

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

Meeting Minutes May 18, 2023

Celebrating Military Appreciation Month

Member Attendance:

x	Jim R	x	Scott F		Andrea D (DEED)		Dan M
	Susan M		Lois F		Adam F		Heidi B
x	Gail G		John W		Jeremy M		Terry L
	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		
x	Ben J – S&FRS		Chuck P		Tony Z	X	Guest: Christi P
	Curtis A		Sherry P		Brent L	x	Guest: Lisa M

Agenda Item	Discussion	Motions/Action Taken
Call to Order		Meeting was Called to Order by Chair Jim R at 1904
Pledge of Allegiance		Meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance
Announcement	<p>Christi Patrick and Lisa Meyer from “Mandatory Fun Outdoors” explained that this is a non-profit organization based in Minnesota that hosts activities and events to get veterans and their families outdoors. They also work with currently serving/active duty. Board members live in Park Rapids, Ely, Isanti, Andover and Chaska, so most events are in those areas.</p> <p>Everything is provided free of charge. This includes the materials for the activity, food, supplies, etc....</p> <p>To learn more visit mandatoryfunoutdoors.org</p>	Thank you for this information!
Secretary Report	Minutes of the April meeting were distributed by mail and email	Motion: A motion was made by (Bob) seconded by (Brad) to approve the

		minutes. Minutes approved.
Treasurer Report	<p>Income and expenses were reviewed for April:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Income includes: donation from private donors • Expenditures included: registration for Braham Pie Day, dinner dance expenses, billboard signs, printing annual report, treats for scholarship night and direct support (rent and medical equipment = \$1,145) 	<p>Reports accepted and set aside for audit (Jim J/Mary F)</p> <p>Our gratitude to our donors!!</p>
Chair's Report Jim R	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CVSO Announcements, Updates, and Requests for Veterans: December Veteran unable to work since an injury July 2022. CVSO working with MN Department of Veterans Affairs for assistance, but they do not cover past due bills. Request is for \$933.24 for CenterPoint Energy and \$124.81 for City of Cambridge. CVSO also working with Support the Troops. • Veteran requesting a plumber consult – done – referred to Bill's Well Drilling • S&FS Updates and Requests for Soldiers: • New CO for HHD – 1LT Johnson • HHD Family Day Picnic – June 11th – ICBYR to help set-up and serve food, plus have an informational table • Deployed soldiers need assistance with lawn care. Sodfathers business closing and not able to provide lawn care to the deployed soldiers from Isantl. Ben & Carmen will work on this issue • Follow-up: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Senior Resource Fair sponsored by North 65 Chamber of Commerce went very well. Gail and Sherry staffed the ICBYR table. Good attendance. We had some BTYR give away items. We also had a drawing for an American Flag. – Presentations to Isanti and Braham City Councils went very well. Brought brochures, annual reports and decals – Jim R., Susan and Carol Ann attended BTYR JCF Conference at Camp Ripley. Very good sessions. Networking was the best part. Jim R was part of a Best Practices panel. Soldier Adam S. spoke about how ICBYR supported his family during and after his deployment. ICBYR received a Certificate of Appreciation • May Board Meetings <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Please refer to meeting summary sent by email - The 2022 ICBYR Annual Report was distributed 	<p>Information accepted</p> <p>See New Business for vote</p> <p>Information accepted</p> <p>Information accepted</p> <p>Information accepted</p>

	<p>The graduation seniors will wear red/white/blue cords provided by CIHS at graduation to signify they are entering the military</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Silent Dismissal will be held May 26th at the Cambridge Primary School. • Time: 1:40 - 2:20 -Arrive between 1:15-1:30 for check-in. Check-in at the pop-up tent, just outside the Cambridge Primary School main door (door #21) • Place: Cambridge Primary School, 310 N Elm Street, Cambridge MN • Parking: Park in the lot at Cambridge Primary School (on the south side of the building). <i>Sorry, street parking is not an option this year.</i> • How will kids know who our guests are? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Most guests dress in a way that shows their military service. ○ Military Service people are given flags to hold. ○ We provide name tags ○ Questions: contact Shannon Muehlberg at (763) 691-6501, or Trina Godfrey at (612) 804-1676. <p>Bruce asked for funds to help with Silent Dismissal expenses. After discussion it was decided that ICBYR would pay for the purchase of the small flags. See New Business for the vote.</p> <p>ICBYR may have their parade float on display at Silent Dismissal</p> <p>Law Enforcement Liaison: Jesse</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nothing new to report <p>Scholarship Committee: Bruce D</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CIHS scholarships will be presented virtually. Please visit their website May 30th to see which seniors are awarded scholarships. • Carol Ann attended Braham Area High School last Sunday to present the ICBYR scholarship to Allyson F <p>Fundraising: Gail G</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Final Dinner Dance numbers are still being tallied as there are a couple of outstanding bills to be paid. It looks like we will have a profit a bit larger than last year!! <p>Please see email from Dinner Dance Committee Chair Susan M at the end of this document – thanks to all who volunteered!!!!</p> <p>First meeting to begin planning the 2024 Dinner Dance will be October 5th at Susan M’s home. You will get to preview the dinner dance meal!!</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • North County Market Fest will be held every Tuesday from June 6 – August 8 (except the week of the county fair) from 5:00-9:00 pm at the Isanti County Fairgrounds. Proceeds will be to ICBYR and the local food shelf. ICBYR will have an informational table each evening of the event. Please sign up to volunteer • ICBYR Golf Tournament will be held September 15. Flyers will be out mid-June 	<p>Information accepted</p> <p>Information accepted</p> <p>Information accepted</p>
<p>Outreach Coordinator Report</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stefanie’s report via email • JCF Conference May 12 at Camp Ripley • Coffee Talk held 2nd Wednesday of each month at 0815 via zoom. See link at the end of the minutes. 	<p>Information accepted</p>

