

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

Meeting Minutes March 17, 2022

Member Attendance:

x	Jim R		Scott F		Chuck P		Pauline
x	Susan M		John W		Adam F		Heidi B
x	Gail G	x	Curtis A		Jeremy M		Terry L
x	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
	Brad B		Walt M		Erin Y (CVSO office)		
	Jesse P		Pam M		Robin, Sgt Bryan		
x	Jim J	x	Sean W		Sherry P		
x	Bruce D		Jessica H		Chuck P		Guest:
x	Adam V – S&FRS		Andrea D (DEED)	x	Brian W		Guest:
			Sherry P	x	Peggy W		Guest:

Agenda Item	Discussion	Motions/Action Taken
Call to Order		Meeting was called to Order at 1902 by Jim R
Pledge of Allegiance		Meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance
Secretary Report	<p>Minutes of the February meeting were distributed by mail and email</p> <p>Addition to the January minutes: First Bank & Trust was inadvertently left off the list of local businesses that matched the Sage Cleaners LLC fundraiser for ICBYR. Thanks to First Bank & Trust for their generous donation!!</p> <p>Addition to the February minutes: The amount of the American Legion Riders donation from their bingo fundraiser was \$3500!! Thank you!!</p>	<p>Motion: A motion was made by (Mary F) seconded by (Peggy W) to approve the minutes. Minutes approved.</p>
Treasurer Report	<p>Income and expenses were reviewed for February:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Income includes: donation from private donors • Expenditures included: phone bill, Senior Fair registration, gift cards for food & fuel for CVSO office, checks, ad for community guide, tires, propane tank fill, electric bill, dental bill (\$2,398.96 direct support) 	<p>Report accepted and set aside for audit (Sean/Mary F)</p> <p>Our gratitude to our donors</p>

<p>Chair's Report Jim R</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Veterans Issues: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – S&FRS Request: 850th soldier needs assistance with dental bill \$568 – CVSO Request: Veteran needs assistance installing grab bars – Will call to schedule – CVSO Request: Veterans asking for resources to purchase car at a discount – resources given – – • Hello from Kalie – will be stationed in Germany and will be working for 10th Special Forces Group • March Board of Directors meeting – please refer to meeting summary 	<p>Information accepted</p> <p>See New Business for vote</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"> • 3,617 website visits since January • Tweet sent to 41 followers • All agendas & minutes prior to 2015 backed up and removed from website • Working on adding minutes & agendas since November 2021 <p>FaceBook Report: Susan M via email</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Currently have 1,039 followers! <p>Resource/Brochure Committee Report: Gail G</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nothing new to report <p>Billboard Committee: Brad B</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No report – Chair absent <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 City address for Isanti by the mayor and city council ICBYR purchased an ad in the Isanti County Community Resource Guide • 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>Information accepted</p> <p>Information accepted</p> <p>Information accepted</p>

	<p>School Liaison: Bruce D</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sharing the Military Month of the Child and Military Family events with mailing list • On the “Silent Dismissal” committee at the school <p>Law Enforcement Liaison: Jesse</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No report – Chair absent <p>Scholarship Committee: Bruce D</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meeting was at 6:30 pm before tonight’s Task Force meeting • Reviewed scoring rubric • March 25 application deadline • One of last year’s scholarship recipients has requested her scholarship money. KK is earning straight A’s as she pursues a Bachelor’s degree in Nursing at Northwestern University in St Paul • Will meet April 4 to review applications and select winners • Will present scholarships at April Task Force meeting • Thanks to all who helped raise funds for the Golf Tournament that supports the scholarships! <p>Fundraising: Gail G</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue to have several donations from unsolicited donors • ICBYR Dinner Dance – May 7 – AFRCC – “Cinco de Mayo” – Susan stated the poster and tickets are being printed. Silent auction items are needed. 	<p>Information accepted</p> <p>Information accepted</p> <p>Information accepted</p>
Upcoming Events	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • American Legion Riders of Zimmerman – Second Amendment Bingo Fundraiser – March 26 at 1100 – Station 1 event center in Zimmerman • 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 • Round It Up Program – all of May at City Center Market 	Information accepted
YYROC Report:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Northern MN YYROC position is posted • Annette Kuyper, Director of Military Outreach for MN BTYR 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"> • S&FRS Request: 850th soldier needs assistance with dental bill \$568 	Motion: A motion was made by (Peggy W) and seconded by (Mary F) to pay for the stated veteran need. Motion approved

