

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

Meeting Minutes May 19, 2022

Member Attendance:


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

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Agenda Item	Discussion	Motions/Action Taken
Call to Order	May is Military Appreciation Month. THANK YOU veterans for your service to our country! Introductions made and guest welcomed	Meeting was called to Order at 1902 by Chair Jim R
Pledge of Allegiance		Meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance
Secretary Report	Minutes of the April meeting were distributed by mail and email	Motion: A motion was made by (John W) seconded by (Richard N) to approve the minutes. Minutes approved.
Treasurer Report	Income and expenses were reviewed for April: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Income includes: donation from private donors and income from the dinner dance • Expenditures included: phone bill, website, Braham Pie Day registration, printing expenses for 2021 annual report, dinner dance expenses, ad in community guide, direct support for veterans (rent, battery, medical bill, mortgage = \$8287) 	Report accepted and set aside for audit (Jim J/Wally M) 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"> – No CVSO requests – Dan Meyer's last day is May 31st. Please sign his card tonight • <u>S&FS Updates and Requests for Soldiers:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - HHD Family Picnic to be held this summer. Would like ICBYR to have an informational table. They are asking for assistance with purchasing the food & volunteers to serve the meal. Sign-up sheet available to grill hamburgers and hot dogs, and to set-up and serve food. BOD recommends donating \$250 for purchase of food. • <u>May Board of Directors meeting</u> – please refer to meeting summary • <u>Misc:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Please sign card for Task Force member who is ill 	<p>Best wishes Dan! You will be missed!</p> <p>Information accepted</p> <p>See New Business for vote</p> <p>Information accepted</p>
<p>Presentation</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tim LaBeau Veteran Employment Specialist from the MN Department of Employment and Economic Assistance was present to introduce himself and describe his role. • Main focus is to assist veterans in finding employment. He also has resources for housing and transportation. He assists veterans and also soldiers who have >180 days of active duty (training not included in count of days). • Caseload varies. Ten people got employment last month • Office is at Cambridge City Mall in the WorkForce Center. He covers 5 counties, so please make an appointment with him in advance. You can meet in person now 	<p>Information accepted</p> <p>Thank you Tim!</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"> • 1,306 website visits since April (82,077 total) • Tweet sent followers • Dinner Dance pictures posted • Sea Cadets car show flyer posted • Scholarship pictures posted • Silent Dismissal information posted • Still need to update the prior month minutes and agenda <p>FaceBook Report: Susan M</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No report – Chair absent – at a conference for work <p>Resource/Brochure Committee Report: Gail G</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Business card size magnets have arrived • Need more decals. Discussed size and price quote. Jesse will ask Law Enforcement and Emergency Services what size they prefer and we will order that size 	<p>Information accepted</p> <p>Information accepted</p>

	<p>Billboard Committee: Brad B</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No report – Chair absent • Phone call received that ICBYR billboard at Wyanett Township Hall was destroyed by this week’s storm • More billboards need to be purchased. Brad is requesting 17 single sided signs and 3 double sided sigs. Gail has quotes of \$255 for double sided and \$215 for single sided. Total would be \$4,420 <p>Community Service Resource Coordinator: Carol Ann S.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • North 65 Chamber of Commerce meeting was about current work situation and employee engagement. ICBYR provided an American flag as a door prize • ICBYR is the designated non-profit charity for the May “Round It Up” program at City Center Market • TRIAD meeting presentation on senior citizens and financial tips/fraud <p>BYR Friends Coordinator: Susan M</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No report – Chair absent <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"> • First ever Military Signing Day at Cambridge Isanti High School was May 11th. Students entering the military took the US Military Oath of Enlistment. ICBYR present to congratulate them and present them with an ICBYR Challenge Coin. Annual reports were available. ICBYR also provided donuts and juice. Wonderful day! • “Silent Dismissal” to be held May 27th at the Primary School in Cambridge to honor veterans. Please attend! Details in email or contact Bruce or Secretary. RSVP nice but not required • Bruce also mentioned the “Care Closet” at each CI School that provides essentials students might need for no cost. Student can just go to closet and get a school supply or another needed item. Bruce has donated to the Care Closets and has been nominated as a “Friend of the Community”. Congratulations Bruce! <p>Law Enforcement Liaison: Jesse</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Planning meeting in June with all local law enforcement and emergency services to give a presentation on ICBYR. Will give them a packet of ICBYR information and decals for their vehicles <p>Scholarship Committee: Bruce D</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scholarship re-presented at Braham Area High School Sunday evening along with an ICBYR Challenge Coin 	<p>Information accepted See New Business for vote</p> <p>Information accepted</p> <p>Information accepted</p> <p>Information accepted</p> <p>Information accepted</p> <p>Information accepted</p>
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Slide sent to CIHS for their PowerPoint slide show May 30th • Thanks to the Golf Tournament Committee for the Scholarship funds! <p>Fundraising: Gail G</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ICBYR Dinner Dance – “Cinco de Mayo” – was held May 7th and was a huge success. Good time, good food!! Still tallying numbers and there are a couple of sponsorships and outstanding bills to be paid. Thank you to all volunteers. BOD recommends a donation to the Sea Cadets for their hard work that night. • 2022 Golf Tournament will be held September 16 at Purple Hawk. Planning just beginning. Gail and Carol Ann to meet with the new golf pro at Purple Hawk in early June. Sign up tonight to be on the Planning Committee. 	<p>Information accepted</p> <p>THANK YOU Gail, Susan, all Planning Committee members, volunteers, Sea Cadets, sponsors and donors!!!</p>
Upcoming Events	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Round It Up Program – all of May at City Center Market • Braham Appreciation Days – June 4 – sign up to ride in pickup – parade at noon – Sean will drive - details will be sent in an email • HHD 84th Troop Command Family Picnic – June 5 – AFRCC – ICBYR to help with food and have an informational booth – sign up tonight to help • Polaris Battalion Car Show – June 12 – AFRCC – 0900-1400 • Isanti Rodeo Jubilee Parade – July 7 - will sign up at June meeting to prepare float and ride in the parade • Freedom Fest – July 20 • Isanti County Fair – July 20-24 • Braham Pie Day – August 5 • MN State Fair – Military Appreciation Day Parade – August 30 • ICBYR Golf Tournament – September 16 – Purple Hawk 	<p>Information accepted</p>
Presentation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Mental Health Awareness Month and Veteran Suicide:</u> • Jesse Peck gave a summary of veteran suicide statistics and spoke about the local suicide prevention coalition for the PICK’M counties • He also stated that as a Cambridge Police officer he responds to many mental health calls. They are increasing in numbers. • PowerPoint: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •  • Mental Health Awareness Month – 	<p>Information accepted</p> <p>Thank You Jesse!</p>
Old Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None 	

