

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

Meeting Minutes April 22, 2022

Member Attendance:

	Jim R		Scott F		Chuck P		Pauline
x	Susan M	x	John W		Adam F		Heidi B
x	Gail G		Curtis A		Jeremy M		Terry L
	Kathy R	x	Richard N		Curt H		Cathy B
x	Carol Ann S	x	Mary F		Stacey B		Chris C
	Dave O	x	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	Guest: Amanda S
x	Jim J	x	Sean W		Sherry P	x	Guest: Nikki H
x	Bruce D		Jessica H		Chuck P	x	Guest: Lacy, Tony & Desiree C
x	Adam V – S&FRS		Andrea D (DEED)	x	Brian W	x	Guest: Adam, Sophia H & family
			Sherry P	x	Peggy W	x	Guest: Sara C & Mom

Agenda Item	Discussion	Motions/Action Taken
Call to Order		Meeting was called to Order at 1902 by Board Member Gail G.
Pledge of Allegiance		Meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance
Secretary Report	Minutes of the March meeting were distributed by mail and email	Motion: A motion was made by (Susan M) seconded by (Brad B) to approve the minutes. Minutes approved.
Treasurer Report	Income and expenses were reviewed for March: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Income includes: donation from private donors and grants • Expenditures included: phone bill, transfer of funds to investment account, US flags purchase, insurance for dinner dance, 2021 scholarship payment, dinner dance ticket printing 	Report accepted and set aside for audit (Jim J/Carol Ann) Our gratitude to our donors

<p>Chair's Report Gail for Jim R</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>CVSO Announcements, Updates, and Requests for Veterans:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – CVSO Request: Veteran needs assistance with Allina medical bill - \$740 – CVSO Request: Surviving spouse needs assistance with purchase of battery for stair lift - \$195 – CVSO Request: Veteran needs assistance with rent – March \$1900 + late fee \$152, April \$1900 = \$3952 – CVSO Request: Discount program for veterans to purchase cars at a discount – 3 resources given to CVSO – CVSO request: Veteran needs assistance with mortgage and late fees and 2 other bills. MAC-V involved. Request to ICBYR for March and April mortgage payment + March late fees = \$3400 – CVSO Dan Meyer has submitted his resignation. His last day will be May 31st • <u>S&FS Updates and Requests for Soldiers:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Card for AFRCC Soldier on Hospice– please sign card tonight - Adam described 3 soldiers/families helped by gift cards donated by ICBYR - HHD Family Picnic to be held this summer. Would like ICBYR to have an informational table. May be asking for assistance with purchasing the food & volunteers to serve the meal. • <u>April Board of Directors meeting –</u> please refer to meeting summary <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 2021 ICBYR Annual Report - Fiscal Agent for Veteran's H.O.P.E. On The River - New duty phone – current duty phone is a 3G and will no longer be supported at the end of this year. Need to make decision about purchase of new phone in next few months. • <u>Scholarship Presentations later this evening</u> • <u>Misc:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Thank You Note from Soldier – we received a card & letter from a soldier near White Bear Lake saying thank you for the card we sent him - Thank You Note from Polaris Battalion – for our support with a picture of the cadets from their Annual Sea Cadet Ball held in January - April National Volunteer Month – 1,618 ICBYR Volunteer Hours in 2021!! Value of a non-profit volunteer hour in 2021 \$28.54 Value of ICBYR 2021 Volunteer Hours \$46,178 THANK YOU!!!!!! 	<p>Information accepted</p> <p>See New Business for vote</p> <p>Best wishes Dan! You will be missed!</p> <p>Information accepted</p> <p>See New Business for votes</p> <p>Information accepted</p> <p>Welcome guests!</p> <p>Information accepted</p>
<p>Committee Reports:</p>	<p>Website/Social Media Committee: Website Report: Scott F - via email</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5,235 website visits since January 	<p>Information accepted</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tweet sent followers • Still need to update the prior month minutes and agenda. There is now room on the website after downloading and saving the 2012 to 2015 minutes and agendas to the hard drive and deleting them from the website • Dinner Dance poster is on the website <p>FaceBook Report: Susan M via email</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Posting Dinner Dance Poster • Posting pictures from American Legion Riders fundraiser <p>Resource/Brochure Committee Report: Gail G</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ordered more business card size magnets <p>Billboard Committee: Brad B</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Brad is driving to each sign to assess what shape it is in and if it needs repair/replacement <p>Community Service Resource Coordinator: Carol Ann S.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • North 65 Chamber of Commerce meeting was the State of the County address by County Administrator Julia Lines. Please see below for slides. • ICBYR will be the designated non-profit charity for the May “Round It Up” program at City Center Market <p>BYR Friends Coordinator: Susan M</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No new applications received <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"> • Has been sending Military Month of the Child and Military Family events to the mailing list • Will email us updates on the “Silent Dismissal” committee at the primary school <p>Law Enforcement Liaison: Jesse</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nothing new to report <p>Scholarship Committee: Bruce D</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Will present scholarships later tonight. So excited! Coordinating with schools on Scholarship Awards Night • Thanks to the ICBYR Golf Tournament Committee and all who helped raise funds for the Golf Tournament that supports the scholarships! • Thanks to the ICBYR Scholarship Committee 	<p>Information accepted</p> <p>Information accepted</p> <p>Information accepted</p> <p>Information accepted</p>
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	<p>Fundraising: Gail G</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ICBYR Dinner Dance – May 7 – AFRCC – “Cinco de Mayo” – posters have been distributed. Food prep volunteers needed for May 6 and 7. Please see sign-up sheet or talk to Susan – dinner dance tickets available – raffle tickets available (2 types of raffles – booze buggy and 50/50) – there will be live, silent and dessert auctions and a costume contest – Happy Trucker/Shawn Sullivan will DJ an all request night - volunteers needed to set-up and take down tables 	Information accepted
Upcoming Events	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> North 65 Chamber Senior Resource Fair – April 28 – Cambridge City Mall ICBYR Dinner Dance “Cinco de Mayo” – May 7 – AFRCC Round It Up Program – all of May at City Center Market Braham Appreciation Days – June 4 Isanti Rodeo Jubilee Parade – July 7 Freedom Fest – July 20 Isanti County Fair – July 20-24 Braham Pie Day – August 6 	Information accepted
YYROC Report:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Northern MN YYROC position is posted Annette Kuyper, Director of Military Outreach for MN BYR is our contact person “Coffee Talk” cancelled for now 	Information accepted
Old Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> None 	
New Business: Vote on Veterans’ Issues	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> CVSO Request: Veteran needs assistance with Allina medical bill - \$740 CVSO Request: Surviving spouse needs assistance with purchase of battery for stair lift - \$195 CVSO Request: Veteran needs assistance with rent – March \$1900 + late fee \$152, April \$1900 = \$3952 CVSO request: Veteran needs assistance with mortgage and late fees and 2 other bills. MAC-V involved. Request to ICBYR for March and April mortgage payment + March late fees = \$3400 	Motion: A motion was made by (Richard N) and seconded by (Bob F) to pay for the stated veteran needs. Motion approved
New Business: Fiscal Agent Agreement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Gail & Susan described the proposal to have ICBYR be the fiscal agent for Veterans’ H.O.P.E. On The River. After discussion, a motion was made and approved for ICBYR to be the fiscal agent for Veterans’ H.O.P.E. On The River. Gail G will be the representative from ICBYR and JoAnn H from HOPE. 	Motion: A motion was made by (Bob F) and seconded by (Brad B). Motion approved
Open Agenda	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Haven for Heroes has partnered with GAF and ABC Supply and A-Team Construction to provide a free roof to two currently serving service members or veterans of any age or era living in the metro area in need. Homes must be within 60 miles of Minneapolis/St Paul. Deadline May 6th – ask Secretary for details 	Information accepted




