

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

**Meeting Minutes October 21, 2021**

**Member Attendance:**

x	Jim R		Erven S.		Scott F		Karla D
x	Susan M		Kerri K		Adam F		
	Gail G	x	Curtis A		John W		Chris C
x	Kathy R		Richard N		Curt H		Pauline A
	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
x	Dan M (CVSO)		Walt M		Erin Y (CVSO office)		
	Jesse P		Pam M		Robin, Sgt Bryan		Adam V – S&FRS
	Brad B		Sean W		Deanna B		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:

<b>Agenda Item</b>	<b>Discussion</b>	<b>Motions/Action Taken</b>
<b>Call to Order</b>		Meeting was called to Order at 1915 by Jim R
<b>Pledge of Allegiance</b>		Meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance
<b>Secretary Report</b>	Minutes of the September meeting were distributed by mail and email  Thank you Sean!	<b>Motion:</b> A motion was made by (Susan M) and seconded (Curtis A) to approve the minutes. <b>Minutes approved.</b>
<b>Treasurer Report</b> <b>Kathy R</b>	Income and expenses were reviewed for September: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Income includes: golf tournament and private donor</li> <li>• Expenditures included: phone bill, golf tournament expenses, direct support to veterans (\$3,189.31), gas cards for CVSO office (\$375)</li> </ul>	Report accepted and set aside for Our gratitude to our donors
<b>Chair's Report</b> <b>Jim R (Gail)</b>	<b><u>Veterans issues:</u></b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. CVSO – request for food for veteran family with recent death – family given \$200 gift card to Walmart</li> <li>b. CVSO - request for handicap ramp – will be installed</li> <li>c. CVSO – request for gift cards (\$25 each), 25 for Cub Foods and 15 for Holiday gas (fuel only card) – approved and purchased</li> <li>d. CVSO – request funds to assist veteran with rent and electric bill – ECE \$151.21 + late fee \$2.27 = \$153.48 and rent \$1054.00 – see New Business for vote</li> </ol>	Information accepted

	<p>e. Self Referral – man writing to ask for snow plowing assistance for daughter-in-law while his son is deployed with MN National Guard. Returning late January or early February. Isanti address. – Will help this spouse</p> <p>f. Request from CPT Mercier at 850<sup>th</sup> HEC for funds to pay for soldiers to register for suicide awareness 5K run – denied by Board, does not meet mission</p> <p>g. Request from CPT Mercier at 850<sup>th</sup> HEC for funds Holiday party – more information requested</p> <p>h. Support for local Veteran’s Day dinners – see New Business for vote</p> <p><b>October Board of Directors Meeting:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Open Committee Chair Positions</b> Packages for the Deployed Text message from Dan J Congregational Community Liaison</li> <li>• <b>Senior Resource Fair</b> – booth staffed by Kathy &amp; Carol Ann – went well</li> <li>• <b>Please see meeting summary sent by email</b></li> </ul> <p><b>Presentation of ICBYR Bylaws:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Articles 9-14</b> (please refer to PowerPoint attachment for details)</li> </ul>	<p>Information accepted</p> <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</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No report – Chair absent</li> </ul> <p><b>FaceBook Report:</b> Susan M</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ICBYR FaceBook page continues to gain more Friends</li> <li>• Received permission from Rachel J YROC to post state BTYR events</li> </ul> <p><b>Resource/Brochure Committee Report:</b> Gail G</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No report – Chair absent</li> </ul> <p><b>Billboard Committee:</b> Brad B</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No report – Chair absent</li> </ul> <p><b>Community Service Resource Coordinator:</b> Carol Ann S.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No report – Chair absent</li> </ul> <p><b>BYR Friends Coordinator:</b> Susan M</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Applications being sent to 2 businesses interested in becoming ICBYR Friends</li> </ul> <p><b>Packages for the Deployed Community Liaison:</b> (position open)</p> <p><b>Congregational Committee:</b> (position open)</p> <p><b>School Liaison:</b> Bruce D</p>	<p>Information accepted</p>


