heidi B
	Jim J	X	Bob F	X	Doug M		Terry L
	David O		Randy H	x	Nanci M		Cathy B
	Dan M (CVSO)	X	Walt M	x	Erin Y		
	Jesse P	X	Pam M		Robin, Sgt Bryan		
	Brad B	x	Sean W		Deanna B		Rachel J - YYROC
	Bruce D		Jessica H		Ben B	x	Guest: Nancy Mc
	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
Presentation	Carol Ann Smith presented some statistics related to Suicide Awareness Month and gave an update on the work of the VA Twin Cities Suicide Prevention Coalition. Please refer to slides for more information.	Information accepted
Secretary Report Carol Ann S	Minutes of the August meeting were distributed by mail and email	Motion: A motion was made by (Kathy R) and seconded (Mary F) to approve the minutes. Minutes approved.
Treasurer Report Kathy R	Income and expenses were reviewed for August: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Income includes: private donors, foundation donor, golf tournament sponsorships & registrations, and a transfer from savings to pay a scholarship Expenditures included: phone bill, direct assistance to veterans (\$680.06), insurance, purchase of hard drive, and 1 scholarship paid 	Report to be filed for audit. (Erin Y & Walt M) Our gratitude to our donors
Chair's Report Jim R	Veterans issues: Dan M. CVSO <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Veteran requests assistance with car repair – fuel injector for \$319.84. Also request \$130 for diagnostic testing to see if more car repairs are needed 	Issues discussed and information accepted

	<p>New Soldier & Family Readiness Specialist at Cambridge AFRCC:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lillian M. Forseth (Lil) is the new Soldier & Family Readiness Specialist at the Cambridge AFRCC. This is a new position that combines the former Family Assistance Specialist with the Soldier Readiness position. Jim R and Carol Ann have a meeting with her September 23. • We asked Lil if there were any gas cards in her office for the soldier's needs. She said there are none. <p><u>COVID Funds Available for those with K-12 Children related to Distance Learning</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Erin Y explained the new grant money available to help families who are financially impacted by their school district's distance learning or hybrid learning plans due to COVID 19. • This is a one time \$3,000 grant • Applications must be submitted through a CVSO or a MDVA Field Operations Representative • Please contact the Isanti County CVSO for more information or to apply <p><u>CARES Act Grand Funds:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There is federal CARES Act funding available to small businesses and non-profits who lost money due to COVID 19. ICBYR will be applying for a grant as we lost significant revenue by not having the Spring dinner/dance • Application due September 30 & funds will be distributed December 1 • There is \$1 million available to small businesses and \$500,000 available to non-profits • Grant applicants could receive up to \$10,000! <p><u>Jorgenson Family Charitable Fund Grant:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jim R was made aware of this grant that gives \$2,500 to a Veteran organization each year. Jim applied on behalf of ICBYR and we received the grant!! Thanks Jim!! <p><u>September Executive Board</u> meeting: Please refer meeting summary sent by email</p>	<p>Information accepted</p> <p>Information accepted</p> <p>Information accepted</p> <p>Information accepted. Thanks Jim!</p>
<p>Committee Reports:</p>	<p>Website Committee: Scott F via email</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tweet sent out for tonight's meeting • 981 website hits since last meeting (54,025 total) • Website updated with most recent minutes and agenda <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"> • Discussion held about ordering new ICBYR signs. Plastic/vinyl & laminate versus metal/aluminum. Red ink versus blue. Gail had quotes from Jill's Signs. • Also discussed metal poles versus wood. Susan called resource at Isanti County for information and recommendations. • Please refer to Old Business for the voting results 	<p>Information accepted</p> <p>Information accepted</p>