New Business:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussion regarding ICBYR participation in the Braham Appreciation Days parade, Isanti Rodeo Days Jubilee parade, Isanti County Fair and Braham Pie Day – Yes • Motion to pay \$50 registration fee for Braham Pie Day 	<p>Motion: A motion was made by (Sean W) and seconded by (Jim J) to pay for the registration fee. Motion approved</p>
Open Agenda	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adam gave a S&FRS update – distributed 3 gift cards to soldiers in great need. Thank you to ICBYR for assistance has given the soldiers • 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 and Articles of Incorporation paperwork filed. Grant application submitted for federal funds. Susan met with key Representatives at the Capitol 2 weeks ago. Kraus-Anderson gave summary of expenses for demolishing older buildings and renovating or building new ones. Approximated \$7 million • Bruce asking if hospice volunteers are now allowed to return to seeing veterans in person. Yes for Fairview if you wear PPE. St. Croix program closed. • Richard – friend has a motorized wheelchair to donate if anyone is in need 	<p>Information accepted</p>
Open Agenda	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Transportation Needs – Susan described great need for volunteer drivers to take veterans and others to appointments. About 50% of the need is to take veterans to appointments. County cars would be used and insurance provided. A committee including the CVSO, Isanti County Family Services, Isanti County Probation, the Central Commission on Aging and Arrowhead Transit is working on this issue. Can sign-up now to volunteer. You need to take an on-line defensive driving course and have a criminal background check. Erin Yerigan at CVSO to coordinate “Hometown Heroes” drivers and riders. 	<p>Information accepted</p>
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 the Secretary for details 	<p>Information accepted</p>
Open Agenda	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Job postings for the northern and southern Yellow Ribbon Regional Outreach Coordinator Positions • Northern MN – office at Camp Ripley • Southern MN – office at Mankato • Metro MN – position will be posted soon • Apply by March 23 • Ask Secretary for details if interested 	<p>Information accepted</p>

Open Agenda	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • “Roses to Remember Project” • If you have a loved one buried at Arlington National Cemetery and would like a Yellow Gold Star rose placed on their grave for Memorial Day you can email the name, section, and grave number to “Miss Sawyer’s Kids” • You will get a photo emailed back to you • For more details or to make a donation to this non-profit organization ask the Secretary 	Information accepted
Adjournment		Motion: A motion was made by (Susan M) and seconded by (Jim J) to adjourn meeting. Motion approved & meeting adjourned at 1946

Submitted by: Carol Ann Smith, ICBYR Secretary

**Next Meeting: April 21, 2022 – 7:00 pm – AFRCC
Scholarship Presentation Night**

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"> • March 1, 1961 – President John F Kennedy established the Peace Corps • March 2, 1943 - During WWII, a Japanese convoy was attacked by 137 American bombers as the Battle of Bismarck Sea began • March 9, 1864 – Ulysses S. Grant was commissioned as a Lieutenant General and became commander of the Union armies. • March 10, 1862 - The first issue of U.S. government paper money occurred as \$5, \$10 and \$20 bills began circulation. • By 1969, at the peak of U.S. involvement in the Vietnam War, more than 500,000 U.S. military personnel were involved in the Vietnam conflict. The average age of the American soldiers was 21 • March 19, 2003 - The United States launched an attack against Iraq to topple dictator Saddam Hussein from power

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