

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

Meeting Minutes February 17, 2022

Member Attendance:

x	Jim R		Scott F	x	Chuck P		Pauline
x	Susan M		John W		Adam F		Heidi B
	Gail G		Curtis A		Jeremy M		Terry L
x	Kathy R	x	Richard N		Curt H		Cathy B
x	Carol Ann S		Mary F		Stacey B		Chris C
x	Dave O		Bob F		Doug M		Brent L
	Dan M (CVSO)		Randy H		Nanci M		Candi L
x	Brad B		Walt M		Erin Y (CVSO office)		
x	Jesse P		Pam M		Robin, Sgt Bryan		
x	Jim J		Sean W		Sherry P		
	Bruce D		Jessica H		Chuck P		Guest:
	Adam V – S&FRS		Andrea D (DEED)	x	Brian W		Guest:
	Rachel J - YYROC	x	Sherry P	x	Peggy W		Guest:

Agenda Item	Discussion	Motions/Action Taken
Call to Order		Meeting was called to Order at 1904 by Jim R
Pledge of Allegiance		Meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance
Introductions	Introductions made and new attendees welcomed	Welcome!
Secretary Report	Minutes of the January meeting were distributed by mail and email	Motion: A motion was made by (Brad B) seconded by (Sherry P) to approve the minutes. Minutes approved.
Treasurer Report	Income and expenses were reviewed for January: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Income includes: donation from private donors, Sage Carpet Cleaning LLC, Ascension Roofing & Siding, First Bank & Trust, American Legion Riders • Expenditures included: phone bill, Braham Chamber of Commerce dues, scholarship poster printing, Christmas gift cards for veterans and soldiers, Meals from the Heart donation, car payment, car insurance, furnace installation, electric bill, Cub Foods and Holiday fuel only gift cards for S&RRC office (\$7,428.22 direct support) 	Report accepted and set aside for audit (Brad B/Jim J) Our gratitude to our donors
Chair's Report Jim R	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Veterans Issues: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – CVSO Request: Veteran needs assistance with Connexus Energy bill – bill + fees = \$286.51 	Information accepted

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – CVSO Request: for 25 Cub Food gift cards and 20 Holiday “fuel only” gift cards at \$50 each to have in the office for immediate veteran needs - \$2,250.00 – CVSO Request: Veteran needs propane tank fill - \$409.90 – CVSO Request: Veteran requesting help to purchase tires for truck so he can get to work. Two estimates obtained. Least expensive is tires, mounting, balance and align for \$1,312.59 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Thank you to Rachel Johnson as she leaves MN BTYR</u> • <u>February Board of Directors meeting</u> 	<p>See New Business for vote</p> <p>Information accepted</p>
<p>Committee Reports:</p>	<p>Website/Social Media Committee:</p> <p>Website Report: Scott F</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No report – Chair absent <p>FaceBook Report: Susan M via email</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New posts for scholarship opportunity and American Legion Riders bingo • 600 people saw our posts • 43 “engaged” in the posts and 6 “shares” <p>Resource/Brochure Committee Report: Gail G</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No report – Chair absent <p>Billboard Committee: Brad B</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No new signs will be placed until spring • Any damaged signs will be repaired as the weather allows • It was reported the sign by Sunrise at Englund Shores needs to be replaced <p>Community Service Resource Coordinator: Carol Ann S.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attended Braham Area Chamber of Commerce Annual meeting with Jim & Kathy. Jim had good discussions with the new Braham Chief of Police and a member of the Braham Moose Lodge • North 65 Chamber of Commerce meeting was the State of the City address for Cambridge by Mayor Godfrey – lots of new housing, new businesses with Kwik Trip and Taco Bell. Hiring a new assistant city administrator, who is a MN National Guard veteran • ICBYR purchased an ad in the Isanti County Community Resource Guide • Discussion on PICK’M Up Suicide Prevention Coalition for Pine, Isanti, Chisago, Kanabec and Mille Lacs counties. ICBYR needs representation. Jesse Peck volunteered!! <p>BYR Friends Coordinator: Susan M</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No new applications received 	<p>Information accepted</p> <p>Information accepted</p> <p>Information accepted</p> <p>Information accepted</p> <p>THANK YOU JESSE!!</p>

