

Isanti County Beyond the Yellow Ribbon Task Force
Meeting via Zoom

Meeting Minutes March 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	x	Curtis A	x	John W		Chris C
x	Kathy R		Richard N		Curt H		Pauline A
x	Carol Ann S	x	Mary F	x	Dan J		Heidi B
x	Jim J	x	Bob F	x	Doug M		Terry L
	David O		Randy H	x	Nanci M		Cathy B
	Dan M (CVSO)		Walt M	x	Erin Y (CVSO office)		
x	Jesse P		Pam M		Robin, Sgt Bryan	x	Lil F – S&FRS
x	Brad B	x	Sean W		Deanna B		Rachel J - YYROC
x	Bruce D		Jessica H		Ben B		Guest:
	Brent L	x	Andrea D (DEED)		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 Thanks to all who attended today
Pledge of Allegiance		Meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance Roll call was taken
Secretary Report Carol Ann S	Minutes of the February meeting were distributed by mail and email	Motion: A motion was made by (Curtis A) and seconded (Susan M) to approve the minutes. Minutes approved.
Treasurer Report Kathy R	Income and expenses were reviewed for February: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Income includes: private donors Expenditures included: phone bill, ad in Isanti County Community Guide, direct assistance to veterans (\$182.25) 	Report to be set aside for audit. (Brad B & Jim J) Our gratitude to our donors

<p>Chair's Report Jim R</p>	<p>Veterans issues:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – CVSO request – veteran trailer destroyed in fire – lost everything – working with MAC-V – requests pending – CVSO request – veteran needs grab bars and ramp installed at son's home – Jim R & Gil will do – CVSO request for Holiday fuel only gift cards - 20 cards at \$25 each – CVSO request for Cub gift cards – 5 cards at \$25 each <p>March Board of Directors Meeting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Board is working on ICBYR Bylaws 	<p>Information accepted</p>
<p>Committee Reports:</p>	<p>Website/Social Media Committee:</p> <p>Website Report: Scott F via email</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 60,814 total visitors to the website (1,153 since last meeting) • Tweet sent for tonight's meeting • All minutes and agendas posted <p>FaceBook Report: Susan</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 138 "likes" this month • Picture of January meeting posted (zoom gallery) <p>Resource/Brochure Committee Report: Gail F</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nothing new to report <p>Billboard Committee: Brad B</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ICBYR sign on County 28 near Blue Lake was replaced • Brad will store signs and ramp materials <p>Community Service Resource Coordinator: Carol Ann S.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attended February Triad meeting • Attended North 65 Chamber of Commerce meeting <p>BYR Friends Coordinator: Susan M</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nothing to report <p>Packages for the Deployed Community Liaison: Dan J.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Six troop boxes sent out first week of March • Food was purchased – postage about \$50/box • Dan need magazines and books donated for the next round of mailing <p>Congregational Committee: (position open)</p> <p>School Liaison: Bruce D</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Has sent emails from forward MN National Guard Child & Youth Program • Received a thank you note from CIHS for the flags 	<p>Information accepted</p> <p>Information accepted</p> <p>Information accepted – thank you Dan & Patty</p> <p>Information accepted</p>


	<p>Law Enforcement Liaison: Jesse</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nothing new to report <p>Scholarship Committee: Bruce D & Dan J</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bruce was interviewed by KBEK radio about the scholarship program – thanks to Gail for the contact information • Superintendent of Braham Area Schools spreading the word through the Braham Chamber of Commerce • Application deadline March 31 • Scholarship Committee will meet April 9 to select winners. All notifications to be made no later than April 12 • Discussion on low return of application forms. Decision made to email those who applied in 2020 and did not win to encourage them to re-apply • Discussion on how to attract more non-traditional students • Discussion on process of selection of winners/scoring rubric • Winners will be awarded the Scholarships at the April Task Force meeting <p>Fundraising: Gail G</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Golf tournament September 17, 2021! Save-the-date! 	<p>Information accepted</p> <p>Information accepted</p>
<p>Presentation</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Susan M presented on the Cambridge State Hospital property/Veterans Housing project • Isanti County exploring acquiring this property • Tour of property done by County Commissioners and also group of concerned citizens • Committee members divided up action items and contacted people who may be interested in partnering on this project, such as: union trades, Helmets to Hardhats program, healthcare, vo-tech, MAC-V, MN Housing Project, MDVA • Committee meeting weekly 	<p>Information accepted</p>
<p>Upcoming Events</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ICBYR Golf Tournament September 17, 2021 	
<p>YROC Report: Rachel J Via email</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BTYR Coffee Talk – every other Wednesday via Zoom (see below) – next meetings March 10 & 24, April 7 & 21- use same zoom link for every meeting • Joining Community Forces Conference May 14 at Camp Ripley – in person and virtual. Includes SAVE Training for suicide prevention. Email will be sent with registration details. • April – Month of the Military Child • Lewis Sports Foundation hosted by Southwest Minnesota State University, in coordination with the Minnesota Department of Veterans Affairs and the Beyond the Yellow Ribbon Program, are putting on a Military Kids Youth Sports Fitness Experience. April 24 – Marshall, MN – Free – Children ages 5-15 – contact ICBYR Secretary if you want registration information 	<p>Information accepted</p>