<p>New Business:</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Donation to Sea Cadets as a thank you for their assistance at the Dinner Dance - \$500 	<p>Motion: A motion was made by (Sherry P) and seconded by (Sean W) to make the donation to the Sea Cadets. Motion approved</p>
<p>New Business:</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support of the meal at the HHD 84th Troop Command Family Picnic - \$250 • Brad is requesting 17 single sided signs and 3 double sided signs. Cost is \$255 for double sided and \$215 for single sided. Total = \$4,420 	<p>Motion: A motion was made by (Scott F) and seconded by (Wally M) to pay for the picnic meal. Motion approved</p> <p>Motion: A motion was made by (Carol Ann S) and seconded by (Mary F) to pay for the billboards. Motion approved Gail will order them</p>
<p>Open Agenda</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MAC-V a new person has been hired to cover Isanti County and the surrounding area. Her name is Danielle Nelson. She will office in St. Cloud. She was unable to attend tonight’s Task Force meeting, but will attend the June Board of Directors meeting. 	<p>Information accepted</p>
<p>Open Agenda</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Operation Homefront: Dollar Tree Stores will ask customers to donate school supplies to military children July 5 – August 5 ICBYR: Ham Lake store Donations to Cambridge AFRCC 	<p>Information accepted</p>
<p>Open Agenda</p>	<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 • Materials for stencils and engraving materials for the templates for the bricks in very short supply 	<p>Information accepted</p>

<p>Open Agenda</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Letter from Representative Brian Johnson</u> • Bruce received a letter from Representative Johnson thanking ICBYR for their gifts of the scholarships to the community <div style="text-align: center;">  <p>Brian Johnson Letter.jpg.docx</p> </div> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Brian Johnson Letter.jpg.docx</u> 	<p>Information accepted</p>
	<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 	<p>Information accepted</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Story of soldiers on Iwo Jima submitted by Dave R <div style="text-align: center;">  <p>A Story About the Soldiers at Iwo Jima.</p> </div> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>A Story About the Soldiers at Iwo Jima.</u> 	<p>Information accepted</p>
	<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 	<p>Information accepted</p>
<p>Adjournment</p>		<p>Motion: A motion was made by (Jim J and seconded by (Jesse P) to adjourn meeting. Motion approved & meeting adjourned at 2015</p>

Submitted by: Carol Ann Smith, ICBYR Secretary

Next Meeting: June 16, 2022 – 7:00 pm – AFRCC

No meeting in July due to Isanti County Fair

<p>BTYR Coffee Talk</p> <p>ON HOLD</p>	<p>BTYR Coffee Talk: CLICK HERE to join or via: Zoom Meeting ID: 863 3769 5200 Passcode / Password: 947 159</p>
<p>Military History</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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.
<p>Viewable Link for ICBYR Goggle Sign Map:</p>	<p>https://www.google.com/maps/d/viewer?mid=19P7VjNkq81qUQQF281XcPCLhvf91gk1O&ll=45.58600856114631%2C-93.29518274999998&z=11</p>
<p>Link to the Military Action Group:</p>	<p>https://www.revisor.mn.gov/bills/status_result.php?body=House&search=committee&session=0902017&committee_id=90022&submit_committee=GO</p>
<p>We Care Minnesota App for Cell Phones</p>	<p>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.</p>
<p>Veterans Crisis Line</p>	<p>1-800-273-8255 Press 1</p>
<p>Meeting PowerPoint</p>	<p>Please email the Secretary if you wish a copy of this meeting's PowerPoint</p>
<p>ICBYR Website</p>	<p>www.beyondtheyellowribbonisanti.org</p>
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<p>ICBYR Duty Phone</p>	<p>763-691-4573</p>