

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

**Meeting Minutes February 18, 2021**

**Member Attendance: via Zoom or telephone**

x	Jim R		Erven S.		Scott F		Karla D
x	Susan M		Kerri K		Adam F		
x	Gail G		Curtis A	x	John W		Chris C
x	Kathy R		Richard N		Curt H		Pauline A
x	Carol Ann S		Mary F	x	Dan J		Heidi B
x	Jim J		Bob F	x	Doug M		Terry L
	David O		Randy H	x	Nanci M		Cathy B
	Dan M (CVSO)		Walt M		Erin Y		
x	Jesse P		Pam M		Robin, Sgt Bryan		
x	Brad B	x	Sean W		Deanna B		Rachel J - YYROC
x	Bruce D		Jessica H		Ben B		Guest:
	Brent L	x	Andrea D		Helen S		Guest:
	Candi L		Jeremy M		Stacey B		Guest:

<b>Agenda Item</b>	<b>Discussion</b>	<b>Motions/Action Taken</b>
<b>Call to Order</b>		Meeting was called to Order at 1905 by Chair  Thanks to all who attended today
<b>Pledge of Allegiance</b>		Meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance  Roll call was taken
<b>Secretary Report Carol Ann S</b>	Minutes of the January meeting were distributed by mail and email	<b>Motion:</b> A motion was made by (Jim J) and seconded (Brad B) to approve the minutes. <b>Minutes approved.</b>
<b>Treasurer Report Kathy R</b>	Income and expenses were reviewed for January: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Income includes: private donors</li> <li>• Expenditures included: phone bill, one scholarship, stamps, ICBYR signs, Braham Area Chamber of Commerce dues, postage for troop mailings at Christmas (\$105.48) direct assistance to veterans (\$611.42)</li> </ul>	Report to be set aside for audit. (Brad B & Susan M)  Our gratitude to our donors

<p><b>Chair's Report</b> <b>Jim R</b></p>	<p><b>Veterans issues:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- CVSO request – veteran needs assistance with electric bill - \$182.25</li> </ul> <p><b>BTYR East Central Regional Meeting:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Jim attended the Jan 28 meeting via Zoom. Four in attendance. Will have next meeting in person</li> </ul> <p><b>February Executive Board Meeting</b></p> <p><b>Thank You Notes:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Thank you note received from Major General Manke, MN National Guard Adjutant General for ICBYR of soldiers at Christmas</li> </ul>	<p>Information accepted</p>
<p><b>Committee Reports:</b></p>	<p><b>Website/Social Media Committee:</b></p> <p><b>Website Report:</b> Scott F via email</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 59, 661 visitors to the website (1,136 since last meeting)</li> <li>• Friends page updated with new ad discount for veterans from Isanti-Chisago newspaper</li> <li>• All minutes and agendas updated</li> <li>• Calendar updated</li> </ul> <p><b>FaceBook Report:</b> Susan</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Password obtained from Kerri</li> <li>• Will post BTYR “Coffee Talk” information (see below)</li> </ul> <p><b>Resource/Brochure Committee Report:</b> Gail F</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Nothing new to report</li> </ul> <p><b>Billboard Committee:</b> Brad B</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Citizen reported that the ICBYR sign on County 28 near Blue Lake was damaged in the recent wind storm. Will repair/replace when weather permits.</li> <li>• Sign by County Fairgrounds and County 2 needs to be checked for damage (Cambridge Township Hall)</li> <li>• Four new signs received from Jill’s signs. Six more coming</li> <li>• Will need to decide where new signs will go</li> </ul> <p><b>Community Service Resource Coordinator:</b> Carol Ann S.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Attended January Triad meeting</li> <li>• ICBYR Scholarship information in North 65 Chamber of Commerce Monday mailbag for last 2 weeks</li> </ul> <p><b>BYR Friends Coordinator:</b> Susan M</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Nothing to report</li> </ul> <p><b>Packages for the Deployed Community Liaison:</b> Dan J.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Spent last week scouting for treats for troop boxes, looking for deals on snacks</li> <li>• Currently 6 deployed that we know of</li> <li>• Working with DOT pretzels, waiting for picture from USS Eisenhower</li> </ul>	<p>Information accepted</p> <p>Information accepted</p> <p>Information accepted</p>





