

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

Meeting Minutes November 17, 2022

Member Attendance:

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

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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
Presentation	Tony from Leverage Lending Team gave an excellent presentation about the VA Loan process and why it is important for veterans to use this benefit	Thank you Tony!
Secretary Report	Minutes of the October meeting were distributed by mail and email	Motion: A motion was made by (Susan) seconded by (Brad) to approve the minutes. Minutes approved.
Treasurer Report	Income and expenses were reviewed for October: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Income includes: donation from private donors, the American Legion Riders and the Isanti VFW • Expenditures included: phone bill, website, 850th ECC luncheon, golf tournament signs, fuel & food gift cards for S&FRS (\$2500), fuel & food gift cards for CVSO (\$2500), and direct support for veterans (rent, utilities, gift card, furnace = \$3466.46) 	Report accepted and set aside for audit (Jim J/Mary F) Our gratitude to our donors Special thanks to Isanti VFW &

		<p>American Legion Riders for their extremely generous donations of \$5,000 each!!</p> <p>And our thanks to Cub Foods for the discount on the food for the 850th luncheon</p>
<p>Chair's Report Jim R</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CVSO Announcements, Updates, and Requests for Veterans: Erin • We have a veteran that needs assistance with car repair - \$1559.74 • Veteran needs help with Nov rent - \$1600 • Request to help veteran with East Central Energy bill (\$289.66) and City of Cambridge bill (\$46.41) • Request for assistance with car repair –\$123.87 • Wife of deployed soldier asked for help building a hockey rink for her children. Referred to S&FRS and Mandatory Fun Outdoors • • S&FS Updates and Requests for Soldiers: • HHD requests assistance with meals for soldiers for December Holiday Party • S&FRS request assistance to purchase 30 Meals from the Heart for Cambridge AFRCC soldiers at \$37/box • Cambridge AFRCC S&FRS position – will begin interviews next week • • November Board of Directors meeting – Please refer to meeting summary • Misc: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Follow-up 850th ECC luncheon went very well. Thanks to all the volunteers!! And especially Gail and Kathy for making all the food. Will donate \$250 to Sea Cadets for their help. Thank you notes will be sent to Sea Cadets, Kwik Trip and Cub Food 	<p>Information accepted</p> <p>See New Business for vote</p> <p>Information accepted</p> <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"> • 1,596 website visits since October meeting (90,778) total • Tweet sent followers N=41 • Photos to be posted of recent events <p>FaceBook Report: Susan M</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1,400 have reacted to our posts • 25 shares, 126 engagements • Veterans Day events got a lot of likes <p>Resource/Brochure Committee Report: Gail G</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No report – Chair absent 	<p>Information accepted</p>