	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Veterans Memorial Park Update</u> • 85 bricks left for purchase (on last monument) • Planning for an autumn dedication 	Information accepted
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Peggy reported on the fundraiser for GUMI Camp USA:</u> • GUMI stands for G – Glad U – You M – Made I – It • Even though we are very glad for those who made it back home, we understand that coming back alive is only half the battle. GUMI Camp offers a program and a place to partner with veterans working through their struggle with PTSD • MISSION STATEMENT: To equip, strengthen and encourage US Veterans with the educational, emotional and spiritual resources to understand and overcome deployment related issues through personal reflective and group activities in a serene working ranch setting. • Pine County, MN property 	Information accepted
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>PICK’EM Up Suicide Prevention Coalition</u> • Jesse was unable to attend this month’s meeting • He will give a presentation at next month’s meeting 	Information accepted
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>MAC-V Free Legal Clinic</u> • Minnesota Assistance Council for Veterans invites you to participate in a free legal clinic for low-income veterans. • HOUSING, EMPLOYMENT, BENEFITS, DEBT COLLECTION, • EXPUNGEMENT, FAMILY LAW INCLUDING CHILD SUPPORT • Thursday, June 2, 2022 9:00 am - 3:00 pm • Anoka County Government Center • 2100 3rd Avenue - Room 237, Anoka, MN 55303 • For more information contact: Vetlaw Program – MACV 651-200-4750 	Information accepted
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve (ESGR)</u> now a BTYR Company in MN 	Information accepted
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>2022 MN Women Veterans Summer Retreat</u> • Fri, Aug 26, 2022, 9:00 AM – • Sun, Aug 28, 2022, 12:00 PM CDT • Ironwood Springs Christian Ranch • 7291 County 6 Road Southwest • Stewartville, MN 55976 • Register at: 2022 MN Women Veterans Summer Retreat Registration, Fri, Aug 26, 2022 at 9:00 AM Eventbrite 	Information accepted

Adjournment		Motion: A motion was made by (Brad B) and seconded by (Mary F) to adjourn meeting. Motion approved & meeting adjourned at 2010
Scholarship Presentations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Task Force and guest introductions were made • The Scholarship Committee Awarded the 2022 Scholarships: • Bruce D. presented Sara Crist a Senior from Cambridge Isanti High School • Carol Ann presented Lacy Cuda our first winner from Braham Area High School • Brad B presented Sophia Hetteen from Robbinsdale Armstrong High School • Susan M presented Amanda Stenberg our first non-traditional student winner • CONGRATULATIONS to all of the winners!! • Treat provided • Nikki H present from the County News Review to take pictures and interview the winners 	Congratulations to our ICBYR scholarship winners!

Submitted by: Carol Ann Smith, ICBYR Secretary

Next Meeting: May 19, 2022 – 7:00 pm – AFRCC

BTYR Coffee Talk ON HOLD	BTYR Coffee Talk: CLICK HERE to join or via: Zoom Meeting ID: 863 3769 5200 Passcode / Password: 947 159
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. • 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
Cambridge State of the City Address 2022	 2022StateoftheCity Presentation-Cambr
Isanti State of the City Address 2022	 2022StateoftheCity PPT.pdf
State of Isanti County Address 2022	 StateoftheCounty2 0221.pdf
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
Meeting PowerPoint	Please email the Secretary if you wish a copy of this meeting's PowerPoint
ICBYR Website	www.beyondtheyellowribbonisanti.org
ICBYR gmail	isanticountybyr@gmail.com
ICBYR Duty Phone	763-691-4573