

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

Meeting Minutes May 20, 2021

Member Attendance:

	Jim R		Erven S.		Scott F		Karla D
	Susan M		Kerri K		Adam F		
x	Gail G	x	Curtis A		John W		Chris C
x	Kathy R	x	Richard N		Curt H		Pauline A
x	Carol Ann S		Mary F		Dan J		Heidi B
x	Jim J		Bob F		Doug M		Terry L
	David O		Randy H		Nanci M		Cathy B
	Dan M (CVSO)		Walt M		Erin Y (CVSO office)		
x	Jesse P		Pam M		Robin, Sgt Bryan		Lil F – S&FRS
x	Brad B		Sean W		Deanna B		Rachel J - YYROC
	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 1901 by BOD Member Gail G
Pledge of Allegiance		Meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance
Special Guest	Ole Oleson was present to invite everyone to the “Ole & Friends” Variety Show in Cambridge City Park June 3 rd at 6:30 pm. The first of the summer in the park concerts.	Information accepted
Secretary Report Carol Ann S	Minutes of the April meeting were distributed by mail and email	Motion: A motion was made by (Jim J) and seconded (Brad B) to approve the minutes. Minutes approved.
Treasurer Report Kathy R	Income and expenses were reviewed for April: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Income includes: a \$3000 donation from Isanti VFW for ramps, private donors Expenditures included: phone bill, direct support to veterans (\$820.95), one 2020 scholarship, postage for troop packages (\$264.50), scholarship night treats 	Our gratitude to our donors
Chair’s Report Jim R (Gail)	Veterans issues: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – CVSO – veteran request assistance with changing a high light bulb and some painting - Jim R has called veteran and son – CVSO – someone would like to donate a ramp – Jim R, Brad and Gil will pick this up 	Information accepted

	<p>Thank You Notes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • From deployed service member who received a package • From Chaplain of Task Force Bayonet for Christmas package <p>May Board of Directors Meeting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 990N filed • Revising Action Plan • Bylaws approved • Please see meeting summary sent by email <p>Presentation of ICBYR Bylaws:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Articles 1-4 (please refer to PowerPoint attachment for details) 	Information accepted
<p>Committee Reports:</p>	<p>Website/Social Media Committee:</p> <p>Website Report: Scott F via email</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 64,001 total visitors to the website (1,669 since last meeting) • Photos of scholarship winners posted • Tweet sent for tonight’s meeting (N=40) • All minutes and agendas updated <p>FaceBook Report: Susan</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No report this month <p>Resource/Brochure Committee Report: Gail F</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Purchased 2 magnets for car/pick-up doors for events 12”x24” <p>Billboard Committee: Jim R for Brad B</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Brad picked up some of the new signs from Jill. Will have 18 single sided and 2 double sided • Gil & Brad put up 2 new signs – Cambridge Township Hall and Blue Lake – need to paint – need 2x6 to hold • Brad now storing all signs, ramps and the float for ICBYR – THANK YOU! <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"> • No report – Chair absent <p>Packages for the Deployed Community Liaison: Dan J.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No report – Chair absent <p>Congregational Committee: (position open)</p> <p>School Liaison: Bruce D</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All veterans invited to “Silent Dismissal” at Cambridge Primary School May 28th – see email for instructions. RSVP to ICBYR Secretary or Trina Godfrey at Cambridge Primary School 	<p>Information accepted</p> <p>Information accepted</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"> • Discussion on changing 2021 Scholarship amount to \$2500 – see Old Business for vote <p>Fundraising: Gail G</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Golf tournament September 17, 2021! Save-the-date! • Many volunteers will be needed. Sign up for Committee or to help the day of the tournament 	<p>Information accepted</p> <p>Information accepted</p> <p>Information accepted</p>
<p>Upcoming Events</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Braham Appreciation Days – June 5 Meet in Braham Area High School parking lot at 11:30 am Look for Sean’s pick-up with ICBYR signage Parade at noon • Isanti Rodeo Days Jubilee Parade – July 8 • Freedom Fest – July 21 • Isanti County Fair – July 21-25 • Braham Pie Day – August 6 • ICBYR Golf Tournament – September 17 	<p>Information accepted</p>
<p>YROC Report: Rachel J</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BTYR Coffee Talk – every other Wednesday via Zoom (see below) – use same zoom link for every meeting • May is Mental Health Awareness Month • <u>Veterans Wellness Passport</u> Through United Way A program to improve physical and mental health while building community in northeastern Minnesota www.unitedwaynemn.org/ufv-wellness Signup is absolutely free! For more details: Call 218-254-3329 Email info@unitedwaynemn.org Visit www.unitedwaynemn.org/ufv-well • <u>RentHelpMN</u> Is a program that was created to help Minnesotans who have fallen behind on their rent or fear that they could. RentHekpMN is currently working with renters who owe back rent. Those who owe back rent and meet the eligibility requirements may apply for all offered assistance. This is offered to all Minnesotans. If you know of a service member or a veteran in need of assistance with this process please refer them to the County Veteran Service Office, MAC-V or the Soldier & Family Readiness Specialist for assistance. For more information: https://www.renthelpmn.org • <u>Bridge to Benefits</u> Bridge to Benefits is a project by the Children's Defense Fund of Minnesota to improve the well-being of families and individuals by linking them to public work support programs and tax credits. By answering a few simple questions, you will be able to see if you or someone else may be 	<p>Information accepted</p> <p>Information accepted</p>

