

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

**Meeting Minutes September 21, 2023**

**Member Attendance:**

	Jim R		Scott F		Dan M		
	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		
x	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		Terry L		
x	Jim J	x	Sean W		Cathy B		
x	Bruce D		Brent L	x	Jennifer D		
x	Ben J – S&FRS		Chuck P	x	Arlene K	x	Guest: Sara D
	Curtis A		Sherry P				Guest:

Agenda Item	Discussion	Motions/Action Taken
<b>Call to Order</b>		Meeting was Called to Order by Vice Chair Dave O at 1900
<b>Pledge of Allegiance</b>	Introductions were made following the Pledge of Allegiance	Meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance  Welcome Sara!
<b>Secretary Report</b>	Minutes of the August meeting were distributed by mail and email	<b>Motion:</b> A motion was made by (Brad) seconded by (Mary) to approve the minutes. <b>Minutes approved.</b>
<b>Treasurer Report</b> Gail G for Kathy R	<b>Income and expenses were reviewed for August:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Income includes: donations from private donors, golf tournament registrations and sponsorships, Braham Pie Day donation jar, North Country Market Fest donation jar, City Center Market "Round It Up" Program for July, County Fair reimbursement for damage deposit</li> </ul>	Reports accepted as presented and set aside for audit

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Expenditures included: Purchase of new ICBYR donation jar/boxes, ICBYR BOD insurance, golf tournament expenses and direct support (trailer park lot rent \$484)</li> </ul>	<p>(Jim/Mary)</p> <p>Our gratitude to our donors!!</p>
<p><b>Chair's Report</b> Dave O for Jim R</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b><u>CVSO Announcements, Updates, and Requests for Veterans:</u></b></li> <li>Homeless veteran – requesting Walmart gift card for clothes and essentials and gift card to local laundromat – MAC-V involved – BOD approved \$200 Walmart and \$60 laundromat gift cards</li> <li>Call from SACS re: meals for veteran's wife – BOD approved paying for one month and then re-assess (\$128)</li> <li>Open House went very well</li> <li><b><u>S&amp;FS Updates and Requests for Soldiers:</u></b> S&amp;FRS position at Cambridge AFRCC update: Job has been offered to the committee's first choice. Background checks and other HR protocols are in progress.</li> <li><b><u>Announcement:</u></b></li> <li>Congratulations to the new Chair of Packages for the Deployed Committee – Jennifer Drohman. Thank you Jen!</li> <li><b><u>Follow-up:</u></b></li> <li>MN State Fair Military Appreciation Day – went very well. Largest ICBYR attendance for the parade. Great weather</li> <li>Golf Tournament - refer to fundraising</li> <li><b><u>Misc:</u></b></li> <li>Thank You notes from: Sea Cadets, 2 scholarship winners, SRFG volunteers</li> <li><b><u>September Board Meetings</u></b></li> <li>Please refer to meeting summary sent by email</li> </ul>	<p>Information accepted</p> <p>See New Business for vote</p> <p>Information accepted</p> <p>Information accepted</p>
<p><b>Committee Reports:</b></p>	<p><b>Website/Social Media Committee:</b></p> <p><b>Website Report:</b> Scott F - via email</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1855 hits since May</li> <li>Golf tournament information removed and replaced with a Thank You note. Need photos from tournament to post</li> <li>Need to update agendas and minutes</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 No report</p>	<p>Information accepted</p>

