


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

**Meeting Minutes February 16, 2023**

**Member Attendance:**

x	Jim R	x	Scott F		Andrea D (DEED)		Dan M
	Susan M		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		
	Jamie H (CVSO)		Randy H		Nanci M		
x	Brad B		Walt M		Erin Y (CVSO office)		
x	Jesse P		Pam M		Robin, Sgt 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
<b>Call to Order</b>		Meeting was Called to Order by Chair Jim R at 1900
<b>Pledge of Allegiance</b>		Meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance
<b>Announcement</b>	<p>Richard N explained about an upcoming benefit dinner for his son-in-law who has cancer. The event is Saturday, March 25 from 2:00-8:00 pm at the Tailgaters Sports Bar &amp; Restaurant in North Branch. There will be a spaghetti dinner and silent auction. See flyer for details.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">             Benefit Flyer.docx         </p>	
<b>Secretary Report</b>	Minutes of the January meeting were distributed by mail and email	<p><b>Motion:</b> A motion was made by (Brad) seconded by (Mary) to approve the minutes.</p> <p><b>Minutes approved.</b></p>

<b>Treasurer Report</b>	<p>Income and expenses were reviewed for December: (revised report)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Income includes: donation from private donors, GivenMN, Rum River Rods Car Club, Shalom, Rockstad and Company Relics &amp; Wares</li> <li>Expenditures included: phone bill, gift cards for veterans and soldiers in need for Christmas, packages for troops expenses, website, Veterans Day cookies, Meals from the Heart Thanksgiving boxes, HHD Christmas party expenses, direct support (energy bill &amp; car insurance = \$674.75)</li> </ul> <p>Income and expenses were reviewed for January:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Income includes: donation from private donors, American Legion Riders</li> <li>Expenditures included: Two scholarships, Braham Area Chamber of Commerce dues, Community Guide ad, envelopes, Cub Foods and Kwik Trip gift cards for S&amp;FRS and CVSO, direct support (electric bill = \$243.89) scholarship poster printing, re-order checks</li> </ul> <p>Gail stated that when we order the gift cards online from Cub we get a discount</p>	<p>Reports accepted and set aside for audit (Brad/Mary F)</p> <p>Our gratitude to our donors!!</p>
<b>Chair's Report Jim R</b>	<p><b><u>CVSO Announcements, Updates, and Requests for Veterans:</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>CVSO – request to help veteran with Connexus Energy bill - \$512.90 – CVSO assisting with mental health and financial counseling</li> </ul> <p>• <b>S&amp;FS Updates and Requests for Soldiers:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Service member requested local business where he could purchase a furnace that might give a military discount. Referred to TM Johnson Bros and Dean's Heating on the "Friends of BYR" list</li> <li>Ben gave a summary of how the Christmas gift cards were used for soldiers in need</li> </ul> <p>• <b><u>Follow-up:</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>CIHS Military/Hero Appreciation Night went very well.</li> <li></li> </ul> <p>• <b><u>February Board Meetings</u></b> Please refer to meeting summary sent by email</p>	<p>Information accepted</p> <p>See New Business for vote</p> <p>Information accepted</p>
<b>Committee Reports:</b>	<p><b>Website/Social Media Committee:</b></p> <p><b>Website Report:</b> Scott F</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1,517 website visits since last meeting (95,151 total)</li> <li>Twitter message sent out to 40 followers about tonight's meeting</li> <li>Two new Friends of BYR posted</li> </ul> <p><b>FaceBook Report:</b> Susan M via email</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Information on 2 new Friends of BYR posted</li> <li>Picture of items sent to troops from Snap Fitness posted</li> </ul> <p><b>Resource/Brochure Committee Report:</b> Gail G</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Brochure has been revised and is being sent to the printer this week</li> <li>Brochure racks ordered</li> </ul>	<p>Information accepted</p> <p>Information accepted</p>