	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Asking for support for schools on upcoming referendum</li> </ul> <p><b>Law Enforcement Liaison:</b> Jesse</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No report – Chair absent</li> </ul> <p><b>Scholarship Committee:</b> Bruce D</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Position open on Scholarship Committee due to Dan J’s resignation. Contact Bruce D for more information</li> <li>First meeting at 6:00 pm before November Task Force meeting</li> <li>Requesting amount available from Golf Tournament proceeds</li> </ul> <p><b>Fundraising:</b> Gail G</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No report – Chair absent</li> </ul>	Information accepted
<b>Upcoming Events</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Lighted Snowflake Parade – Cambridge – November 20 – application mailed</li> </ul>	Information accepted
<b>YYROC Report:</b> Rachel J (via email)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Please refer to PowerPoint attached below</li> </ul>	Information accepted
<b>Old Business</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Open Positions for Committee Chairs Congregational Community Liaison and Packages for the Deployed Contact Jim R if interested</li> </ul>	Information accepted
<b>New Business: Vote on Veterans’ Issues</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>CVSO – request for food for veteran family with recent death – \$200 gift card to Walmart</li> <li>CVSO – request for gift cards (\$25 each), 25 for Cub Foods and 15 for Holiday gas (fuel only card) = \$1,000</li> <li>CVSO – request funds to assist veteran with rent and electric bill – ECE \$151.21 + late fee \$2.27 = \$153.48 and rent \$1054.00 = \$1,207.48</li> <li>Assist wife of deployed soldier with snow plowing this winter</li> <li>Support for local Veteran’s Day dinners – \$500 each to Cambridge American Legion and Isanti VFW</li> </ul>	<b>Motion:</b> A motion was made by (Susan M) and seconded (Kathy R) to pay for the slate of Veteran requests. <b>Motion approved</b>
<b>Open Agenda</b>	<p><u>Veterans’ H.O.P.E. On The River</u></p> <p><b>Housing – Opportunities – Purpose – Employment</b></p> <p>Susan gave summary of meetings</p>	Information accepted
<b>Open Agenda</b>	A reminder that nominations for ICBYR Officers will be open at the November meeting	Information accepted
<b>Open Agenda</b>	<b>MN Wild</b> tickets for veterans – December 14 – Military Appreciation Night – 7:00 pm	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Includes ticket and baseball cap</li> <li>• Portion of proceeds to St Paul BTYR</li> <li>• Purchase tickets at <a href="https://offer.fevo.com/wild-vs-hurricanes-2skxoga-46a0e99?ref+kreisinger">https://offer.fevo.com/wild-vs-hurricanes-2skxoga-46a0e99?ref+kreisinger</a></li> <li>• Questions contact kreisinger@wild.com</li> </ul>	Information accepted
<b>Open Agenda</b>	<b>MAC-V Fund</b> - established to support members who joined the National Guard regardless of time of service. Service members and their families who need of help with housing, employment, and health care can connect with members of the MACV team right now for support services.	Information accepted
<b>Open Agenda</b>	<b>Operation Homefront</b> – Christmas Toy Drive <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Collections at Dollar Tree stores November 5 to December 5</li> <li>• ICBYR will pick up donations from Ham Lake store and deliver to Cambridge AFRCC</li> </ul>	Information accepted
<b>Open Agenda</b>	<b>Pine City Blue Star Moms fundraiser November 20</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dinner and comedy show</li> <li>• See Gail for tickets or their FaceBook page</li> <li>• Held at Braham Event Center</li> </ul>	Information accepted
	<b>Please remember ICBYR on Give to the Max Day – November 18</b>  <b>Opportunity to donate online</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Organizations eligible for matching grants or extra money called “golden tickets”</b></li> <li>• <b>Givemn.org</b></li> </ul>	Information accepted
<b>Open Agenda</b>	<b>Minnesotans’ Military Appreciation Fund (MMAF)</b>  Launched in August of 2005, MMAF is a non-partisan, non-political, 501(c)(3) non-profit corporation. The mission of MMAF is to say “thanks” to Minnesota service members and their families who are making sacrifices in defense of our freedoms in combat zones around the world. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• MMAF provides cash grants to Minnesota service members who have served in a combat zone since September 11, 2001. Grant applications are available online at thankmntroops.org.</li> </ul>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There are three levels of grant awards:</li> <li>• \$5,000 to the families of those Minnesotans killed in combat</li> <li>• \$2,000 – \$10,000 for those Minnesotans wounded in a combat zone, with the amount based on severity of injury</li> <li>• \$500 to all Minnesotans who served in a combat zone</li> <li>• MMAF is a statewide fundraising initiative by the citizens of Minnesota, for Minnesota military personnel and their families.</li> <li>• ThankMNTroops.org</li> </ul>	Information accepted
<b>Adjournment</b>		<b>Motion:</b> A motion was made by (Kathy R) and seconded by (Susan M) to adjourn meeting. <b>Motion approved &amp; meeting adjourned at 2050</b>

Submitted by: Carol Ann Smith, ICBYR Secretary

**Next Meeting: November 18, 2021 – 7:00 pm - AFRCC**

<b>October Task Force Meeting PowerPoint</b>	 October 2021 Task Force Meeting PP fo
<b>BTYR Coffee Talk</b>	<b><u>BTYR Coffee Talk:</u></b> <a href="#">CLICK HERE</a> to join or via: Zoom Meeting ID: 863 3769 5200 Passcode / Password: 947 159
<b>Military History</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>October 13, 1775</b> - The United States Navy was born after the Second Continental Congress authorized the acquisition of a fleet of ships</li> <li>• <b>October 20, 1944</b> - During World War II in the Pacific, General Douglas MacArthur set foot on Philippine soil for the first time since his escape in 1942, fulfilling his promise, "I shall return."</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