

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

Meeting Minutes April 15, 2021

Member Attendance:

x	Jim R		Erven S.	x	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	x	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		Nanci M		Cathy B
	Dan M (CVSO)		Walt M	x	Erin Y (CVSO office)		
	Jesse P		Pam M		Robin, Sgt Bryan	x	Lil F – S&FRS
	Brad B	x	Sean W		Deanna B	x	Rachel J - YYROC
x	Bruce D		Jessica H		Ben B		Guest:
	Brent L		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
Pledge of Allegiance		Meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance
Secretary Report Carol Ann S	Minutes of the March meeting were distributed by mail and email	Motion: A motion was made by (Susan M) and seconded (Rachel J) to approve the minutes. Minutes approved.
Treasurer Report Kathy R	Income and expenses were reviewed for March: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Income includes: private donors • Expenditures included: phone bill, gas & grocery gift cards for CVSO 	Report to be set aside for audit. (Jim J & Mary F) Our gratitude to our donors
Chair's Report Jim R	<u>Veterans issues:</u> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. MAC-V request – need bed frames, mattresses, box springs (twin & full), linens and pillows for homeless veteran and grandchild moving into permanent housing in Cambridge b. CVSO – veteran no longer needs ramp – thanks to Scott & Brad for taking the ramp down c. CVSO – veteran needs ramp – Jim & Dave assessed 	Information accepted

	<p>d. CVSO – veteran needs handrails installed at home – thanks to Gil for installing</p> <p>Thank You Note:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> From veteran who no longer needed ramp. Also gave monetary donation and 2 extension cords <p>April Board of Directors Meeting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Please see minutes sent by email 	<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"> 62,332 total visitors to the website (1,518 since last meeting) Tweet sent for tonight’s meeting All minutes and agendas updated Will take scholarship information down <p>FaceBook Report: Susan</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 35 new Friends this month <p>Resource/Brochure Committee Report: Gail F</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nothing new to report <p>Billboard Committee: Jim R for Brad B</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ICBYR sign on County 28 near Blue Lake down again Awaiting new signs from Jill <p>Community Service Resource Coordinator: Carol Ann S.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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 troops deployed or serving overseas Met S&FRS tonight in person Took donated hardcover books to the library. Library gives ICBYR paperback books in exchange, easier to mail Difficult to know when troops are home and no longer need boxes. S&FRS will get an email saying “no longer accepting mail”, which can help us <p>Congregational Committee: (position open)</p> <p>School Liaison: Bruce D</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> New school in Cambridge “Woodland” has requested flags for outside the school and in the gymnasium. Bruce will arrange for this through our usual process. 	<p>Information accepted</p> <p>Information accepted</p> <p>Information accepted</p> <p>Information accepted</p>

	<p>Law Enforcement Liaison: Jesse</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"> 2021 Scholarships will be presented tonight to two very worthy recipients. Welcome to the winners and their families! <p>Fundraising: Gail G</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Golf tournament September 17, 2021! Save-the-date! There has been an increase in anonymous donations from organizations such as Benevity and Thrivent 	<p>Information accepted</p> <p>Information accepted</p>
<p>Upcoming Events</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Braham Appreciation Days – June 6 Isanti Rodeo Parade – July 8 Freedom Fest – July 21 Isanti County Fair – July 21-25 ICBYR Golf Tournament September 17, 2021 	<p>Information accepted</p>
<p>YYROC Report: Rachel J</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> BTYR Coffee Talk – every other Wednesday via Zoom (see below) – next meetings May 5 & 19- use same zoom link for every meeting Joining Community Forces Conference May 14 at Camp Ripley – in person and virtual 0800-1530. Includes SAVE Training for suicide prevention. Link for registration: https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/62BWBKX April – Month of the Military Child Letter from the Governor direct link https://mn.gov/mdva/news/events/?id=1066-471762. Governor Tim Walz will send children of military members and Veterans a letter of gratitude in honor of their service and sacrifice. Post 9/11 Roundtable: Hosted by MN Military & Veterans Museum The Minnesota Military & Veterans Museum on their Post-9/11 Roundtable series will be hosting two roundtable events April 12th and 26th. 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. This month's event will be a doubleheader, with roundtable discussions on both Monday, April 12 at 7 PM and Monday, April 26 at 7 PM. The first roundtable will discuss the Morning of 9/11, featuring speakers Scott Wallace (WTC Survivor) and Mariah Jacobson (Daughter of Tom Burnett), and the second will cover The Aftermath of 9/11, featuring speakers General Joseph Votel and Dr. Andrew Baker. All are welcome to attend and registration is required. An email will be sent with registration details. <p>Also, the MN Task Force for 9/11 Remembrance will have a ceremony on 9/11</p>	<p>Information accepted</p> <p>Information accepted</p>