	<p><b>Billboard Committee:</b> Brad B</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Paint purchased to prepare for spring clean-up and repairs</li> </ul> <p><b>Community Service Resource Coordinator:</b> Carol Ann S.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Disabled veteran called for assistance with purchase of new refrigerator. Referred to Pine City BYR</li> </ul> <p><b>BYR Friends Coordinator:</b> Carol Ann for Susan M</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• One new application :</li> <li>• Jake Rostberg Real Estate, LLC</li> </ul> <p><b>Packages for the Deployed Community Liaison:</b> (position open)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Seven large flat rate packages mailed to soldiers from items collected Snap Fitness in Cambridge &amp; Isanti along with Valentine’s made by art class students at Isanti Primary School. Cash donation was used toward postage. Thank you Gail and Bruce!</li> <li>• Six cribbage boards made and donated by a friend of the Rostbergs, plus pegs and playing cards</li> <li>• Scott states his nephew is now home from his deployment overseas. He appreciated the Christmas package we sent him</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>• Isanti Primary school children made Valentines to send to deployed service members in their art class</li> <li>• Plans for this year’s “Silent Dismissal” are in progress. Save the Date for May 26th</li> </ul> <p><b>Law Enforcement Liaison:</b> Jesse</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Nothing new to report</li> </ul> <p><b>Scholarship Committee:</b> Bruce D</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Interviewed by WCMP 95.5 radio about scholarship program</li> <li>• Article about scholarship program in the Isanti-Chisago County Star</li> <li>• Scholarship posters can be seen on local electronic billboards – thanks Brad!</li> <li>• Announced at North 65 Chamber of Commerce meeting and on their website</li> <li>• Visit to Cambridge Christian School</li> <li>• Scholarship deadline March 24</li> <li>• Application review April 3</li> <li>• Scholarship presentations April 20</li> </ul> <p><b>Fundraising:</b> Gail G</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Donation from American Legion Riders purse bingo Jan 28 for \$1000. Next bingo March 25 at Zimmerman Fire Hall. Register online.</li> <li>• Items collected at Cambridge &amp; Isanti Snap Fitness mailed to troops</li> </ul>	<p>Information accepted – See New Business for Vote</p> <p>Information accepted</p> <p>Information accepted</p> <p>Information accepted</p>
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Susan M is Chair of the Dinner/Dance Subcommittee. Date set for April 29<sup>th</sup> at Cambridge AFRCC. First committee meeting February 28<sup>th</sup>. Theme Mardi Gras</li> </ul>	
<b>Outreach Coordinator Report</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Stefanie's report via email</li> <li>Thank you Sean for picking up Meals from the Heart February 10<sup>th</sup>!</li> <li>JCF Conference – May 12 – Camp Ripley</li> <li>2023 Assessment due</li> <li>Quarterly Reports are being established. First one due is 4<sup>th</sup> Q 2022</li> <li>Coffee Talk 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of each month at 0815</li> </ul>	Information accepted
<b>Upcoming Events</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2023 Dinner Dance: April 29 – Mardi Gras</li> </ul>	Information accepted
<b>Old Business</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>None</li> </ul>	
<b>New Business:</b>	CVSO – request to help veteran with Connexus Energy bill - \$512.90	<p><b>Motion:</b> A motion was made by Mary and seconded by Bob to approve this request.</p> <p><b>Motion approved</b></p>
<b>New Business</b>	<p>BYR Friend Application:          Jake Rostberg Real Estate, LLC          Will waive \$499 administrative fee</p>	<p><b>Motion:</b> A motion was made by Scott and seconded by Brad to approve this request.</p> <p><b>Motion approved</b></p>
<b>Open Agenda</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Jesse Peck is retiring from the Cambridge Police Department</li> <li>Congratulations Jesse!!</li> </ul>	Information accepted
<b>Open Agenda</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>PICK'M UP Suicide Prevention Coalition:</b> Jesse</li> <li>Angst Movie to be shown in Mora had attendance of 70 people! Jesse was on the panel representing law enforcement</li> <li>Plans in progress to show movie in Braham, North Branch, and at Hinckley casino</li> <li>Lethal safety training to be offered through the coalition</li> <li>Training on Narcan/Naloxone in progress</li> <li>Next Zoom meeting next Tuesday</li> </ul>	<p>Information accepted</p> <p>Thank you Jesse!!</p>

