

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

Meeting Minutes August 17, 2023

National Purple Heart Day – August 7th

Member Attendance:

x	Jim R		Scott F		Dan M		
x	Susan M		Lois F		Adam F		
x	Gail G	x	John W		Jeremy M		
	Kathy R	x	Richard N		Curt H		
x	Carol Ann S	x	Mary F		Stacey B		
	Dave O	x	Bob F		Doug M		
	Jamie H (CVSO)		Rick D		Nanci M		
x	Brad B		Walt M		Erin Y (CVSO office)		
	Jesse P		Pam M		Robin, Sgt Bryan		
x	Jim J	x	Sean W		Terry L		
x	Bruce D		Brent L	x	Cathy B		
x	Ben J – S&FRS		Chuck P			x	Guest: Jen D
	Curtis A		Sherry P			x	Guest: Arlene K

Agenda Item	Discussion	Motions/Action Taken
Call to Order		Meeting was Called to Order by Chair Jim R at 1903
Pledge of Allegiance	Introductions were made following the Pledge of Allegiance	Meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance Welcome Jen & Arlene!
Secretary Report	Minutes of the June meeting were distributed by mail and email	Motion: A motion was made by (Brad) seconded by (Richard N) to approve the minutes. Minutes approved.
Treasurer Report	Income and expenses were reviewed for June: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Income includes: donation from private donors 	Reports accepted as

<p>Gail G for Kathy R</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Expenditures included: dinner dance, Isanti County Fair, rental of PO Box, and direct support (4 electric bills, car insurance, car payment, air conditioner = \$5,109.70) and Cub Foods/Kwik Trip gift cards for CVSO = \$1750 <p>A sad note that our anonymous donor, a Korean War veteran, who gave \$100 per month for many years has died.</p>	<p>presented and set aside for audit (Jim/Mary F)</p> <p>Our gratitude to our donors!!</p>
	<p>Income and expenses were reviewed for July:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Income includes: donation from private donors, Pizza Ranch, County Fair Donation Jar, Wilson Memorials, Golf Tournament Sponsors Expenditures included: Ad placement, postage for golf tournament letters, ICBYR cell phone, North 65 Chamber of Commerce dues, tax preparation, and direct support (electric bill, groceries = \$451.44) and Cub Food gift cards for CVSO \$750 	
<p>Chair's Report Gail for Jim R</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <u>CVSO Announcements, Updates, and Requests for Veterans:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Veteran in hospital needs help with Connexus (\$117.79) and CenterPoint (\$1,002.50) bills = \$1,120.29 Same veteran as above - wife at home alone, needs food – email vote for \$50 in groceries and 2 weeks of home delivered meals through SACS until medical assistance application done. Referred to Isanti County Health & Human Services by CVSO CVSO request for Cub and Kwik Trip gift cards 25 each at \$50 each = \$2,500 ICBYR address label will be placed on the envelope of each gift card so it is clear the card is donated by ICBYR Veteran out of work since April 2022. Had to pay for car repairs, needs help with ECE bill - \$300.20 Veteran requesting help with trailer park lot rent for one month - \$484.00 had to use rent money for repair on trailer CVSO move to Oakview Building August 1st. Address 1700 East Rum River Drive South, Cambridge – Suite H (look for the flag pole). Phone remains the same. Open House August 30 from 1130 – 3:30 Food truck there 1130-1330 <u>S&FS Updates and Requests for Soldiers:</u> Deployed soldier thanking us for assistance with purchase of new air conditioner. Wife at home with new baby. Ben J read his thank you letter and shared pictures. ICBYR paid \$2400, the soldier paid \$600 and Support the Troops \$2000. Ben J leaving Cambridge AFRCC/84th Troop Command and transferring to Arden Hills 34th Red Bull Infantry Division at the General Vessey Readiness Center. WE WILL MISS YOU!!! THANK YOU SO MUCH for all you have done while at Cambridge!! Ben will be at Cambridge AFRCC 1-2 days a week until the new person is hired and oriented. There were 10 applications for the position. They will interview the top 4 on August 30 & 31. 	<p>Information accepted</p> <p>See New Business for vote</p> <p>Information accepted</p> <p>Our thanks to Ben J!!</p> <p>Our thanks to Adam, Sarah and Lil!!</p>

