

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

Meeting Minutes October 19, 2023

Member Attendance:

	Jim R		Scott F		Dan M		
x	Susan M		Lois F		Adam F		
	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)	x	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		Jennifer D		
x	Ben J – S&FRS		Chuck P	x	Arlene K		Guest:
	Curtis A		Sherry P				Guest:

Agenda Item	Discussion	Motions/Action Taken
Call to Order		Meeting was Called to Order by Board Member Carol Ann Smith at 1902
Pledge of Allegiance		Meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance
Secretary Report	Minutes of the September meeting were distributed by mail and email	Motion: A motion was made by (Brad) seconded by (Susan) to approve the minutes. Minutes approved.
Treasurer Report Carol Ann for Kathy R	Income and expenses were reviewed for September: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Income includes: donations from private donors and golf tournament income • Expenditures included: Golf tournament expenses, insurance, donation to American Legion Color Guard and direct support (Packages to Deployed, meals for veteran’s wife, gift card for homeless veteran = \$525.25) 	Reports accepted as presented and

		<p>set aside for audit (Jim/Mary)</p> <p>Our gratitude to our donors!!</p>
<p>Chair's Report Carol Ann 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"> - CVSO requesting Cub Foods and Kwik Trip fuel only gift cards – 25 of each - \$50 each • <u>S&FS Updates and Requests for Soldiers:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - S&FRS position at Cambridge AFRCC update: Job has been re-posted. Interviews will happen the week of October 31 - Troops deployed with the 850th ECC will be returning home this autumn and winter in groups of 1-2 troops at time - HHD Holiday party planned for December 3 - Meals from the Heart – Ben waiting for the roster to be posted for how many meals will be coming to Cambridge AFRCC • <u>Thank You:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Thank You email from deployed soldiers for troop boxes - Personal thank you from Clark Swanson from the Cambridge American Legion Post #290 Color Guard. Mr. Swanson attended the Board Meeting last week to thank ICBYR for their donation to the Color Guard for providing the Color Guard at the ICBYR golf tournament. The money will be used toward new uniforms. • <u>October Board Meetings</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Please refer to meeting summary sent by email - Discussed sponsoring local Veterans Day events (see New Business) 	<p>See New Business for vote</p> <p>Information accepted</p> <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"> • 1,447 hits since September (107,465 total) • Golf tournament information removed and replaced with a Thank You note. • Need to update agendas and minutes <p>Twitter:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tweet/X sent out for tonight's meeting <p>FaceBook Report: Susan M</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • State Fair photos posted, 1000 likes • 1.1 thousand followers!! 	<p>Information accepted</p> <p>Information accepted</p>

	<p>Resource/Brochure Committee Report: Gail G</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Brochure revised to include new mailing address and phone # <p>Billboard Committee: Brad B</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Working on finishing needed painting before winter <p>Community Service Resource Coordinator: Carol Ann S.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • North 65 Chamber of Commerce October meeting focused on a presentation by the MN IT Center of Excellence and it was excellent! Community education to come funded by federal grants. Watch local newspapers. <p>BYR Friends Coordinator: Susan M</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nothing new to report <p>Packages for the Deployed Community Liaison: (Jen D)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No report – Chair absent • Working with Gail on Snap Fitness collection • Ben states about 35 MN soldiers will be deployed at Christmas, he will check to see which ones are affiliated with Isanti County <p>Congregational Committee: (position open)</p> <p>School Liaison: Bruce D</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Awaiting news about a Veterans Day event at the C-I High School <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"> • Next meeting November 2023 to plan for 2024 scholarship programs • Thanks to the Golf Tournament Committee for the \$10,000 for scholarships! <p>Fundraising: Gail G</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Snap Fitness in Cambridge & Isanti will be collecting cash donations and items for troop boxes for the month of October. Jen D coordinating. • 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 pm, plus we will be selling cookies for \$1 each and we get to keep 100% of the cookie sales. Volunteers will be needed December 5th • 2024 Dinner Dance: First meeting held October 5 to begin planning the 2024 Dinner Dance AFRCC reserved for April 27, 2024. Susan stated it went well. Reviewed the “Hotwash” from the 2023 Dinner Dance. Discussion on sound challenges at the AFRCC • 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 	<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"> ICBYR will be the featured non-profit for Grand Casino Hinckley and Mille Lacs in December. Donation boxes will be located at both casinos 	
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. Meals From The Heart: Food boxes for MN Military Families for Thanksgiving and Christmas. Veterans and service members eligible 	Information accepted
Upcoming Events	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Snowflake Parade – November 18 McHero Night – December 5 Isanti Liquor – Every Friday in December 2024 Dinner Dance – April 27 	Information accepted
Old Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> None 	
New Business:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - CVSO requesting Cub Food and Kwik Trip fuel only gift cards – 25 of each - \$50 each = \$2,500 - 	<p>Motion: A motion was made by Brad and seconded by Mary to approve this request. Motion approved</p>
New Business:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Support of Cambridge American Legion & Isanti VFW Veterans Day dinners - \$500 each Discussed held and motion approved 	<p>Motion: A motion was made by Susan and seconded by Richard to approve this suggestion. Motion approved</p>
New Business:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cambridge Lighted Snowflake Parade – November 18 Voted yes to have ICBYR float in the parade – Secretary to complete application Discussion held on items needed to update float. Bruce, Bran, Sean and John met last night to assess needs – need easier setup and take down, new fringe and satin, new yellow ribbon, new fabric, Velcro, tinsel, electrical boxes, sound system. better way on and off the float, items on float more secure so we can travel more than 30 mph Motion made to allow Float Committee members to spend up to \$700 on upgrading the float 	<p>Motion: A motion was made by Susan and seconded by Jim J to approve this suggestion. Motion approved</p>
Open Agenda	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> PICK’M UP Suicide Prevention Coalition: Jesse No report – Jesse absent 	