	<p><b>Congregational Committee:</b> (position open)</p> <p><b>School Liaison:</b> Bruce D</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Military family information sent to all schools except C-I schools. They have a new process where you need to purchase a membership in PEACHJar and then that company sends the information to parents. Membership starts at \$500, ICBYR will not purchase this. Will brainstorm other ways to get information disseminated</li> <li>• CHIS will advertise the ICBYR scholarships</li> <li>• CHIS has received the flags they requested. ICBYR facilitated the process. Isanti VFW paid for the flags and they were ordered through the Cambridge American Legion</li> </ul> <p><b>Law Enforcement Liaison:</b> Jesse</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Met with Scott and has received decals and other materials. Will disperse as needed</li> </ul> <p><b>Scholarship Committee:</b> Bruce D &amp; Dan J</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Advertising to newspapers, schools, community organizations, sportsmen organization, fraternal &amp; veteran organizations by all committee members</li> <li>• Waiting to hear about an on air interview from KBK</li> <li>• Thank you Gail for updating scholarship poster</li> <li>• Thanks to Jim J for bringing the ICBYR information to the Cambridge American Legion</li> <li>• Scholarship applications due March 31</li> <li>• Overview of 2 scholarships available from Cambridge American Legion – contact Dan J for questions</li> </ul> <p><b>Fundraising:</b> Gail G</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No dinner dance this year</li> <li>• No fundraising planned until the golf tournament</li> </ul>	<p>Information accepted</p> <p>Information accepted</p> <p>Information accepted</p> <p>Information accepted</p>
<p><b>Upcoming Events</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• None at this time</li> </ul>	
<p><b>YYROC Report:</b> Rachel J Via email</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>BTYR East Central Regional Meeting</b> - January 28</li> <li>• <b>BTYR Coffee Talk</b> – every other Wednesday via Zoom (see below) – next meeting February 24 – may use same zoom link for every meeting</li> <li>• <b>Deployment of Soldiers</b> from the B Company, 1<sup>st</sup> General Support Aviation Battalion, 171<sup>st</sup> Aviation Regiment based in St. Cloud, Minnesota, will deploy to Kuwait and Iraq for a nine-month mission in support of Operation Inherent Resolve and Operation Spartan Shield. Troops from Princeton &amp; East Bethel.</li> <li>• <b>Bill's Wish team</b> - a nonprofit in Lindstrom whose mission focuses on veterans and their families and offers mental and chemical health services,</li> </ul>	<p>Information accepted</p>


	<p>providing education and awareness, and reducing the stigma associated with seeking help for these issues.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Joining Community Forces Conference</b> May 14 at Camp Ripley – in person and virtual. Includes SAVE Training for suicide prevention.</li> <li>• <b>April – Month of the Military Child</b></li> </ul>	
<b>Old Business</b>	None	
<b>New Business:</b>	<p><b>Vote on Veterans Needs:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– CVSO request – veteran needs assistance with electric bill - \$182.25</li> </ul>	<p><b>Motion:</b> A motion was made by (Jim J) and seconded (Dan J) to pay the electric bill. <b>Motion approved.</b></p>
<b>Open Agenda</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• National Guard Members may qualify for a 2020 subtraction for service <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– National Guard members called to State Active Duty by Governor Walz in 2020 and who received additional compensation for their service may qualify for a <b>Military Pay Subtraction</b> on their 2020 MN Individual Income Tax return</li> <li>– Guard members qualify if they received federally taxable active-duty pay for services or compensation for training and meetings under any of these laws: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• S. Code, Title 32</li> <li>• Minnesota Statute 190.05, subdivision 5a(1)</li> <li>• Minnesota Statute 290.0132, subdivision 11b</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>Contact the MN Department of Revenue for questions</p>	Information accepted
<b>Open Agenda</b>	<p><b><u>Avalon Network</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– <b>Gary Sinise Foundation Avalon Network</b>, a new nationwide cognitive health and mental wellness network providing transformative care to veterans and first responders experiencing post-traumatic stress, traumatic brain injuries, and substance abuse. The Gary Sinise Foundation Avalon Network addresses the epidemic of invisible wounds that afflict not just our nation’s veterans and first responders, but their families as well.</li> </ul>	Information accepted
<b>Open Agenda</b>	<p><b><u>Pine City Blue Star Moms:</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fundraiser for Linden Grove Apartments in St. Cloud – veteran low income housing. Donations used to buy linens, cleaning supplies and essential items.</li> </ul>	Information accepted