	<p>Ben also stated that Adam & Sarah S and Lil F are resigning as SFG volunteers for the 84th Troops Command and HHD. Our sincere thanks to them!!!!</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Follow-up:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Isanti Rodeo Jubilee Days Parade – beautiful night! Float well received by audience. Thanks to Brad and Bruce for getting the float and Sean for driving!!!! – Freedom Fest – went very well. 41 registered veterans, but many went through without registering. Great vendors. East Central Pork Producers donated the pork chops this year plus a beverage! – Braham Pie Day – Went well. Seemed to be a smaller crowd this year. Our booth with the other veteran groups near the Memorial, but farther from the action – North Country Market Fest – refer to Fundraising report – THANK YOU to all the ICBYR volunteers!! We couldn't do it without you!! • <u>Misc:</u> • ICBYR has purchased a new phone. Answered 24/7 by a Board Member 612-476-8224 • ICBYR had to file taxes this year. Gail worked with Newton Financial on this project. • ADA ramp donation – Jim & Brad picked up a new handicap ramp that was donated to ICBYR • <u>July & August Board Meetings</u> • Please refer to meeting summary sent by email 	<p>Information accepted</p> <p>Information accepted</p>
<p>Committee Reports:</p>	<p>Website/Social Media Committee:</p> <p>Website Report: Scott F - via email</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We hit 100,000 web site hits!!! On June 15th • 104,163 so far (4,543 since May) • Golf Tournament information on the website Calendar and Home Page • CVSO information/location updated • ICBYR address and phone number updated • Some broken links have been fixed • Isanti Parade photos posted • Need to add some agendas, minutes and photos from Braham Pie Day <p>Twitter:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tweet sent out for tonight's meeting <p>FaceBook Report: Susan M</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Posted photos from HHD picnic 	<p>Information accepted</p> <p>Information accepted</p>

	<p>Resource/Brochure Committee Report: Gail G</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Will create sticker with new phone # • Will reprint brochure with new address and phone number after current brochures gone <p>Billboard Committee: Brad B</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Brad says current aluminum signs holding up well • Please contact Brad if you see an ICBYR billboard that needs work done. Bruce and Rick offered to help with painting/repairs • Our billboards do not have to be changed until we run out and order new ones • Jill R from Jill's Signs is retiring in December – we will miss her!! And need to find a new company to do our billboards and other signage <p>Community Service Resource Coordinator: Carol Ann S.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assisted caller with veterans resources in Colorado • Answered phone question about ICBYR Scholarship Program • North 65 Chamber of Commerce July networking meeting went really well. Had 2 good contacts with Grand Casino and McDonalds – Gail will discuss in more detail under Fundraising Committee • Great networking at the Pizza Ranch soft opening, North Country Market Fest and the County Fair. Hopefully some new volunteers – including Jen and Arlene who came tonight! <p>BYR Friends Coordinator: Susan M</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nothing new to report <p>Packages for the Deployed Community Liaison: (position open)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No report <p>Congregational Committee: (position open)</p> <p>School Liaison: Bruce D</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nothing new to report <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"> • Suggestion to have scholarship winners on our floats • Awaiting Golf Tournament Committee decision on funding of 2024 scholarships • Next meeting October 2023 to plan for 2024 scholarship programs <p>Fundraising: Gail G</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ICBYR Golf Tournament will be held September 15. There are 21 teams registered so far. Maximum is 24 teams. Volunteer sign-up available tonight. Still looking for silent auction donations 	<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"> • North County Market Fest was held every Tuesday from June 6 – July 25. Hopefully Janet K will come to the September Task Force meeting to present donation check. • ICBYR featured non-profit at City Center Market in July. Awaiting check • 2024 Dinner Dance: 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!! • Exploring “McHero” Night event at the Cambridge McDonalds. Event discussed and we would like to move forward with planning the event this autumn. Gail will get back to them. • Exploring being the featured non-profit at Grand Casino this autumn. Gail is in contact with them 	Information accepted
Outreach Coordinator Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coffee Talk held 2nd Wednesday of each month at 0815 via zoom. See link at the end of the minutes. 	Information accepted
Upcoming Events	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MN State Fair Military Appreciation Day – August 29 • ICBYR Golf Tournament – September 15 	Information accepted
Old Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None 	
New Business:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Veteran in hospital needs help with Connexus (\$117.79) and CenterPoint (\$1,002.50) bills and wife at home alone, needs food – email vote for \$50 in groceries and 2 weeks of home delivered meals (\$64) through SACS until medical assistance application done. Total = \$1234.29 Referred to Isanti County Health & Human Services by CVSO – CVSO request for Cub and Kwik Trip gift cards 25 each at \$50 each = \$2,500 – Veteran out of work since April 2022. Had to pay for car repairs, needs help with ECE bill - \$300.20 – Veteran requesting help with trailer park lot rent for one month - \$484.00 had to use rent money for repair on trailer – Soldier needs air conditioner in home – ICBYR portion \$2400 • 	Motion: A motion was made by Bob and seconded by Susan to approve these requests. Motion approved
Open Agenda	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PICK’M UP Suicide Prevention Coalition: Jesse No report – Jesse absent “Chalk It Up Event” – draw or write a message of hope – contact Secretary for details if interested “15 Things Veterans Want You to Know” – Zoom forum September 19th – contact Secretary for details if you are interested 	Information accepted
Open Agenda	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Military Appreciation Day (Tuesday, Aug. 29)</u> • 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: • \$13 for adults (13-64)* • \$13 for seniors (65+)* 	Information accepted