	<p><b>Resource/Brochure Committee Report:</b> Gail G</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Working on revising brochure to include new mailing address and phone #</li> </ul> <p><b>Billboard Committee:</b> Brad B</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Working on finishing needed painting before winter</li> </ul> <p><b>Community Service Resource Coordinator:</b> Carol Ann S.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>North 65 Chamber of Commerce August meeting attended by Bruce D for Carol Ann. Meeting focused on students as future workforce. Teachers shared the importance of community involvement, career coaching, job shadowing and interviewing</li> </ul> <p><b>BYR Friends Coordinator:</b> Susan M</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No report</li> </ul> <p><b>Packages for the Deployed Community Liaison:</b> (Jen D)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Boxes sent to 2 deployed soldiers</li> <li>There may be Isanti County soldiers included in an upcoming deployment – Ben J will keep us posted</li> <li>Working with Gail on Snap Fitness collection</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>Attended North 65 Chamber of Commerce meeting</li> <li>Will work with Jen to obtain artwork/letters from school children for upcoming boxes to be sent to deployed troops</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>Thank you to the Golf Tournament Committee for the \$10,000 for 2024 ICBYR Scholarships</li> <li>Summary of scholarships awarded</li> <li>Next meeting November 2023 to plan for 2024 scholarship programs</li> </ul> <p><b>Fundraising:</b> Gail G</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>ICBYR Golf Tournament was held September 15. Huge success! There were 24 teams (96 golfers), most ever. And 11 teams were turned away. THANK YOU to all who volunteered. There were 8 sustaining sponsors who donated \$1000 or more. Silent Auction went very well. Proceeds will be used for direct support of our mission and \$10,000 to the ICBYR Scholarship Program</li> <li>Snap Fitness in Cambridge &amp; Isanti will be collecting cash donations and items for troop boxes for the month of October</li> <li>McHero Night – ICBYR will participate in a fundraiser at the McDonalds in Cambridge. We receive 20% of the gross proceeds earned from 4:00-7:00</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>
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	<p>pm, plus we will be selling cookies for \$1 each and we get to keep 100% of the cookie sales. Date TBD. Volunteers will be needed</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ICBYR featured non-profit at City Center Market in July. Awaiting check</li> <li>• 2024 Dinner Dance: 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!! AFRCC reserved for April 27, 2024</li> <li>• Isanti Liquor has selected ICBYR to receive “round it up” donations for the month of December. Requesting ICBYR Task Force members be present on Friday evenings to chat with customers</li> <li>• ICBYR will be the featured non-profit for Grand Casino Hinckley and Mille Lacs in December</li> </ul>	Information accepted
<b>Outreach Coordinator Report</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <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> <li>• <b>Meals From The Heart:</b> Food boxes for MN Military Families for Thanksgiving and Christmas</li> <li>• New MN BTYR Online Newsletter for MN National Guard members</li> <li>• Support the Troops License Plate now available – ask Secretary for details</li> </ul>	Information accepted
<b>Upcoming Events</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• MN State Fair Military Appreciation Day – August 29</li> <li>• ICBYR Golf Tournament – September 15</li> </ul>	Information accepted
<b>Old Business</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• None</li> </ul>	
<b>New Business:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Homeless veteran – requesting Walmart gift card for clothes and essentials and gift card to local laundromat –BOD approved \$200 Walmart and \$60 laundromat gift cards (\$26</li> <li>• Call from SACS re: meals for veteran’s wife – BOD approved paying for one month and then re-assess (\$128)</li> </ul>	<p><b>Motion:</b> A motion was made by Brad and seconded by Mary to approve these requests.</p> <p><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 No report – Jesse absent September is Suicide Prevention Month</li> </ul>	Information accepted
<b>Open Agenda</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Operation Homefront</b></li> <li>• Collection of school supplies for military children July 5 – August 4</li> <li>• ICBYR collected school supplies donated at the Ham Lake Dollar Store and delivered them to the AFRCC. Approximately 500 items!</li> </ul>	Information accepted
<b>Open Agenda</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Grandy Lions Pancake Breakfast</b></li> <li>• Grandy Community Center</li> <li>• October 1 from 0800-1200</li> </ul>	Information accepted

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Open Agenda	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Pine City Blue Star Moms</b> will serve the lunch at the Fall Craft Show</li> <li>• Braham Event Center</li> <li>• November 11</li> <li>• 0900-1600</li> <li>• Veterans eat free</li> </ul>	Information accepted
Open Agenda	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><u>Disney On Ice – Find Your Hero</u></b></li> <li>• Military discounts December 7-10</li> <li>• Order online by December 3</li> <li>• Xcelenergycenter.com/military</li> <li>• Ages 2 and older need a ticket</li> </ul>	Information accepted
Open Agenda	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><u>QPR Suicide Prevention Training</u></b></li> <li>• Online</li> <li>• September 22nd from 9:00-11:00 am</li> <li>• Contact Secretary if interested</li> </ul>	Information accepted
Open Agenda	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><u>MN Wild Military Appreciation Night</u></b></li> <li>• October 24</li> <li>• The special ticket pack offer includes a Wild Military branded hat. A portion of the each ticket pack will go back to Beyond the Yellow Ribbon.</li> <li>• Karen Reisinger   Senior Account Executive Minnesota Wild/Xcel Energy Center   317 Washington Street   Saint Paul, Minnesota 55102 <a href="mailto:kreisinger@wild.com">kreisinger@wild.com</a>   Text/Direct: 651.312.3486</li> </ul>	Information accepted
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><u>VetTix</u></b></li> <li>• <a href="http://www.vettix.org">www.vettix.org</a></li> <li>• Vet Tix supplies tickets for concerts and sporting events to all branches of currently serving military and veterans. This includes immediate family of troops KIA</li> </ul>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><u>Isanti VFW Beer Tasting Event</u></b></li> <li>• October 2 at 1630</li> <li>• <b><u>Isanti VFW Fall Fest for Children</u></b></li> <li>• October 15<sup>th</sup></li> <li>• Starts at 1300</li> </ul>	
Adjournment	Video of golf tournament pictures shown at end of business meeting	<b>Motion:</b> A motion was made by (Brad) and seconded

		by (Gail ) to adjourn meeting. <b>Motion approved &amp; meeting adjourned at 2003</b>
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Submitted by: Carol Ann Smith, ICBYR Secretary

**Next Meeting:                    October 19, 2023 – 7:00 pm – AFRCC**

<b>BTYR Coffee Talk</b>  <b>Second Wednesday of each Month at 0815</b>	<u><b>BTYR Coffee Talk:</b></u> 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
<b>Military History</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>September 1, 1939</b> - At 5.30 a.m., Hitler's armies invaded Poland starting World War II in Europe.</li> <li>• <b>September 2, 1945</b> - President Harry Truman declared V-J Day (Victory over Japan Day) commemorating the formal Japanese surrender to the Allies aboard the USS <i>Missouri</i> in Tokyo Bay.</li> <li>• <b>September 18, 1947</b> - The U.S. Air Force was established as a separate military service.</li> <li>• <b>September 29, 1789</b> - Congress created the United States Army, consisting of 1,000 enlisted men and officers.</li> <li>•</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 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 email address</b>	<a href="mailto:isanticountybyr@gmail.com">isanticountybyr@gmail.com</a>
<b>ICBYR Mailing Address</b>	P.O. Box 485 Cambridge, MN 55008
<b>ICBYR Phone</b>	612-476-8224