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Donate now through March 15 to the “Veteran’s Basic Necessities Challenge”</li> <li>• See the Pine City Blue Star Moms FaceBook page or send to them at PO Box 258, Pine City, MN 55063</li> <li>• Donations will be matched by PCBSM up to \$1500</li> </ul>	
<b>Open Agenda</b>	<p><b><u>March ICBYR Meeting</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Discussion on whether to hold March ICBYR meeting in person or via Zoom. Will hold via Zoom</li> <li>• Hope to meet in person in April</li> </ul>	Information accepted
<b>Adjournment</b>		<p><b>Motion:</b> A motion was made by (Doug M) and seconded (Jim J) to adjourn meeting. <b>Motion approved &amp; meeting adjourned at 2010</b></p>

Submitted by: Carol Ann Smith, ICBYR Secretary

**Next Meeting: March 18, 2021 via Zoom 7:00 pm**

<b>February Task Force Meeting PowerPoint</b>	 February 2021 Task Force Meeting.ppt
<b>BTYR Coffee Talk</b>	<p><b><u>BTYR Coffee Talk</u></b></p> <p>This Wednesday, February 24th from 8:00-9:00 a.m. we will be having our BTYR Coffee Talk with guest speaker Mary Kay Ziniewicz, Founder, Bus Stop Mamas! This is open to anyone who would like to learn more about military-connected resources throughout the state.</p> <p><a href="#">CLICK HERE</a> to join or via:  Zoom Meeting ID: 863 3769 5200  Passcode / Password: 947 159</p>
<b>Twin Cities VA Suicide Prevention Coalition Toolkits</b>	 Policy Toolkit .pptx  TC Healthcare Toolkit Final Final  TC Military Culture Toolkit (AS final edit)

<b>Deployment Fact Sheet</b>	 1-194 Fact Sheet.pdf
<b>February Military History</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>February 9, 1943</b> - 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.</li> <li>• <b>February 10, 1942</b> - The first Medal of Honor during World War II was awarded to 2nd Lt. Alexander Nininger (posthumously) for heroism during the Battle of Bataan.</li> <li>• <b>February 17, 1865</b> - 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.</li> <li>• <b>February 27, 1991</b> - 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</li> </ul>
<b>Viewable Link for ICBYR Goggle Sign Map:</b>	<a href="https://www.google.com/maps/d/viewer?mid=19P7VjNkq81qUQQF281XcPCLhvf91gk1O&amp;ll=45.58600856114631%2C-93.29518274999998&amp;z=11">https://www.google.com/maps/d/viewer?mid=19P7VjNkq81qUQQF281XcPCLhvf91gk1O&amp;ll=45.58600856114631%2C-93.29518274999998&amp;z=11</a>
<b>Link to the Military Action Group:</b>	<a href="https://www.revisor.mn.gov/bills/status_result.php?body=House&amp;search=committee&amp;session=0902017&amp;committee_id=90022&amp;submit_committee=GO">https://www.revisor.mn.gov/bills/status_result.php?body=House&amp;search=committee&amp;session=0902017&amp;committee_id=90022&amp;submit_committee=GO</a>
<b>Veterans Crisis Line</b>	1-800-273-8255 Press 1