

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

**Meeting Minutes January 19, 2023**

**Member Attendance:**

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| x | Jim R          |   | Scott F   |   | Andrea D (DEED)      |  | Dan M   |
|   | Susan M        |   | Lois F    |   | Adam F               |  | Heidi B |
| x | Gail G         |   | John W    |   | Jeremy M             |  | Terry L |
| x | Kathy R        |   | 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) |  |         |
| x | Jesse P        |   | Pam M     |   | Robin, Sgt<br>Bryan  |  |         |
|   | Jim J          | x | Sean W    |   | Brian W              |  |         |
| x | Bruce D        |   | Jessica H |   | Peggy W              |  |         |
| x | Ben J – S&FRS  |   | Chuck P   |   | Tony Z               |  | Guest:  |
|   | Curtis A       |   | Sherry P  | x | Brent L              |  | Guest:  |

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| Agenda Item                 | Discussion  | Motions/Action Taken  |
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| <b>Call to Order</b>        |   | Meeting was Called to Order by Chair Jim R at 1902  |
| <b>Pledge of Allegiance</b> |   | Meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance  |
| <b>Secretary Report</b>     | <p>Minutes of the November meeting were distributed by mail and email</p> <p>There was no December meeting due to bad weather</p>   | <p><b>Motion:</b> A motion was made by (Brad) seconded by (Bruce) to approve the minutes.</p> <p><b>Minutes approved.</b></p> |
| <b>Treasurer Report</b>     | <p>Income and expenses were reviewed for November:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Income includes: donation from private donors</li> <li>• Expenditures included: phone bill, Veterans Day dinner support, packages for the troops items and postage, Polaris Battalion donation, and direct support for veterans (rent, car repair, chimney repair, propane fill = \$4,120.92)</li> </ul> <p>Income and expenses were reviewed for December:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Income includes: donation from private donors, Rum River Rods Car Club, Shalom, Give to the Max Day</li> </ul> | <p>Reports accepted and set aside for audit (Brad/Mary F)</p> <p>Our gratitude to our donors!!</p>                            |


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|   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Expenditures included: phone bill, website, Veterans Day cookies, packages for the troops items and postage, Meals from the Heart (30 boxes), Christmas gift cards for veterans and soldiers in need (\$3500 to CVSO &amp; \$1000 to S&amp;FRS), and direct support for veterans (electric bill, car insurance = \$674.75)</li> </ul>  |   |
| <p><b>Chair's Report</b><br/><b>Jim R</b></p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b><u>CVSO Announcements, Updates, and Requests for Veterans: December</u></b><br/>CVSO – request to help surviving spouse with propane tank fill – 250 gallons for \$495.25</li> <li>Packages for troops – request to pay or partially pay for handmade cribbage boards – BOD suggests \$100 for cribbage boards</li> <li></li> <li>Holiday Gift cards - Board recommends \$3500 to CVSO and \$1000 to S&amp;FRS. Will get Walmart gift cards at \$100 each. Maximum \$300 per family.</li> <li><b><u>CVSO Announcements, Updates, and Requests for Veterans: January</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>CVSO – request to help veteran Centerpoint energy bill - \$376.93</li> <li>CVSO – request to help veteran with rent and ECE bill – rent request sent to MAC-V. ECE bill is for \$114.75</li> <li>CVSO request – 25 Cub Food gift cards and 25 Kwik Trip Fuel Only gift cards at \$50 each</li> <li>CVSO – request to help veteran with car insurance - \$547.10</li> <li>S&amp;FRS request – 25 Cub Food gift cards and 25 Kwik Trip Fuel Only gift cards at \$50 each</li> </ul> </li> <li><b>S&amp;FS Updates and Requests for Soldiers:</b></li> <li>Welcome Ben Johnson, new Soldier &amp; Family Readiness Specialist for the 84<sup>th</sup> Troop Command MN National Guard at the Cambridge AFRCC!! Began January 9<sup>th</sup> – Ben gave a presentation about his background and role at the AFRCC.</li> <li>Office: 651.282.4031<br/>Cell: 218-405-0298<br/>Email: <a href="mailto:benjamin.s.johnson1.civ@army.mil">benjamin.s.johnson1.civ@army.mil</a></li> <li>Ben gave an overview of how the \$1000 worth of Christmas gift cards helped four service members from the AFRCC. ICBYR members introduced themselves</li> <li>Follow-up on HHD Holiday Party</li> <li>Operation Homefront 317 toys received from Ham Lake Dollar Tree customers and employees from donations gathered November 1 – December 2</li> <li>S&amp;FRS request – 25 Cub Food gift cards and 25 Kwik Trip Fuel Only gift cards at \$50 each – approved – to Task Force for vote</li> <li><b><u>Follow-up:</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Snowflake Parade – thanks to those who braved the cold to ride on the ICBYR float!! Thanks to Sean for driving!!</li> </ul> </li> </ul> | <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>Information accepted</p> |