Open Agenda	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Operation Homefront</u> • Collection of Christmas toys for military children – month of November • ICBYR will collect toys donated at the Ham Lake Dollar Store and deliver them to the AFRCC. 	Information accepted
Open Agenda	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Helios Masonic Lodge • Fundraiser for fire suppression devices for local fire departments • October 22 Breakfast 0800-1200 • Cambridge Masonic Lodge 	Information accepted
Open Agenda	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pine City Blue Star Moms will serve the lunch at the Fall Craft Show • Braham Event Center • November 11 • 0900-1600 • Veterans eat free 	Information accepted
Open Agenda	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Disney On Ice – Find Your Hero</u> • Military discounts December 7-10 • Order online by December 3 • Xcelenergycenter.com/military • Ages 2 and older need a ticket 	Information accepted
Open Agenda	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Polaris Battalion Military Ball</u> • Sea Cadets are looking for silent auction items for their military ball in January 	Information accepted
Open Agenda	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>MN Wild Military Appreciation Night</u> • October 24 • 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. • Karen Reisinger Senior Account Executive Minnesota Wild/Xcel Energy Center 317 Washington Street Saint Paul, Minnesota 55102 kreisinger@wild.com Text/Direct: 651.312.3486 • Ben will be there staffing a S&FRS resource table 	Information accepted
Open Agenda	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>VetTix</u> • www.vettix.org • 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 	
Open Agenda	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Be a Buddy - National Buddy Check week October 16-20</u> • <u>Pledge to Talk to 10 Veterans during Buddy Check Week</u> • From October 16-20, 2023, join the Veteran community in National Buddy Check week to encourage everyone to check in with their battle buddies or rekindle old friendships. 	Information accepted

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reach out to Veteran friends, check in. Talk about family, your life, how life has changed since time in service. 	
Open Agenda	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <u>Flag Retirement Ceremony</u> November 9 Braham Area Girl Scouts Freedom Park – Braham – 6:00 pm 	Information accepted
Adjournment		<p>Motion: A motion was made by (Brad) and seconded by (Bob) to adjourn meeting.</p> <p>Motion approved & meeting adjourned at 2007</p>

Submitted by: Carol Ann Smith, ICBYR Secretary

Next Meeting: November 16, 2023 – 7:00 pm – AFRCC

<p>BTYR Coffee Talk</p> <p>Second Wednesday of each Month at 0815</p>	<p><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</p>
Military History	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> October 13, 1775 - The United States Navy was born after the Second Continental Congress authorized the acquisition of a fleet of ships October 20, 1944 - During World War II in the Pacific, General Douglas MacArthur set foot on Philippine soil for the first time since his escape in 1942, fulfilling his promise, "I shall return."
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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