<p>YYROC Report: Rachel J</p>	<p>eligible for public work support programs. They will NOT ask for any identifying information. This is FREE and confidential. For more information and to see if an individual qualifies: http://www.bridgetobenefits.org/Home2</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <p><u>Middle River Veteran Outdoors</u> Is an organization for the sole purpose of providing no cost outdoor recreation opportunities for any and all veterans. To participate in one of Middle River Veterans Outdoors events all you need is the appropriate fishing or hunting license, seasonal outdoor clothing and the desire to have a great time in the company of other veterans. Food, ammunition, bait, blinds and other supplies are furnished. They also have guns and fishing gear for those that need them. August 17th-20th, 2021 - Charter Boat Fishing at Slims Resort on Lake of the Woods - 24 Spots Available - Proudly sponsored by "Humana Insurance" September, 11 2021 - Youth Waterfowl Hunt - 20 Spots Available September, 18 2021 - Disabled Veterans Goose Hunt - 20 Spots Available - Proudly sponsored by "MN Disabled American Veterans Chapter 7" October 14th-17th, 2021 - Deer Hunting - 10 Spots Available - Proudly sponsored by "MN Disabled American Veterans Chapter 41" November, 2021 TBA - Pheasant Hunting in South Dakota</p> <p>To be considered for any of these events please complete and return the application at least 20 days prior to the event. You can find an application at http://mrveteransoutdoors.com/wp-content/uploads/2017/04/Event-Application-1.pdf For more information: http://mrveteransoutdoors.com</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <p>MN Elks Youth Camp Four sessions Each week incorporate "Troop Kids" For more information: www.mnelksyouthcamp.org/troops-week.html</p> <p>St Cloud Standdown – June 25 – see flyer in PowerPoint for details or call 320-428-0578</p> 	<p>Information accepted</p> <p>Information accepted</p>
<p>Old Business</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <p>Discussion held on increasing amount of 2021 Scholarship award to \$2500 After lengthy discussion vote taken</p> 	<p>Motion: A motion was made by (Bruce D) and seconded (Jesse P) to increase the amount of the 2021 Scholarships to \$2500 each. Motion approved</p>
<p>New Business:</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <p>None at this time</p> 	

Open Agenda	<p><u>Veterans’ H.O.P.E. On The River</u></p> <p>Housing – Opportunities – Purpose - Employment</p> <p>Awaiting vote from legislators</p> <p>Susan spoke with Kurt Daudt today, states vote should occur June 14th</p>	Information accepted
Open Agenda	<p>“Silent Dismissal” at Cambridge Primary School – May 28th</p> <p>Arrive about 2:30 at Cambridge Primary School at 310 Elm Street North in Cambridge</p> <p>Wear something that will identify you as a Veteran</p> <p>Event from 2:45 – 3:15 pm</p> <p>RSVP to Carol Ann or Trina Godfrey</p> <p>tgodfrey@c-ischools.org</p>	Information accepted
Open Agenda	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Polaris Battalion Car Show – June 19 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – AFRCC 0900-1200 – Proceeds split between ICBYR and Polaris Battalion 	Information accepted
Open Agenda	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A reminder ICBYR is the featured non-profit organization for the Cambridge City Center Market “Round It Up” program for May • “Operation Home Front” at Dollar Tree for school supplies runs from July 5 – August 5 	Information accepted
Adjournment		<p>Motion: A motion was made by (Jim J) and seconded by (Richard N) to adjourn meeting.</p> <p>Motion approved & meeting adjourned at 2015</p>

Submitted by: Carol Ann Smith, ICBYR Secretary

Next Meeting: June 17, 2021 7:00 pm In person at AFRCC

May Task Force Meeting PowerPoint	 May 2021 Task Force Meeting.ppt
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 Final  TC Military Culture Toolkit (AS final edit)
May Military History	May 5, 1865 - Decoration Day was first observed in the U.S., with the tradition of decorating soldiers' graves from the Civil War with flowers. The observance date was later moved to May 30th and included American graves from World War I and World War II, and became better known as Memorial Day.
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