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|                                    | <p><b>BYR Friends Coordinator:</b> Gail for Susan M</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Two new applications :</li> <li>• Sage Cleaning LLC</li> <li>• Rockstad and Company Relics &amp; Wares</li> </ul> <p><b>Packages for the Deployed Community Liaison:</b> (position open)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Refer to Fundraising Report</li> <li>• Packages mailed to soldiers from items collected at Rockstad and Company Relics &amp; Wares – thank you Gail!</li> </ul> <p><b>Congregational Committee:</b> (position open)</p> <p><b>School Liaison:</b> Bruce D</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Recent newsletter sent forward</li> <li>• Will ask school children for Valentines to send to deployed service members</li> <li>• ICBYR Scholarship information distributed</li> </ul> <p><b>Law Enforcement Liaison:</b> Jesse</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Now has ICBYR decals and magnets to distribute</li> <li>• Will be the law enforcement member on the “Angst” movie panel in Mora</li> <li>• Met with new Sheriff to discuss ICBYR</li> <li>• Plans to meet with Braham, Cambridge &amp; Isanti Police Chiefs</li> <li>• Has resigned from Cambridge Police force but will continue in law enforcement liaison position for ICBYR</li> </ul> <p><b>Scholarship Committee:</b> Bruce D</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Committee meeting held before tonight’s Task Force meeting</li> <li>• Two 2022 scholarships have been paid</li> <li>• Now advertising the 2023 scholarships. The posters are in – please take some and help us advertise</li> <li>• Good article in the January 12<sup>th</sup> edition of the County News Review. Scholarship Committee members were interviewed for the article January 4<sup>th</sup></li> <li>• Application deadline March 24</li> <li>• Thanks to the Golf Tournament Committee for the Scholarship funds!!</li> </ul> <p><b>Investment Coordinator:</b> Gail</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Investments down 3% from December</li> </ul> <p><b>Fundraising:</b> Gail G</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Donation from ReMAX Team Lundeen \$250</li> <li>• Donation from Rum River Rods Car Club \$500 – Jim, Dave &amp; Kathy present to accept check</li> <li>• Susan M is Chair of the Dinner/Dance Subcommittee. She would like us to vote between April 1 and April 29 as potential dates for the dinner dance. Discussion and vote – decision April 29<sup>th</sup></li> </ul> | <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><b>Outreach Coordinator</b></p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Stefanie’s report via email</li> </ul>  |   |

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| <b>Report</b>          | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Meals from the Heart is up and running for Thanksgiving and Christmas meals. Each box on non-perishable food costs \$37</li> <li>• A company is also donating turkeys to go with each box of food</li> <li>• Sean W volunteered to drive to Eagan Nov 22 to pick up the boxes and bring them to Cambridge AFRCC</li> <li>• Now collecting for Valentine’s Day boxes</li> <li>• Coffee Talk held 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of each month at 0815 via zoom. See link at the end of the minutes. January meeting introduced the new S&amp;FRS team. New S&amp;FRS at Arden Hills Bloomington, &amp; Cambridge</li> </ul> | Information accepted  |
| <b>Upcoming Events</b> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2023 Dinner Dance: After discussion voted for date of April 29<sup>th</sup></li> <li>• Susan M Chair of Dinner Dance Subcommittee</li> </ul>   | Information accepted  |
| <b>Old Business</b>    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Nominations for 2023 ICBYR Officers:</li> <li>• No new nominations since November meeting. Susan M withdrew her name for Vice Chair</li> <li>• Nominations Closed</li> </ul>   | Nominations accepted and closed   |
| <b>New Business</b>    | <p><b><u>Election of 2023 ICBYR Officers:</u></b><br/><b><u>Ballot:</u></b></p> <p><b>Chair – Jim Rostberg</b><br/><b>Vice Chair – Dave Oslund</b><br/><b>Secretary – Carol Ann Smith</b><br/><b>Treasurer – Kathy Rostberg</b></p>   | <p><b>Motion:</b> A motion was made by Bob F and seconded by Brad B to approve this slate of officers.<br/><b>Motion approved</b></p> <p><b>Congratulations new Officers!</b></p> |
| <b>New Business:</b>   | CVSO – request to help surviving spouse with propane tank fill – 250 gallons for \$495.25   | <p><b>Motion:</b> A motion was made by Jesse and seconded by Bob to approve this request.<br/><b>Motion approved</b></p>  |
| <b>New Business</b>    | Holiday Gift cards - Board recommends \$3500 to CVSO and \$1000 to S&FRS. Will get Walmart gift cards at \$100 each.  | <p><b>Motion:</b> A motion was made by Jesse and seconded by Brad to approve this request.<br/><b>Motion approved</b></p>   |

