

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

Meeting Minutes August 18, 2022

Member Attendance:

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

Agenda Item	Discussion	Motions/Action Taken
Call to Order		Meeting was Called to Order by Chair Jim R at 1900
Pledge of Allegiance		Meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance
Introductions	<p>Introductions were made. Stefanie Hurt the new BTYR Outreach Coordinator for Northern MN was present. Stefanie offices at Camp Ripley and can be reached at 320-616-6192 or Stefanie.hurt@state.mn.us through the Department of Military Affairs – Minnesota – Family Programs Office</p> <p>Stefanie states the BTYR is re-structuring. The Outreach Coordinator for SW MN has been posted.</p>	Welcome Stefanie!
Secretary Report	<p>Minutes of the June meeting were distributed by mail and email. There was no July meeting due to staffing the ICBYR booth at the Isanti County Fair</p>	Motion: A motion was made by (Peggy W) seconded by (Jesse P) to approve the minutes. Minutes approved.
Treasurer Report	<p>Income and expenses were reviewed for June:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Income includes: donation from private donors and income from the City Center Market Round It Up Program 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Expenditures included: phone bill, website, donation to Polaris Battalion for dinner dance assistance, signs, stamps, golf tournament poster printing, direct support for veterans (food & fuel gift cards for CVSO and S&FRS = \$3450; centerpoint energy bill = \$191.39; 84th Troop Command family picnic food = \$250; door installation = \$300) <p>Income and expenses were reviewed for July:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Income includes: donation from private donors, donations from Schlagels and St Elizabeth Ann Seaton, and income from the golf tournament Expenditures included: phone bill, brochures & magnets, dinner dance expenses, float repairs, North 65 Chamber of Commerce dues, Freedom Fest pork chops, direct support for veterans (fuel gift cards for CVSO = \$1250) 	<p>Reports accepted and set aside for audit (Jim J / Sherry)</p> <p>Our gratitude to our donors</p>
<p>Chair's Report Jim R</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <u>CVSO Announcements, Updates, and Requests for Veterans:</u> Erin <ul style="list-style-type: none"> New CVSO hired and will begin work August 22nd. Jamie High is a Coast Guard veteran and resides in Cambridge Requesting 25 Cub Food and 25 fuel only gift cards at \$50 each Family of deceased veteran donating handicap ramp to ICBYR – Jim R & Brad picked up the ramp today. CVSO position filled – will begin August 22 <u>S&FS Updates and Requests for Soldiers:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Very appreciative of the gift cards for fuel and fuel. Highlighted 3 instances where gift cards were given to soldiers 850th ECC Family Picnic September 11. Request ICBYR have an informational table there. <u>July & August Board of Directors meetings –</u> Please refer to meeting summary sent by email <u>Follow-up:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Isanti Rodeo Jubilee Parade – July 7 went very well. Gorgeous weather. Good reception from crowd. Thanks to Brad & Bruce for working on float repair, and to Dan M for driving! Freedom Fest – July 20 – went very well. About 70 veterans filled out registration forms. Paid for 67 pork chops through East Central Pork Producers. Dave o put up signage. Thank you volunteers! Isanti County Fair – July 20-24 – Went great! Busy booth. All flag winners delighted. Dave O set-up tent. Thank you volunteers! Braham Pie Day – August 5 – good turnout. Will request that all Veterans groups be together next year near the Memorial. Thank you volunteers! 	<p>Information accepted</p> <p>See New Business for vote</p> <p>Information accepted</p> <p>Information accepted</p> <p>Thank you volunteers!</p>

	<p>-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sad News: Task Force member Pauline has lost her battle with cancer. Funeral information forthcoming. 	<p>Our sympathies to the family</p>
<p>Committee Reports:</p>	<p>Website/Social Media Committee: Website Report: Scott F -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No report – Chair absent <p>FaceBook Report: Susan M</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No report – Chair absent <p>Resource/Brochure Committee Report: Gail G</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ordered new rack brochures and magnets • Will order more decals <p>Billboard Committee: Brad B</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inventory completed – 19 signs available • All signs that needed painting have been re-painted • The sign on the Isanti VFW fence needs to be replaced <p>Community Service Resource Coordinator: Carol Ann S.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • North 65 Chamber of Commerce July meeting was a networking meeting. I met the new Director for C-I Community Education, the new Assistant City Administrator and Dr. Good. The August meeting was the Annual Meeting. Met new business owner from Sodbusters who is a veteran • Operation Homefront very successful. 12 boxes of school supplies, over 620 items, collected at the Ham Lake Dollar Tree store and delivered to the Cambridge AFRCC. Adam will disperse school supplies as the AFRCC units have drill weekend and also at the 850th ECC Family Picnic <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"> • School starting soon. Over 100 new teachers for C-I Schools, Braham Schools and ARCC! New teachers luncheon August 26th. <p>Law Enforcement Liaison: Jesse</p>	<p>Information accepted</p> <p>Information accepted</p> <p>Information accepted</p> <p>Information accepted</p>

