

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

**Meeting Minutes June 15, 2023**

**Member Attendance:**

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

Agenda Item	Discussion	Motions/Action Taken
<b>Call to Order</b>		Meeting was Called to Order by Board Member Gail G at 1918
<b>Pledge of Allegiance</b>	Introductions were made following the Pledge of Allegiance	Meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance  Welcome Rick!
<b>Secretary Report</b>	Minutes of the May meeting were distributed by mail and email	<b>Motion:</b> A motion was made by (Brad) seconded by (John) to approve the minutes. <b>Minutes approved.</b>
<b>Treasurer Report</b> Gail G for Kathy R	Income and expenses were reviewed for May: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Income includes: donation from private donors and the dinner dance</li> <li>• Expenditures included: dinner dance, purchase of US flags, purchase of small US flags for Silent Dismissal, and direct support (electric &amp; utility bills = \$1,060.55)</li> </ul>	Reports accepted and set aside for audit

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Gail presented the audit results with adjusted balance</li> </ul>	<p>(Brad/Walt)</p> <p>Our gratitude to our donors!!</p>
<p><b>Chair's Report</b> Gail for Jim R</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b><u>CVSO Announcements, Updates, and Requests for Veterans:</u></b> Veteran needs assistance with \$258.95 for USAA car insurance, \$58.19 for Connexus Energy and \$814.84 for car payment. We are also utilizing Support the Troops for his rent and car repairs. Total request \$1,131.98</li> <li>Veteran with electricity shut-off notice. Owes \$377.39</li> <li>CVSO moving to Oakview Building this summer. Exact date pending.</li> <li>Due to new rulings from the State Auditor, ICBYR can no longer office with the CVSO which means a new mailing address and a new duty phone number. <b>Effective immediately the new ICBYR mailing address is P.O. Box 485, Cambridge, MN 55008.</b> If you need the legal mailing address please ask a Board member. A new phone will be purchased in July. Articles of Incorporations and other documents will be updated as required. Stickers will be ordered with the new address for our brochures as we just re-ordered them. Discussion being held on if we need to change the billboards.</li> <li><b><u>S&amp;FS Updates and Requests for Soldiers:</u></b></li> <li>Deployed soldier asking for assistance with purchase of new air conditioner. Wife at home with new baby. In progress, no request at this time.</li> <li><b><u>Follow-up:</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Silent Dismissal – please refer to School Liaison report</li> <li>Braham Appreciation Day – went well. Good crowd. Low ICBYR turnout. Beautiful weather. Thank you John for driving and Sean for letting us use your pickup!</li> <li>North Country Market Fest – please refer to Fundraising report</li> <li>HHD Family Day Picnic – went very well!! Fun day for all, 56 attended. ICBYR prepared and served the food, plus had an informational table. We also had a drawing for a US Flag. Thanks to Susan, Brad, Gail, Richard, Brent, and Carol Ann for volunteering. Leftover food given to soldiers and donated to local domestic violence shelter</li> </ul> </li> <li><b><u>Misc:</u></b></li> <li>License tabs for the ICBYR float were renewed – thank you Rostbergs!</li> <li><b><u>June Board Meetings</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Please refer to meeting summary sent by email</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p>Information accepted</p> <p>See New Business for vote</p> <p>Information accepted</p> <p>Information accepted</p> <p>Information accepted</p> <p>Information accepted</p>