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| <b>New Business</b> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– CVSO – request to help veteran Centerpoint energy bill - \$376.93</li> <li>– CVSO – request to help veteran with ECE bill for \$114.75 - after late fees request now for \$243.89</li> <li>– CVSO request – 25 Cub Food gift cards and 25 Kwik Trip Fuel Only gift cards at \$50 each</li> <li>– CVSO – request to help veteran with car insurance - \$547.10</li> <li>– S&amp;FRS request – 25 Cub Food gift cards and 25 Kwik Trip Fuel Only gift cards at \$50 each</li> </ul> | <b>Motion:</b> A motion was made by Kathy and seconded by Brad to pay for these requests<br><b>Motion approved</b>                       |
| <b>New Business</b> | <u><b>BYR Friend Applications for:</b></u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sage Cleaning LLC</li> <li>• Rockstad and Company Relics &amp; Wares</li> <li>• Both offering a 10% discount to veterans, service members and families</li> </ul>  | <b>Motion:</b> A motion was made by (Mary) and seconded by (Bob) to pay \$10 toward each service member’s meal<br><b>Motion approved</b> |
| <b>Open Agenda</b>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u><b>Operation Homefront:</b></u><br/>Dollar Tree Stores asked customers to donate Christmas toys to military children from November 1 to December 2<br/>ICBYR: Ham Lake store<br/>Donations to Cambridge AFRCC – 317 toys delivered!! Plus a special donation of a china tea set and alphabet letter wooden train</li> </ul>  | Information accepted   |
| <b>Open Agenda</b>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u><b>PICK’M UP Suicide Prevention Coalition:</b></u> Jesse</li> <li>• Angst Movie to be shown in Mora January 26 at 6:30 pm at the Paradise Theater. Jesse law enforcement panel member for the discussion after the movie. Movie being scheduled for North Branch, Braham &amp; Hinckley</li> <li>• Discussing doing education on Narcan use</li> <li>• Monthly Zoom meetings</li> </ul>  | Information accepted<br><br>Thank you Jesse!!  |
| <b>Open Agenda</b>  | <u><b>Military Family Overnight at MOA Sealife February 17-18</b></u><br>Event is for service members and their families dependent ages 5-18<br>Priority given to Army National Guard members<br>Cost \$85 for adults – children free<br>Register by January 23<br>  | Information accepted   |
| <b>Open Agenda</b>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>National Park passes for veterans</b></li> <li>• <b>Veterans, Gold Star Families get free lifetime pass to national parks, wildlife refuges, other public lands</b></li> <li>• <b>New pass provides free lifetime access and waived recreation fees for Veterans and Gold Star families</b></li> </ul>   | Information accepted   |