	<p>Xcel Energy is offering a new program designed to put active-duty military customers at ease while serving their country.</p> <p>The new program, called “You Cover Us, We Cover You,” offers deployed Minnesota military members with six months of free repair coverage on up to four home appliances while they’re away from home.</p> <p>www.xcelenergy.com/HomeSmartMilitary</p>	Information accepted
Open Agenda	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Camp Lejeune Legislation</u> The Camp Lejeune Justice Act enables Veterans and family members who have suffered from Camp Lejeune water contamination to seek compensation through filing Camp Lejeune water lawsuits. If you served there or lived on base between 1953 and 1987 and developed a serious illness, call the CVSO 	Information accepted
Open Agenda	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>OneOp at U of MN</u> Single point of entry professional development resource for family service professionals who work with military families Family Transitions newsletter 	Information accepted
Open Agenda	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PICK’M UP Suicide Prevention Coalition • Movie “Angst” will be shown in Hinckley in September. Focuses on suicide prevention and anxiety. Jesse will be on panel after movie as law enforcement representative • Movie to be shown in Cambridge this autumn. Looking for funds to pay for venue. Discussion on whether ICBYR should sponsor event. 	Information accepted
Open Agenda	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Veterans Memorial Park</u> • Dedication of five final walls - September 23 – 1800 • Program will be brief • Bring a lawn chair. There will be some bleachers available. • Food trucks from Cambridge Bar & Grill and Annie’s Ice Cream 	Information accepted
Open Agenda	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>TRIAD</u> Program of the Sheriff’s Department focused on senior citizens safety, community Resources and staying independent Meets monthly at Sheriff’s office - 4th Tuesday at 10:00 am August 23rd meeting speakers Stacey Brown, CVSO and Carol Ann Smith, ICBYR – Veterans Resources in Isanti County 	Information accepted
Open Agenda	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Hues for Heroes</u> To my fellow friends of US Veterans: 	

	<p>My name is Erech. I am a veteran and the owner of 360° Painting of Minneapolis, a small locally-owned family business and last year I decided to help a fellow veteran in need on Veteran’s Day.</p> <p>www.huesforheroes.com</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 360° Painting of Minneapolis provided an in-home professional color consultation and repainted the main level walls of a deserving veteran’s home. We called the event “Hues for Heroes”. • Our goal is to create local awareness of the many Veterans in our general population that need help. Vets have given so much and seldom ask for anything in return. We want to give back to our Vets! • Do you know a veteran who needs a helping hand? • Brad B described history of program as he knows Erech 	Information accepted
Open Agenda	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>MN Medal of Honor Memorial Dedication</u> September 22 Capitol Mall St. Paul • <u>Medal of Honor - Dinner Cruise</u> Semi-private meet and greet dinner cruise on the evening of September 22, 2022 <p>Contact Secretary to sign up or see your email</p>	Information accepted
Open Agenda	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>New Nationwide Suicide Hotline Number</u> 988 Veterans then press 1 	Information accepted
Open Agenda	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>PACT Legislation</u> • 2022 PACT ACT is now law. Focuses on veterans who served in the Republic of Vietnam from 01-09-1962 to 05-07-1975 and were exposed to Agent Orange or herbicides. Call 1-800-MYVA411 or your CVSO 	Information accepted
Open Agenda	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Isanti VFW is hosting a Veterans Appreciation Picnic on September 11 from 1:00-3:30 pm 	
Open Agenda	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The American Legion Riders in Zimmerman is hosting “Second Amendment Bingo” October 22 to fundraise for the Gold Star Memorial in Princeton 	
Certificate of Appreciation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adam Vanderwal presented a National Guard Family Programs Certificate of Appreciation to Sean Wilson in recognition of his active service to thank him for driving to Stillwater several times to pick up the Meals from the Heart boxes. The certificate states “The 84th TRC Soldier Family Readiness 	Congratulations Sean!! Thank you for all that you do!

	Group presents this testimonial of esteem and gratitude for Faithful Performance of Duty”	
Adjournment		Motion: A motion was made by (Brad B) and seconded by (Jim J) to adjourn meeting. Motion approved & meeting adjourned at 2027

Submitted by: Carol Ann Smith, ICBYR Secretary

Next Meeting: September 15, 2022 – 7:00 pm – AFRCC

BTYR Coffee Talk ON HOLD	<u>BTYR Coffee Talk:</u> CLICK HERE to join or via: Zoom Meeting ID: 863 3769 5200 Passcode / Password: 947 159
Military History	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • August 6, 1945 - The first Atomic Bomb was dropped over the center of Hiroshima at 8:15 a.m., by the American B-29 bomber <i>Enola Gay</i>. • August 7, 1990 - Just five days after the Iraqi invasion of Kuwait, President George Bush ordered Desert Shield, a massive military buildup to prevent further Iraqi advances. • August 14, 1945 - V-J Day, commemorating President Truman’s announcement that Japan had surrendered to the Allies. • August 17, 1943 – During WWII in Europe, the Allies completed the conquest of the island of Sicily after just 38 days. This gave the Allies control of the Mediterranean and also led to the downfall of Benito Mussolini and Italy’s eventual withdrawal from the war.
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
Meeting PowerPoint	Please email the Secretary if you wish a copy of this meeting's PowerPoint
ICBYR Website	www.beyondtheyellowribbonisanti.org
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