<p>YYROC Report: Rachel J</p>	<p><u>Meals From the Heart:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BTYR has a great support opportunity to offer! We are partnering with Meals from the Heart to offer food boxes to our Service Members and their families. Meals from the Heart is a non-profit organization located in Stillwater, MN. The program helps families struggling with food insecurity stretch their food budget by offering pre-packaged food boxes filled with a selection of familiar and quality grocery items at substantial savings. Each box contains a variety of quality shelf stable food items that can be used to create several healthy and flavorful meals. Boxes also include tips, meal-planning tools and some recipes. • This will be a PILOT project that will run from the end of May to August / September. We are estimating being able to provide 200 meal boxes to service members and their families during this pilot. <p><u>SUPPORT OPPORTUNITY:</u> We are currently looking for financial support for this pilot project. The food cost approximately \$30 per box. We are looking at raising \$6,000 to go toward the program. There will also be opportunities for meal packing, storing and transporting goods in the future.</p> <p>For more information on Meals from the Heart check out their website: https://mealsfromtheheart.org</p> <p><u>MN State Fair SAVE THE DATE: August 31st</u> We are proceeding with plans for Military Appreciation Day at the MN State Fair. This will be our 10th year and many have sent volunteers from your organizations to help make this day successful. The theme this year will be: Honoring the Journey of Service – Past, Present and Future.</p> <p>The date has been set for Tuesday August 31st and as you can imagine, plans have been a moving target to accommodate the state’s pandemic protocols. There is the possibility of limiting the amount of volunteers and events we will be able to have throughout the day, a more scaled down version of what we have had in the past. We are meeting regularly with the fair to make plans.</p> <p><u>2021 Military Mental Health Conference – “Finding the Way Forward”</u> Virtual Conference May 7th https://www.militarymentalhealthcoalition.com/annual-conference</p> <p><u>State Active Duty</u> Some MN National Guard units have been activated for State Active Duty in the Twin Cities. About 3,000 troops have been activated. BYR working to provide needed snacks, beverages and hygiene items. Will let ICBYR know if donations are needed.</p>	<p>Information accepted</p> <p>Information accepted</p>
<p>Old Business</p>	<p>None</p>	





New Business:	<p>MAC-V request – need bed frames (\$21.38), mattresses (\$300), box springs (twin & full) (\$199.57), linens and pillows (\$300 Walmart gift card) for homeless veteran and grandchild moving into permanent housing in Cambridge. Total request \$820.95</p> <p>Discussion on participation in: Braham Appreciation Days – June 5 Isanti Rodeo Parade – July 8 Braham Pie Day – August 6 MN State Fair Military Appreciation Day – August 31</p> <p>Discussion on where to store float</p>	<p>Motion: A motion was made by (Bruce D) and seconded (Bob F) for ICBYR purchase these items. Motion approved.</p> <p>After discussion, all agreed ICBYR should participate in these events</p>
Open Agenda	<p><u>Veterans’ H.O.P.E. On The River</u></p> <p>Housing – Opportunities – Purpose - Employment</p> <p>Susan gave an update on the potential conveyance of the former State hospital grounds (64 acres) from DHS to Isanti County, and the project to utilize the buildings for housing for homeless veterans and vocational projects.</p> <p>Data from Pine, Isanti, Chisago, Kanabec, Mille Lacs & Anoka counties shows women and families underserved with 116 female veterans and 69 male veterans on the homeless registry.</p> <p>Discussions held with potential partners such as Pine City Technical College, Helmets to Hardhats, Carpenter and Bricklayer unions. Logo created and mission and vision statements are being created. A facilities study is being done of the buildings. Zoom meeting done with MDVA and the MN Housing Project.</p> <p>Legislation was filed April 9th. House File 2744 sponsored by Brian Johnson.</p>	<p>Information accepted</p>
Open Agenda	<p><u>Request from Cambridge ECRL:</u></p> <p>Would local veterans and their families like to send the library titles of their favorite books and movies? If so, the library would create a display of these items during May</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kirsten Vaughan, Branch Librarian • East Central Regional Library (ECRL) • Send book and movie title names to ICBYR gmail or kvaughan@ecrlib.org 	<p>Information accepted</p>
Open Agenda	<p>April is Volunteer Month -</p> <p>As of July 2020, the estimated national value of each volunteer hour is \$27.20.</p>	<p>THANK YOU VOLUNTEERS!!</p>