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|                    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">Free Entrance to National Parks for Gold Star Families and Veterans (U.S. National Park Service) (nps.gov)</a></li> </ul>  |   |
| <b>Open Agenda</b> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><u>Cambridge-Isanti Schools Hero Recognition Night</u></b></li> <li>• January 21 Boys Hockey game at Isanti Ice Arena</li> <li>• Honoring military, law enforcement, EMS, First Responders</li> <li>• Arrive at 6:00 pm for program at 6:45 pm prior to hockey game at 7:00 pm</li> </ul>   | Information accepted                        |
| <b>Open Agenda</b> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Rockstad and Company Relics &amp; Wares in Isanti had a collection box for items needed by deployed service members during the month of December. Gail shipped 6 boxes to the soldiers. There was also a \$20 cash donation which was used toward postage.</li> <li>• Snap Fitness in Cambridge and Isanti is collecting items needed by the deployed soldiers through the end of January</li> </ul>   | Information accepted                        |
| <b>Open Agenda</b> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">Login.gov</a></li> </ul> <div style="text-align: center;">  <p><b>Easy Access to VA Products, Services</b></p> <p>Login.gov is a U.S. government service that provides seamless access to government websites. A Login.gov account allows you to use the same email and password to access VA.gov, My HealtheVet, VA/DoD Ebenefits and the VA Health and Benefits mobile app. Plus, you can securely sign in to USAJOBS and TSA pre-check, and apply for SBA small business loans and disaster aid.</p> </div> | Information accepted                        |
| <b>Misc:</b>       | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Historical information on ICBYR found. Will review items and select what to keep</li> <li>• Filing 2022 tax return – cannot do short form this year. BOD voted to hire Newton Financial Services to file the tax forms</li> <li>• ICBYR Duty Phone – no local calls for over 5 years. Will cancel phone.</li> <li>• CVSO office moving to new building in July 2023. Will have own entrance.</li> <li>• ICBYR BOD meetings to move to new CVSO beginning August 2023</li> </ul>  | <b>Information accepted</b>                 |
| <b>Adjournment</b> |   | <b>Motion:</b> A motion was made by (Kathy) |

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|  |  | and seconded by (Brad) to adjourn meeting. <b>Motion approved &amp; meeting adjourned at 2036</b> |
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Submitted by: Carol Ann Smith, ICBYR Secretary

**Next Meeting: February 16, 2023 – 7:00 pm – AFRCC**

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| <b>BTYR Coffee Talk</b><br><br><b>Second Wednesday of each Month at 0815</b> | <b><u>BTYR Coffee Talk:</u></b><br>Join Zoom Meeting<br><a href="https://state-mn-us.zoom.us/j/84282677037?pwd=bTNuS3FaQ2dWQUZUdlBuMUozRERwdz09">https://state-mn-us.zoom.us/j/84282677037?pwd=bTNuS3FaQ2dWQUZUdlBuMUozRERwdz09</a><br>Meeting ID: 842 8267 7037<br>Passcode: 040053  |
| <b>Military History</b>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>December 1, 1941 - The American Civil Air Patrol (CAP), a U.S. Air Force auxiliary, was founded as Director of Civilian Defense, former New York Mayor Fiorello LaGuardia, signed the formal order. The CAP currently provides aerospace education, a CAP cadet program, and emergency services such as locating missing aircraft.</b></li> <li>• <b>December 7, 1941 - The U.S. Naval base at Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, was attacked by nearly 200 Japanese aircraft in a raid that lasted just over one hour and left nearly 3,000 Americans dead.</b></li> <li>• <b>December 16, 1944 - During World War II in Europe, the Battle of the Bulge began as the Germans launched a big counter-offensive in the Ardennes Forest along a 75-mile front, taking American troops by surprise</b></li> </ul> |
| <b>Viewable Link for ICBYR Goggle Sign Map:</b>                              | <a href="https://www.google.com/maps/d/viewer?mid=19P7VjNkq81qUQQF281XcPCLhvf91gk1O&amp;ll=45.58600856114631%2C-93.29518274999998&amp;z=11">https://www.google.com/maps/d/viewer?mid=19P7VjNkq81qUQQF281XcPCLhvf91gk1O&amp;ll=45.58600856114631%2C-93.29518274999998&amp;z=11</a>   |
| <b>Link to the Military Action Group:</b>                                    | <a href="https://www.revisor.mn.gov/bills/status_result.php?body=House&amp;search=committee&amp;session=0902017&amp;committee_id=90022&amp;submit_committee=GO">https://www.revisor.mn.gov/bills/status_result.php?body=House&amp;search=committee&amp;session=0902017&amp;committee_id=90022&amp;submit_committee=GO</a>   |
| <b>We Care Minnesota App for Cell Phones</b>                                 | A <b>FREE</b> 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   |



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|                             | and Equal Opportunity (EO). Soldiers, Families and civilians can access hotlines without having to dial, and visit websites at the push of a button. |
| <b>Veterans Crisis Line</b> | 1-800-273-8255 Press 1   |
| <b>Meeting PowerPoint</b>   | Please email the Secretary if you wish a copy of this meeting's PowerPoint   |
| <b>ICBYR Website</b>        | <a href="http://www.beyondtheyellowribbonisanti.org">www.beyondtheyellowribbonisanti.org</a>   |
| <b>ICBYR gmail address</b>  | <a href="mailto:isanticountybyr@gmail.com">isanticountybyr@gmail.com</a>   |