<p>YROC Report: Rachel J Via email</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <p>Post 9/11 Roundtable: Hosted by MN Military & Veterans Museum This monthly roundtable series is part of a sweeping, statewide initiative to gather Minnesota stories, from civilians and service members, about 9/11 and the resulting wars. The museum's Post-9/11 Project will include an exhibition, documentary film and print publication. The third roundtable event will take place on Monday, March 22 at 7 PM. The roundtable will explore the Iran Hostage Crisis and its influence on later events, including 9/11. Our guest will be the son of Ambassador Bruce Laingen (Senior Diplomat during the embassy siege), Chip Laingen. Chip is a retired Navy commander and currently the Executive Director of Defense Alliance. All are welcome to attend and registration is required. An email will be sent with registration details.</p> <p>Veterans Build: Central Minnesota Habitat for Humanity is now accepting applications for a 4-Bedroom 2-Bath home in Sauk Rapids, MN. To qualify you must be a Veteran (active duty, retired and discharges, or family of the fallen). Please ask Secretary for more information</p> 	<p>Information accepted</p>
<p>Old Business</p>	<p>None</p>	
<p>New Business:</p>	<p>Freedom Fest:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jim R attended the Isanti County Fair Board meeting. They are asking if Freedom Fest will be held this year. The date would be July 21st, opening day of the fair. Discussion about Freedom Fest. CVSO unable to organize the event this year, would ICBYR be interested in coordinating? Decision made for ICBYR to plan and host Freedom Fest at the Isanti County Fair this year. A committee will be formed. <p>ICBYR Booth at the Isanti County Fair:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Discussion held if ICBYR wants to have a booth at the Isanti County Fair as we have had in the past. Decision made to have an ICBYR Booth at the Isanti County Fair this year. Secretary to complete application form. <p>Vote on Veterans Needs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> CVSO request for Holiday fuel only gift cards - 20 cards at \$25 each CVSO request for Cub gift cards – 5 cards at \$25 each 	<p>Motion: A motion was made by (Jim J) and seconded (Brad B) for ICBYR to host Freedom Fest at the IC Fair this year. Motion approved.</p> <p>Motion: A motion was made by (Bob F) and seconded (Mary F) for ICBYR to have a booth at the IC Fair this year. Motion approved</p> <p>Motion: A motion was made by (Mary F) and seconded (Jim J) to purchase gift cards for CVSO. Motion approved</p>

<p>Open Agenda</p>	<p><u>Congratulations to Jesse Peck!!</u></p> <p>Officer Peck receives The Isanti County Law Enforcement Association "Lifesaving Award"</p> <p>On Dec. 26, Deputy Sean Connolly and Officer Jesse Peck of the Cambridge Police Department arrived at the scene of a man in cardiac arrest. Upon Connolly's arrival, the man was lying in a hallway not breathing and unresponsive, blue and without a pulse. Connolly began CPR with chest compressions with Peck's help as they determined the cause might be a drug-related overdose. Connolly administered Narcan. Between the CPR and administration of Narcan, the man began to breathe a little. Oxygen was later applied once the man's breathing was more regular. The man went into convulsions, having three seizures. He was transported by ambulance to a hospital alongside Peck's assistance.</p>	<p>Information accepted – Congratulations Jesse!</p>
<p>Open Agenda</p>	<p><u>April ICBYR Meeting</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Will hold April Task Force meeting in person if AFRCC allows. Jim R to check with AFRCC • Plan to award Scholarships in person at April meeting 	<p>Information accepted</p>
<p>Adjournment</p>		<p>Motion: A motion was made by (Mary F) and seconded (Jim J) to adjourn meeting. Motion approved & meeting adjourned at 1958</p>

Submitted by: Carol Ann Smith, ICBYR Secretary

Next Meeting: April 15, 2021 7:00 pm In person at AFRCC

<p>March Task Force Meeting PowerPoint</p>	<p> March 2021 Task Force Meeting.pdf</p>
<p>BTYR Coffee Talk</p>	<p><u>BTYR Coffee Talk: March 10 & 24; April 7 & 21</u> CLICK HERE to join or via: Zoom Meeting ID: 863 3769 5200 Passcode / Password: 947 159</p>

Twin Cities VA Suicide Prevention Coalition Toolkits	 Policy Toolkit .pptx  TC Healthcare Toolkit Final  TC Military Culture Toolkit (AS final edit)
March Military History	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • March 1, 1961 – President John F Kennedy established the Peace Corps • March 2, 1943 - During WWII, a Japanese convoy was attacked by 137 American bombers as the Battle of Bismarck Sea began • March 9, 1864 – Ulysses S. Grant was commissioned as a Lieutenant General and became commander of the Union armies. • March 10, 1862 - The first issue of U.S. government paper money occurred as \$5, \$10 and \$20 bills began circulation. • By 1969, at the peak of U.S. involvement in the Vietnam War, more than 500,000 U.S. military personnel were involved in the Vietnam conflict. The average age of the American soldiers was 21 • March 19, 2003 - The United States launched an attack against Iraq to topple dictator Saddam Hussein from power
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