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$13 for kids (5-12)* • * These prices only valid for Military appreciation day and requires documentation of service. • March of Vietnam Veterans from Leine Lodge to Dan Patch Park 1100 • 34th Infantry Division “Red Bull” Band – Leine Lodge at 1030 and 1145 • 204th Army Band Brass Quintet – West End Market – Schell’s Stage at Schiling Amphitheater – 1200 – 1300 – 1400 • Parade at 2:00 pm 	
Open Agenda	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Operation Homefront</u> • Collection of school supplies for military children July 5 – August 4 • ICBYR collected school supplies donated at the Ham Lake Dollar Store and delivered them to the AFRCC. Approximately 500 items! 	Information accepted
Open Agenda	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>St. Raphael Home Care</u> • Based in North Branch • Has VA service contracts for Isanti and surrounding counties 	Information accepted
Open Agenda	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>30 Days Foundation</u> • Provides a one time financial grant • Based in Golden Valley 	Information accepted
Open Agenda	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Boots to Business</u> • Friday, August 25 in Brainerd 	Information accepted
Open Agenda	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Isanti VFW Post 2735 Golf Scramble</u> • August 27th 	Information accepted
Open Agenda	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>St Paul Saints Military Appreciation Night</u> • August 30 • Four complimentary tickets 	Information accepted
Open Agenda	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>QPR Suicide Prevention Training</u> • Online • September 22nd from 9:00-11:00 am • Contact Secretary if interested 	Information accepted
Open Agenda	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>GUMI Camp USA</u> • Now open in Pine City • Offers veterans transportation to VA medical appointments, shopping, etc.... • Places companion dogs with veterans in need of support • Offers peer-to-peer support groups weekly • Office Hours Monday through Friday from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm • Phone: 320-390-2018 • Emergency 24/7 phone: 417-559-3892 • Gumicampusa.com 	Information accepted

Adjournment		Motion: A motion was made by (Jim J) and seconded by (Mary) to adjourn meeting. Motion approved & meeting adjourned at 2031
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Submitted by: Carol Ann Smith, ICBYR Secretary

Next Meeting: September 21, 2023 – 7:00 pm – AFRCC

BTYR Coffee Talk Second Wednesday of each Month at 0815	<u>BTYR Coffee Talk:</u> Join Zoom Meeting https://state-mn-us.zoom.us/j/84282677037?pwd=bTNuS3FaQ2dWQUZUdlBuMUozRERwdz09 Meeting ID: 842 8267 7037 Passcode: 040053
Military History	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • August 6, 1945 - The first Atomic Bomb was dropped over the center of Hiroshima at 8:15 a.m., by the American B-29 bomber <i>Enola Gay</i>. • August 7, 1990 - Just five days after the Iraqi invasion of Kuwait, President George Bush ordered Desert Shield, a massive military buildup to prevent further Iraqi advances. • August 14, 1945 - V-J Day, commemorating President Truman’s announcement that Japan had surrendered to the Allies. • August 17, 1943 – During WWII in Europe, the Allies completed the conquest of the island of Sicily after just 38 days. This gave the Allies control of the Mediterranean and also led to the downfall of Benito Mussolini and Italy’s eventual withdrawal from the war.
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
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