<b>Open Agenda</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Invisible Wounds Project fundraiser</li> <li>• <b>Freedom Fest</b> September 23</li> <li>• Josh Turner concert</li> <li>• Shawn Silvera 5 K</li> <li>• Cruise for Heroes</li> <li>• Running Aces</li> <li>• Columbus/Forest Lake</li> </ul>	Information accepted
<b>Open Agenda</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><u>MN Hunting &amp; Fishing Licenses</u></b></li> <li>• Residents who are 100% disabled veterans with service-connected disabilities are eligible for a lifetime fishing license and a renewable, annual hunting license free of charge.</li> </ul>	Information accepted
<b>Open Agenda</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><u>MN State Parks</u></b></li> <li>• Minnesota opens all their state parks with no daily admissions charge for active duty military and disabled veterans without any residency requirements. Veterans who have been rated with 100% permanent and total disability can obtain an annual park pass for free, but it does not include camping.</li> </ul>	Information accepted
<b>Open Agenda</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There are multiple Veterans Getways sponsored by Community Engagement and Partnerships – held at Camp Bliss in Walker, MN or on Leech Lake</li> <li>• Suicide Prevention . Minneapolis VA Health Care System</li> <li>• See PowerPoint for details or ask Secretary</li> </ul>	Information accepted
<b>Misc:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Gail states that Zimmerman is building a Gold Star Family Memorial. The second one in Minnesota.</li> </ul>	<b>Information accepted</b>
<b>Adjournment</b>		<b>Motion:</b> A motion was made by (Kathy) and seconded by (Mary) meeting. <b>Motion approved &amp; meeting adjourned at 2020</b>

Submitted by: Carol Ann Smith, ICBYR Secretary

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

<p><b>BTYR Coffee Talk</b></p> <p><b>Second Wednesday of each Month at 0815</b></p>	<p><b><u>BTYR Coffee Talk:</u></b>  Join Zoom Meeting  <a href="https://state-mn-us.zoom.us/j/84282677037?pwd=bTNuS3FaQ2dWQUZUdlBuMUozRERwdz09">https://state-mn-us.zoom.us/j/84282677037?pwd=bTNuS3FaQ2dWQUZUdlBuMUozRERwdz09</a>  Meeting ID: 842 8267 7037  Passcode: 040053</p>
<p><b>Military History</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>February 9, 1943</b> - During WWII, U.S. troops captured Guadalcanal in the Solomon Islands after six months of battle, with 9,000 Japanese and 2,000 Americans killed.</li> <li>• <b>February 10, 1942</b> - The first Medal of Honor during World War II was awarded to 2nd Lt. Alexander Nininger (posthumously) for heroism during the Battle of Bataan.</li> <li>• <b>February 17, 1865</b> - During the American Civil War, Fort Sumter in South Carolina was returned to the Union after nearly a year and a half under Confederate control. The fort had been the scene of the first shots of the war.</li> <li>• <b>February 27, 1991</b> - In Desert Storm, the 100-hour ground war ended as Allied troops entered Kuwait just four days after launching their offensive against Saddam Hussein's Iraqi forces</li> </ul>
<p><b>PowerPoint</b></p>	<div style="text-align: center;">   February 2023 Task  Force Meeting for IV </div>
<p><b>Viewable Link for ICBYR Goggle Sign Map:</b></p>	<p><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></p>
<p><b>Link to the Military Action Group:</b></p>	<p><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></p>
<p><b>We Care Minnesota App for Cell Phones</b></p>	<p>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 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><b>Veterans Crisis Line</b></p>	<p>1-800-273-8255 Press 1</p>
<p><b>Meeting PowerPoint</b></p>	<p>Please email the Secretary if you wish a copy of this meeting's PowerPoint</p>
<p><b>ICBYR Website</b></p>	<p><a href="http://www.beyondtheyellowribbonisanti.org">www.beyondtheyellowribbonisanti.org</a></p>
<p><b>ICBYR gmail address</b></p>	<p><a href="mailto:isanticountybyr@gmail.com">isanticountybyr@gmail.com</a></p>