<p><b>Committee Reports:</b></p>	<p><b>Website/Social Media Committee:</b>  <b>Website Report:</b> Scott F - via email</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>We hit 100,000 web site hits!!!</b> On June 15<sup>th</sup></li> </ul> <p><b>Twitter:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tweet sent out for tonight’s meeting</li> </ul> <p><b>FaceBook Report:</b> Susan M</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Posted photos from HHD picnic</li> </ul> <p><b>Resource/Brochure Committee Report:</b> Gail G</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Will create sticker with new phone #</li> <li>• Will reprint with new address and phone number after current brochures gone</li> </ul> <p><b>Billboard Committee:</b> Brad B</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Painted four billboards</li> <li>• Please contact Brad if you see an ICBYR billboard that needs work done</li> </ul> <p><b>Community Service Resource Coordinator:</b> Carol Ann S.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Call from a local home health care service for information on ICBYR</li> <li>• North 65 Chamber of Commerce Annual Gala was held June 8thl Next meeting June 21</li> </ul> <p><b>BYR Friends Coordinator:</b> Susan M Nothing new to report</p> <p><b>Packages for the Deployed Community Liaison:</b> (position open)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No report</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>• <b>Silent Dismissal</b> Bruce stated event went very well. ICBYR float was there, ICBYR paid for the flags that the veterans carried</li> </ul> <p><b>Law Enforcement Liaison:</b> Jesse</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No report – Chair absent</li> </ul> <p><b>Scholarship Committee:</b> Bruce D</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Next meeting October 2023 to plan for 2024 scholarship programs</li> </ul> <p><b>Fundraising:</b> Gail G</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Final Dinner Dance numbers are in and we had an excellent profit, \$1000 more than last year. Gave a \$500 donation to Sea Cadets for their help. First meeting to begin planning the 2024 Dinner Dance will be October 5<sup>th</sup> at Susan M’s home. You will get to preview the dinner dance meal!!</li> </ul>	<p>Information accepted</p> <p>Information accepted</p> <p>Information accepted</p> <p>Information accepted</p> <p>Information accepted</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"> <li>North County Market Fest will be held every Tuesday from June 6 – August 8 from 5:00-9:00 pm at the Isanti County Fairgrounds. Proceeds will be to ICBYR. ICBYR has an informational table each evening of the event. This is a new event and attendance has been slowly growing each week. Janet K will come to August Task Force meeting to present donation check.</li> <li>Pizza Ranch - ICBYR selected as the featured non-profit at the Cambridge Pizza Ranch “soft opening” June 29 &amp; 30. Volunteers will be present at lunch and supper each day to talk about ICBYR. Meal is free, donations to ICBYR encouraged. Dave O will bring ICBYR signage and sandwich boards.</li> <li>ICBYR Golf Tournament will be held September 15. Flyers will be out mid-June along with letters to previous sponsors and golf participants. First committee meeting in July.</li> </ul>	Information accepted
<b>Outreach Coordinator Report</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Stefanie’s report via email</li> <li>JCF Conference May 12 at Camp Ripley</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.</li> </ul>	Information accepted
<b>Upcoming Events</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Isanti Rodeo Jubilee Days Parade – July 6</li> <li>Freedom Fest – July 19</li> <li>Isanti County Fair – July 19-23</li> <li>Braham Pie Day – August 4</li> <li>MN State Fair Military Appreciation Day – August 29</li> </ul>	Information accepted
<b>Old Business</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>None</li> </ul>	
<b>New Business:</b>	<p>Veteran needs assistance with \$258.95 for USAA car insurance, \$58.19 for Connexus Energy and \$814.84 for car payment. We are also utilizing Support the Troops for his rent and car repairs. <b>Total request \$1,131.98</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Veteran with electricity shut-off notice. <b>Owes \$377.39</b></li> </ul>	<p><b>Motion:</b> A motion was made by Susan and seconded by Rick to approve these requests. <b>Motion approved</b></p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Motion made to allow ICBYR BOD to spend up to \$2500 per request as needed for veteran needs as there is no Task Force meeting in July.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Motion:</b> A motion was made by Bruce and seconded by Richard to approve this idea. <b>Motion approved</b></p>
<b>Open Agenda</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>PICK’M UP Suicide Prevention Coalition:</b> Jesse</li> </ul>	

	No report – Jesse absent	
<b>Open Agenda</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><u>Military Appreciation Day (Tuesday, Aug. 29)</u></b></li> <li>• Discounted admission prices at the entrance gates for active military, their spouses and kids; retired military and their spouses; and military veterans and their spouses:</li> <li>• \$13 for adults (13-64)*</li> <li>• \$13 for seniors (65+)*</li> <li>• \$13 for kids (5-12)*</li> <li>• * These prices only valid for Military appreciation day and requires documentation of service.</li> <li>• <b>March of Vietnam Veterans from Leine Lodge to Dan Patch Park 1100</b></li> <li>• 34<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division “Red Bull” Band – Leine Lodge at 1030 and 1145</li> <li>• 204<sup>th</sup> Army Band Brass Quintet – West End Market – Schell’s Stage at Schiling Amphitheater – 1200 – 1300 – 1400</li> <li>• Parade at 2:00 pm</li> </ul>	Information accepted
<b>Open Agenda</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Operations Homefront</li> <li>• Collection of school supplies for military children July 5 – August 4</li> <li>• ICBYR will collect supplies donated at the Ham Lake Dollar Store and deliver them to the AFRCC</li> </ul>	Information accepted
<b>Adjournment</b>		<b>Motion:</b> A motion was made by (Susan) and seconded by (Mary) to adjourn meeting. <b>Motion approved &amp; meeting adjourned at 2012</b>

Submitted by: Carol Ann Smith, ICBYR Secretary

**Next Meeting: August 17, 2023 – 7:00 pm – AFRCC**

<b>BTYR Coffee Talk</b>	<b><u>BTYR Coffee Talk:</u></b>
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<p><b>Second Wednesday of each Month at 0815</b></p>	<p>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>June 6, 1944</b> – D-Day, the largest amphibious landing in history, began in the early-morning hours as Allied forces landed in Normandy on the northern coast of France. Operation Overlord took months of planning and involved 1,527,000 soldiers in 47 Allied divisions along with 4,400 ships and landing craft, and 11,000 aircraft.</li> <li>• <b>June 14, 1775</b> - The first U.S. Military service, the Continental Army consisting of six companies of riflemen, was established by the Second Continental Congress.</li> <li>• <b>June 25, 1950</b> - The Korean War began as North Korean troops, led by Russian-built tanks, crossed the 38th parallel and launched a full scale invasion of South Korea</li> </ul>
<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>
<p><b>ICBYR Mailing Address</b></p>	<p>P.O. Box 485 Cambridge, MN 55008</p>