	<p>Billboard Committee: Brad B</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Brad did driving tour to check all signs • Two signs identified for replacement in the spring <p>Community Service Resource Coordinator: Carol Ann S.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nothing new to report <p>BYR Friends Coordinator: Susan M</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No new applications but has identified lots of new opportunities for 2023 <p>Packages for the Deployed Community Liaison: (position open)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ICBYR will be sending items to deployed soldiers this Christmas. Discussion on what items to purchase based on the Wish List <p>Congregational Committee: (position open)</p> <p>School Liaison: Bruce D</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Children at local primary schools (2nd graders) will make/pictures cards for soldiers. Will be sent with Christmas packages. Bruce showed the poppy hearts made by C-I kindergarteners. Adorable! <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"> • First meeting was tonight at 1815 • Golf Committee gave \$10,000 to Scholarship Committee. THANK YOU!! Will once again award up to four \$2500 scholarships in April of 2023 • Reviewed application form, due dates, poster revisions, and discussed advertising plan • 2023 application deadline will be March 24 • Scholarships will be awarded at the April 20, 2023 ICBYR Task Force meeting • Will review advertising plan and scoring rubric at December meeting <p>Fundraising: Jim R for Gail G</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Please note generous donations from Isanti VFW and American Legion Riders mentioned in the Treasurer’s report. \$5,000 each!!! • Jim R and Gail present at American Legion Riders October 22 to receive check and say thank you • \$10,000 from Golf Tournament given to ICBYR Scholarship Committee for 2023 scholarships • Susan explained the REMAX Team Lundeen fundraiser for ICBYR for those who are on FaceBook. This continues for all of 4th quarter. 	<p>Information accepted</p> <p>Information accepted</p> <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"> Received a call from Jeff D – daughter’s organization wants to donate to a veterans group in honor of Veterans Day 	
Outreach Coordinator Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Stefanie’s report via email Meals from the Heart is up and running for Thanksgiving and Christmas meals. Each box on non-perishable food costs \$37 A company is also donating turkeys to go with each box of food Sean W has volunteered to drive to Eagan Nov 22 to pick up the boxes and bring them to Cambridge AFRCC 	Information accepted
Upcoming Events	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cambridge Lighted Snowflake Parade – November 19 – meet Sean and the float in the ARCC parking lot by 5:00 pm – we are unit # 37 – thanks to Brad, Bruce, Scott and Sean for getting the float ready, Sean for driving and Susan for providing the music! – parade begins at 5:30 – room for 12 on the float and 8 on/in the pickup – AFRCC soldiers invited - chili feed at Cambridge Mall after the parade to support the parade costs – contact Sean with questions HHD Holiday Party – December 3 – Request to assist with soldiers meal cost – two ICBYR representatives invited as guests 	Information accepted
Old Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> None 	
New Business:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – CVSO Requests – We have a veteran that needs assistance with car repair - \$1559.74 – Veteran needs help with Nov rent - \$1600 – Request to help veteran with East Central Energy bill (\$289.66) and City of Cambridge bill (\$46.41) – Request for assistance with car repair –\$123.87 – 	Motion: A motion was made by (Richard and seconded by (Mary) to approve this slate of requests. Motion approved
New Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • S&FS Updates and Requests for Soldiers: • S&FRS request assistance to purchase 30 Meals from the Heart for Cambridge AFRCC soldiers at \$37/box (\$1,110) 	Motion: A motion was made by (Susan) and seconded by (Mary) to purchase the Meals from the Heart food boxes Motion approved
New Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • S&FS Updates and Requests for Soldiers: • HHD requests assistance with meals for soldiers for December Holiday Party – BOD recommends paying \$10 for each service member’s meal 	Motion: A motion was made by (Sean) and seconded by (Jim J) to pay \$10 toward each service member’s meal Motion approved

New Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussion on how much to spend on Holiday boxes to be sent to deployed troops and what to include. Need funds for items, boxes and postage. Based on Wish List we will buy packages of peanuts and hand wipes. 	Motion: A motion was made by (Sean) and seconded by (Jim J) to spend up to \$500 on items for boxes, boxes and postage Motion approved
New Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nominations open for 2023 ICBYR Officers. Nominations open until December Task Force meeting December 15th. Nominations made tonight: • Chair – Jim Rostberg • Vice Chair – Dave Oslund and Susan Morris • Secretary – Carol Ann Smith • Treasurer – Kathy Rostberg 	Information accepted
Open Agenda	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Operation Homefront:</u> Dollar Tree Stores will ask customers to donate Christmas toys to military children November 1 to December 2 ICBYR: Ham Lake store Donations to Cambridge AFRCC 	Information accepted
Open Agenda	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Disney On Ice “Find Your Hero”</u> • Military discount available at Ticketmaster.com • Xcel Energy Center shows December 8-11 	Information accepted
Open Agenda	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Military Appreciation Night at the MN Wild</u> • December 14 @ 7:00 pm • Contact the Minnesota Wild Sales Team for questions: • Email:: group.tickets@wild.com Call or Text:: (651) 222-WILD (9453) 	Information accepted
Adjournment		Motion: A motion was made by (Susan) and seconded by (Brad) to adjourn meeting. Motion approved & meeting adjourned at 2006

Submitted by: Carol Ann Smith, ICBYR Secretary

Next Meeting:

August 18, 2022 – 7:00 pm – AFRCC

No meeting in July due to Isanti County Fair

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"> • November 10, 1775 - The U.S. Marine Corps was established as part of the U.S. Navy. It became a separate unit on July 11, 1789. • November 11, 1972 - The U.S. turned over its military base at Long Binh to the South Vietnamese, symbolizing the end of direct American military participation in the Vietnam War. • November 11th - Celebrated in the U.S. as Veterans Day (formerly called Armistice Day) with parades and military memorial ceremonies.
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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