	<p>Community Service Resource Coordinator: Carol Ann S.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • North 65 Chamber of Commerce featured C-I Schools Superintendent Dr. Nate Rudolph presenting on “What does the future hold for our youngest learners?” A presentation on how an operating referendum affects Bluejacket learners and the Cambridge-Isanti Community. Please refer to the School Liaison report for details. • Twin Cities VAMC Suicide Prevention Coalition Health Care Subgroup met on September 11. The Coalition Task Force will meet September 21. The West Center Coalition will have its first meeting in Montevideo, MN September 25. A job posting has been listed for someone to lead the SE MN and western WIS Coalitions. • September is Suicide Prevention Month. Please refer to the slides of this month’s presentation <p>BYR Friends Coordinator:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No report – Chair position open <p>Packages for the Deployed Community Liaison: Dan J. via text</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dan is in touch with someone to help connect names and addresses for deployed or serving on foreign soil. He is waiting for information <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"> • North 65 Chamber of Commerce featured C-I Schools Superintendent Dr. Nate Rudolph presenting on “What does the future hold for our youngest learners?” A presentation on how an operating referendum affects Bluejacket learners and the Cambridge-Isanti Community. Bruce D. ICBYR School Liaison attended via Zoom. District 911 Finance Director Chris Kampa joined Dr. Rudolph on the presentation • The presentation focused on the reason behind the Nov 2 school referendum that will be on the ballot • Please see attachment for the full report at the end of the minutes <p>Law Enforcement Liaison: Scott F via email</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nothing new to report 	<p>Information accepted</p> <p>Information accepted</p> <p>Information accepted</p>
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	<p>Scholarship Committee: Bruce D via email</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thanks to all working at the Golf Tournament that supports the scholarships given out this coming March, our 4th year of ICBYR scholarships <p>Fundraising: Gail G</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Golf Tournament is tomorrow! 18 teams registered. Donations still coming in. Weather looks good. Registration at 1100 • 1210 presentation of colors and national anthem. 1230 start. • Silent auction and raffle will be held. “Beat the Pro” not allowed due to COVID 19 restrictions, but other extras will be the same as last year. Need a volunteer to do the chipping contest. • Taco bar after golfing. Can eat inside or outside. 	<p>Information accepted</p> <p>Information accepted</p>
Upcoming Events	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None at this time 	
YROC Report: Rachel J	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • State BYR fall meeting will be virtual October 16 from 1200-1330. Registration information will be sent by email when available. • First East Central Regional BTYR meeting held September 8. Have not received minutes yet. 	Information accepted
Old Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ICBYR signage Discussion held on purchase of signs – refer to Billboard Committee report 	<p>Motion: A motion was made by (Susan M) and seconded (Mary F) to approve purchase 20 4’x8’ metal (3mm aluminum) signs with black, blue & yellow printing on both sides. After discussion, motion amended to 25 signs to receive a price break at \$165 each.</p> <p>Motion approved.</p>
New Business:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vote on Veteran request for fuel injector at \$319.84 and charge for further diagnostic testing at \$130 	<p>Motion: A motion was made by (Bob F) and seconded (Sean W) to pay for fuel injector and diagnostic testing. After discussion Motion failed.</p>

		<p>Motion: A motion was made by (Curtis A) and seconded (Doug M) to pay for the fuel injector at \$319.84 and refer veteran to O'Reillys Auto Parts for free diagnostic testing. Motion approved.</p>
New Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Vote on purchase of “fuel only” Holiday gift cards for the Soldier & Family Readiness Specialist Office at the Cambridge AFRCC 	<p>Motion: A motion was made by (Kathy R) and seconded (Susan M) to purchase twelve \$25 “fuel only” gift cards for the S&FRS office. Motion approved.</p>
New Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Vote on purchase of fabric for veteran quilts 	<p>Motion: A motion was made by (Bob F) and seconded (Mary F) to purchase \$160 worth of fabric for veteran quilts. Motion approved.</p>
Open Agenda	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Quilts Nanci M gave an update on the sewing group she volunteers with. They are making quilts for veterans at GracePointe Crossing. There are 6 veterans there who need quilts. They have no family to visit. Nanci requests \$160 for fabric. Will be presented on Veterans Day by GracePointe staff (no visitors allowed due to COVID 19). See New Business for vote. Veterans Memorial Park Update Dedication with be October 9 from 6:00-6:30 pm – bring a lawn chair if you wish – flag raising will be done by whoever purchased the flag – the lights will be turned on the flags at sunset - will livestream on Facebook Sod is in – thanks to volunteers, including the CIHS Football team All the work done by volunteers is completed. A huge thank you to all volunteers and to the volunteer contractors who donated their time and labor and often donated or discounted materials. Brick engraving happening now. Hope to have 3 monuments done for the dedication 	<p>Information accepted</p>

	<p>Bases for all 8 monuments will be set early October</p> <p>After dedication will work on telling the stories of the people featured on the bricks</p> <p>Follow progress on website or Facebook</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CSOAF event: 2nd Annual “Shine It Up for the Troops Car Show” – Sunday, September 27th 1000-1400 at the Members Cooperative Credit Union in North Branch • Flu Shots: At any scheduled VAMC appointment St. Cloud VAMC Drive-thru appointments VA Community Care Network In network retail pharmacies – in our area that includes: Cub, Walmart, Target/CVS, Coburns and any Allina or Fairview Clinic 	
Adjournment		Motion: A motion was made by (Doug M) and seconded (Susan M) to adjourn meeting. Motion approved & meeting adjourned at 2038

Submitted by: Carol Ann Smith, ICBYR Secretary

Next Meeting: October 15, 2020 7:00-8:30 p.m. AFRCC

Suicide Awareness Month Slides	 <p>Suicide Awareness Month.pptx</p>
School Liaison Report	 <p>School Liaison Report September 2</p>
September Military History	<p>September 1, 1939 - At 5.30 a.m., Hitler's armies invaded Poland starting World War II in Europe.</p> <p>September 2, 1945 - President Harry Truman declared V-J Day (Victory over Japan Day) commemorating the formal Japanese surrender to the Allies aboard the USS <i>Missouri</i> in Tokyo Bay.</p> <p>September 17, 1862 - The bloodiest day in U.S. military history occurred as General Robert E. Lee and the Confederate armies were stopped at Antietam in Maryland by</p>

	<p>General George B. McClellan and numerically superior Union forces. By nightfall 26,000 men were dead, wounded, or missing.</p> <p>September 18, 1947 - The U.S. Air Force was established as a separate military service.</p> <p>September 29, 1789 - Congress created the United States Army, consisting of 1,000 enlisted men and officers.</p>
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
Veterans Crisis Line	1-800-273-8255 Press 1