Upcoming Events	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Silent Dismissal – May 26 • Braham Appreciation Day – June 3 • North County Market & Events – Every Tuesday June 6 through August 8 • HHD Family Day – June 11 • Isanti Rodeo Jubilee Days Parade – July 6 • Freedom Fest – July 19 • Isanti County Fair – July 19-23 • Braham Pie Day – August 4 • MN State Fair Military Appreciation Day – August 29 	Information accepted
Old Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None 	
New Business:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Veteran unable to work since an injury July 2022. CVSO working with MN Department of Veterans Affairs for assistance, but they do not cover past due bills. Request is for \$933.24 for CenterPoint Energy and \$124.81 for City of Cambridge. Total \$1,058.05 • Motion made to support Silent Dismissal by paying the school for expenses up to \$100. After discussion, motion amended that ICBYR purchase the flags that will be handed out that day 	<p>Motion: A motion was made by Brad and seconded by Bob to approve these requests.</p> <p>Motion approved</p>
Open Agenda	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PICK’M UP Suicide Prevention Coalition: Jesse Cambridge-Isanti High School Superintendent and team are reviewing the Angst movie to see if they will support it being shown at the school May is Mental Health Awareness Month 	Information accepted
Open Agenda	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • St Paul Saints Military Night Thursday, May 25 at 7:00 pm 651-644-6659 	Information accepted
Open Agenda	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Changing Gaits Veterans Event • Equine Services for Our Heroes • June 17 – 0900-1500 • Brook Park, MN • 320-438-4001 • changinggaitsinc@gmail.com • www.changinggaits.org 	Information accepted
Adjournment	<p>We viewed the “Silent Dismissal” video from May 2022 Cambridge Primary School after adjourning the business meeting</p> <p>Girl Scout Cookies were distributed to veterans present</p>	<p>Motion: A motion was made by (Jim J) and seconded by (Bruce) to adjourn meeting.</p> <p>Motion approved & meeting</p>

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Submitted by: Carol Ann Smith, ICBYR Secretary

Next Meeting: June 15, 2023 – 7:00 pm – AFRCC

BTYR Coffee Talk Second Wednesday of each Month at 0815	BTYR Coffee Talk: Join Zoom Meeting https://state-mn-us.zoom.us/j/84282677037?pwd=bTNuS3FaQ2dWQUZUdlBuMUozRERwdz09 Meeting ID: 842 8267 7037 Passcode: 040053
Military History	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.
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
ICBYR gmail address	isanticountybyr@gmail.com

**Dinner Dance Report Email from Committee Chair Susan Morris:
Report for BYR Dinner Dance**

Hi Everyone,

I am in Utah on vacation with some friends, but I want to give a report on the Dinner Dance as chair of the Dinner Dance Committee.

Gail will give you the numbers, I will share everything else. And anyone who attended and or helped please add your perspective.

People really enjoy the themed parties, the costumes were the best we have ever seen.

After several years of learning on my part and under the direction of some great leadership- the Sea Cadets were amazing! They did an outstanding job! A few changes were, I asked them to come later and the older ones stay for clean up. I also gave the adult leader (Heather) a detailed itinerary for what I needed of them. She had the brilliant idea of having the cadets in a classroom then they were not needed. In the past they just milled around the kitchen, which was not helpful.

We are going to have a pizza party for the whole group and give BYR Challenge coins to all the Cadets that helped us that night.

We held a Hotwash 4 days after the event to evaluate what went well, what didn't and what we need to improve on next year.

This was very helpful, and some great ideas came out of this session, and we are always open for more.

People really like the food being served family style.

Having Friday and Saturday to set up is helpful.

People thought the theme was fun.

We had a Veteran family share their story of how we helped them, there was not a dry eye in the place.

People like having the itinerary on the table.

This year we had bags of nice candies and thank you notes for the sponsors- the sponsors appreciated that touch.

People like that when we did Salute to the Troops, we had the lyrics on the screen.

Cullen Bartz and Trent Rudquist did an awesome job with the live auction.

People really appreciated having the golf cart, many people used it.

Things we can improve on next year-

The sound!!!! I have reached out to a sound expert and he says he can help us.

We need two bartenders next year- people had to wait in line too long.

Our check in table needs to be divided up with tickets at one table, auction numbers for people at another table and some one selling raffle tickets.

Many other ideas that we will incorporate but do not need to go into that level of detail here.

I would like to thank everyone who volunteered to help, first the team that made it all possible-

Chris Sedivec- Silent Auction

Terri Akers- Decorations

Jim Rostberg- Sponsorships

Gail Genin- A lot of details, Printed Itinerary for tables, detailed Itineraries for Shawn Sullivan and leadership, getting our insurance, ordering supplies for the dinner, keeping track of all the finances, acknowledging all of our donors with thank you's and the list goes on.

To all of you that helped the week of the event, Dave Oslund, Scott, Richard, Carol Ann, Kathy, Jesse and several others and with out my notes I know I am forgetting some people- a HUGE THANK YOU!!!! Without you we could never do what we do.

People are very excited about next year, some guests who have been coming for a few years offered up the theme of Prohibition and Gangsters. If anyone wants to join the Committee for next year we will be meeting in October 5 at 5:00pm at my house to try out the meal that I am proposing to serve next year.

Respectfully,
Susan Morris