	<p>Packages for the Deployed Community Liaison: (position open)</p> <p>Congregational Committee: (position open)</p> <p>School Liaison: Bruce D</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No report Chair absent • Carol Ann stated Bruce is sharing the Military Month of the Child and Military Family events with his mailing list • Bruce is on the “Silent Dismissal” committee at the school <p>Law Enforcement Liaison: Jesse</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jesse described how he assisted an elderly veteran obtain resources during a welfare check call at his work • Planning on giving 1-2 ICBYR informational sessions to local police each year <p>Scholarship Committee: Brad & Carol Ann for Bruce D</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meeting was at 6:30 pm before tonight’s Task Force meeting • Reviewed advertising campaign – posters, newspaper articles, veterans organizations presentations, schools • March 25 application deadline • Will present scholarships at April Task Force meeting <p>Fundraising: Gail G via email</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bingo fundraiser at Sunrise at Englund Shores hosted by American Legion Riders of Zimmerman – January 22 – resulted in a xx donation • ICBYR Dinner Dance – May 7 – AFRCC – “Cinco de Mayo” – Susan stated there will be a planning committee meeting Feb 28th. A poster is being designed. Food will be a fajitas buffet. 	<p>Information accepted</p> <p>Information accepted</p> <p>Information accepted</p> <p>Information accepted</p>
<p>Upcoming Events</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bingo hosted by American Legion Riders – in Zimmerman – March 26 at 1100 • Award 2022 ICBYR Scholarships – April 21 • North 65 Chamber Senior Resource Fair – April 28 – Cambridge City Mall • ICBYR Dinner Dance “Cinco de Mayo” – May 7 - AFRCC 	<p>Information accepted</p>
<p>YYROC Report: Rachel J (via email)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rachel J has resigned from BTYR for a new job • Annette Kuyper, Director of Military Outreach for MN BTYR will be our contact person • Joint Services Career Fair - all service members are invited to the Saturday, March 5th Joint Services Career Fair held at the Navy Operations Support Center Auditorium in Minneapolis from 1400-1800 • “Coffee Talk” March 2 from 0800-0900 focus on Children & Youth programs 	<p>THANK YOU RACHEL for all that you have done for</p>
<p>Old Business</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None 	
<p>New Business: Vote on Veterans’ Issues</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CVSO Request: Veteran needs assistance with Connexus Energy bill – bill + fees = \$286.51 	<p>Motion: A motion was made by (Susan M) and</p>

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New Business:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> None at this time 	
Open Agenda	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Military Month of the Child – April – ask School Liaison or Secretary for details of events Veterans H.O.P.E. On The River – 501(c)3 paperwork is filed and a tax exempt EIN obtained – grant application submitted for federal funds – Susan has spoken with City of Cambridge re: partnering on this project Transportation Needs – Susan described great need for volunteer drivers to take veterans and others to appointments. A committee including the CVSO, Isanti County Family Services, Isanti County Probation, and the Central Commission on Aging is working on this issue. Hope to obtain grant funds through a state funded “Live Well at Home” grant. Using model developed by Scott County. More information to come. St. Cloud VAMC Yellow Pages and Care Guide are now available. Ask Secretary for details if you want a copy. 	Information accepted
Adjournment		Motion: A motion was made by (Brad) and seconded by (Jim J) to adjourn meeting. Motion approved & meeting adjourned at 1959

Submitted by: Carol Ann Smith, ICBYR Secretary

Next Meeting: February 17, 2022 – 7:00 pm - AFRCC

BTYR Coffee Talk	<u>BTYR Coffee Talk:</u> CLICK HERE to join or via: Zoom Meeting ID: 863 3769 5200 Passcode / Password: 947 159
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Military History	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • February 9, 1943 - 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. • February 10, 1942 - The first Medal of Honor during World War II was awarded to 2nd Lt. Alexander Nininger (posthumously) for heroism during the Battle of Bataan. • February 17, 1865 - 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. • February 27, 1991 - 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
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
We Care Minnesota App for Cell Phones	A FREE App to help prevent suicide is available from Apple AppStore or Google Play. The mobile app, We Care Minnesota, provides hotline numbers, website links and other useful resources such as; Chaplains, SHARP, Suicide Prevention, Psychological Health Coordinators and Equal Opportunity (EO). Soldiers, Families and civilians can access hotlines without having to dial, and visit websites at the push of a button.
Veterans Crisis Line	1-800-273-8255 Press 1