	ICBYR Volunteers donated approximately 835 hours in 2020! A monetary equivalent of \$22,712!!	
Open Agenda	<p>1st Annual “Pine City Beyond the Yellow Ribbon” fundraising golf scramble!</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pine City Country Club • 10413 Golf Course Rd SW, Pine City MN 55063 • Saturday June 26th, 2021 • Registration starts at 1:30 pm • 3:00 pm Shotgun start • 9 holes - 4 person scramble • \$50/person or \$200/team • Registration includes dinner and cart rental! • Mulligans • Silent Auction • Other Prizes • Call Mindy at 320-630-1418 or Mary at 612-202-9177 to reserve a spot for your team! 	Information accepted
Presentation of 2021 Scholarships	<p><u>Congratulations to Jocelyn & Kenzie!!</u></p> <p><u>Jocelyn Irwin:</u></p> <p>CIHS Senior, eligible through father who served in the MN National Guard. Planning on attending college for elementary & early childhood education</p> <p><u>Kenzie Kutney:</u></p> <p>CIHS Senior, eligible through father who served in the MN National Guard. Planning on attending college for nursing</p>	<p>Congratulations!!</p> <p>Thank you Dan for bringing the treats!</p>
Adjournment		<p>Motion: A motion was made by (Bruce D) and seconded (Kathy R) to adjourn meeting. Motion approved & meeting adjourned at 1955</p>
A Message from Lil F.	Lil F., the Soldier & Family Readiness Specialist, sent this email after the Task Force meeting:	

	<p>What a great turnout you had yesterday!! And the recipients of the Scholarships, what great kids!</p> <p>As I was looking around the room at all of your group, this is the quote that came to mind, at it is spot on about you guys!</p> <p>“Volunteers are the only human beings on the face of the earth who reflect the nation’s compassion, unselfish caring, patience, and just plain loving one another.”</p> <p>~Erma Bombeck</p> <p>Thank you for letting me see the great works of kindness your organization contributes to your fellow human beings.</p> <p>Very Respectfully,</p> <p>Lillian M. Forseth Soldier & Family Readiness Specialist Minnesota Army National Guard – Cambridge Office: 651-282-4031 Email: lillian.m.forseth.civ@mail.mil</p>	
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Submitted by: Carol Ann Smith, ICBYR Secretary

Next Meeting: May 20, 2021 7:00 pm In person at AFRCC

April Task Force Meeting PowerPoint	 April 2021 Task Force Meeting for r
BTYR Coffee Talk	<u>BTYR Coffee Talk: May 5 and 19</u> CLICK HERE to join or via: Zoom Meeting ID: 863 3769 5200 Passcode / Password: 947 159
Twin Cities VA Suicide Prevention Coalition Toolkits	 Policy Toolkit .pptx  TC Healthcare Toolkit Final  TC Military Culture Toolkit Final (0Toolkit (AS final edit)
April Military History	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • April 9, 1865 - After over 500,000 American deaths, the Civil War effectively ended as General Robert E. Lee surrendered to General Ulysses S. Grant in the village of Appomattox Court House. • April 10, 1942 - During World War II, the Bataan Death March began as American and Filipino prisoners were forced on a six-day march from an airfield on Bataan to a camp near Cabanatuan.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • April 10, 1945 - The Nazi concentration camp at Buchenwald was liberated by U.S. troops. • April 12, 1861 - The American Civil War began as Confederate troops opened fire at 4:30 a.m. on Fort Sumter in Charleston, South Carolina
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