

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

Meeting Minutes November 16, 2023


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		
	Carol Ann S		Mary F		Stacey B		
	Dave O		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		Jennifer D		
	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 Chair Jim R at 1903
Pledge of Allegiance		Meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance
Secretary Report	Minutes of the October meeting were distributed by mail and email	Motion: A motion was made by (Brad) seconded by (Bruce) to approve the minutes. Minutes approved.
Treasurer Report Carol Ann for Kathy R	Income and expenses were reviewed for October: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Income includes: donations from private donors • Expenditures included: Direct support (CVSO gift cards, gift card for homeless veteran, website fees, Isanti VFW Veterans Day Dinner = \$3,123.50) 	Reports accepted as presented and set aside for audit (Jim/Richard)

		Our gratitude to our donors!!
Chair's Report Carol Ann for Jim R	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>CVSO Announcements, Updates, and Requests for Veterans:</u> • Requesting propane tank fill for veteran's widow - \$601.67 for 330 gallons - approved • Requesting propane tank fill for veteran - \$594.96 for 275 gallons - approved • CVSO working with a veteran who needs car repairs. Support the Troops will pay part of the bill. BOD approved up to \$1350 from ICBYR if needed. To Task Force for vote of approximately \$1148.55 • Veteran needs assistance with moving from Elmhurst in Braham to Ashland Place in Cambridge. C&J Relocations estimate \$350 • Discussed Holiday gift card needs for veterans • <u>S&FS Updates and Requests for Soldiers:</u> • Request to assist family of deployed 850th ECC soldier with one month mortgage (\$1271.54) and car repairs (\$473 + tax) • S&FRS position is in the process of being filled – interviews held October 31 • HHD Holiday Party scheduled for December 3 at AFRCC. Being catered. • Discussed Holiday needs for service members • <u>October Board Meeting:</u> • MN Military Radio – Month of the Military Family Broadcast – ICBYR featured on Veterans Day • Policy on ICBYR Assistance – reviewed new policy approved by BOD • Nominations for 2024 ICBYR Officers – see New Business • November 2023 Board of Directors Meeting – refer to email of meeting summary 	See New Business for vote Information accepted Information accepted Information accepted
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Link to ICBYR MN Military Radio Interview</u> • https://minnesotamilitaryradiohour.com • Listen to podcast from November 11 	
Committee Reports:	Website/Social Media Committee: Website Report: Scott F - via email <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1,582 website hits since last meeting • Posted Snap Fitness photo • Need 2023 Golf Tournament pictures • Need to post agendas and minutes Twitter/X: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tweet/X sent out for tonight's meeting to 41 followers FaceBook Report: Susan M <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • State Fair photos posted, 1000 likes • 1.1 thousand followers!! 	Information accepted Information accepted

	<p>Misc:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Susan accepted blankets from Faith Lutheran Church and presented them to Veterans last Sunday <p>Resource/Brochure Committee Report: Gail G</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Brochure revised to include new mailing address and phone # • Gail has new brochures and business card size magnets available tonight <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 meeting for November was the Employee Recognition Luncheon & Employee of the Year Award <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 Ben for addresses for Christmas troop boxes <p>Congregational Committee: (position open)</p> <p>School Liaison: Bruce D</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Veterans Day breakfast at CIHS went very well. Good attendance. Would ICBYR consider paying for the paper plates and napkins? • CIHS requesting high school flags. Bruce purchased some and Gail purchased additional ones to have on hand <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"> • First meeting tonight to plan for 2024 scholarship programs • Application deadline for 2024 scholarship March 22 • Scholarships awarded at the April 18 Task Force meeting • Thanks to the Golf Tournament Committee for the funds! <p>Fundraising: Gail G</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Snap Fitness in Cambridge & Isanti collected cash donations and items for troop boxes for the month of October. Jen D coordinating and working with Ben J on addresses to send out troop boxes • Falcon National Bank in Isanti has selected ICBYR as their non-profit organization of the year and will be presenting ICBYR with a check • Isanti Liquor has selected ICBYR to receive “round it up” donations for the month of December. Requesting ICBYR Task Force members be present on 	<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>Friday evenings to chat with customers from 4:00-6:00 pm on each Friday in December. Volunteers still needed. We will give away one American flag for the event</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Isanti-Chisago County Star named ICBYR a Finalist in the 2023 Reader’s Choice “Best of the Star” Best Fundraising Event Non-Profit or Government Organization  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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 all set for December 5th. Please take a flyer and advertise the event. It will also be advertised by McDonald’s in all take out bags for 2 weeks prior to the event and on the marquee the day of the event 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 ICBYR will be the featured non-profit for Grand Casino Hinckley and Mille Lacs in December. Donation boxes will be located at both casinos 2024 Dinner Dance April 27: Susan stated second meeting held November 9th Sound system issue discussed. Working on design for poster and tickets. May not have a dessert auction, bail game instead Gail stated that someone has stepped forth to anonymously donate \$100 per month to ICBYR 	<p>Information accepted</p>
<p>Outreach Coordinator Report</p>	<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. Sean and John will pick-up meals for Cambridge AFRCC on November 21. September is Military Family Appreciation Month New BTYR Outreach Coordinator hired for Southern MN – welcome Ryan Walker. Isanti County remains with Stefanie 	<p>Information accepted</p> <p>Thank you Sean & John</p>
<p>Upcoming Events</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Snowflake Parade – November 18 – meet Sean and the float on 2nd Avenue near the river no later than 5:00 pm. We are unit 17B. Parade begins at 5:30 	

	<p>pm. Park in the ARCC parking lot – enter from Spirit River Drive/County 70. Dress warm! Community chili feed at City Hall after the parade to help pay for parade costs. Thanks to Bruce, Brad, Sean & John for all their work refurbishing the float!!</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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"> • <u>CVSO Announcements, Updates, and Requests for Veterans:</u> • Requesting propane tank fill for veteran’s widow - \$601.67 for 330 gallons - approved • Requesting propane tank fill for veteran - \$594.96 for 275 gallons - approved • CVSO working with a veteran who needs car repairs. Support the Troops will pay part of the bill. ICBYR to pay \$1148.55 • Veteran needs assistance with moving from Elmhurst in Braham to Ashland \$320 • Request to assist family of deployed 850th ECC soldier with one month mortgage (\$1271.54) and car repairs (\$473 + tax) • BOD recommends spending up to \$5000 on Holiday gift cards this year for veterans and service members 	<p>Motion: A motion was made by Brad and seconded by Susan to approve these requests. Motion approved</p>
New Business:	Donation to Meals from the Heart - \$500	<p>Motion: A motion was made by Susan and seconded by Jim J to approve this motion. Motion approved</p>
New Business:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vote on ICBYR policy on assisting veterans and service members 	<p>Motion: A motion was made by Brad and seconded by Jim J to approve this policy. Motion approved</p>

New Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reimburse Bruce for CIHS classroom flags (\$118.90) and vote to purchase additional flags to have on hand (\$98.88) 	Motion: A motion was made by Jim J and seconded by Brad to approve this motion. Motion approved
New Business	<u>Nominations for 2024 ICBYR Officers:</u> Chair – Jim R nominated by Bruce Vice Chair – Dave O nominated by Jim J Secretary – Carol Ann Smith nominated by Susan M Treasurer – Kathy nominated by Sean	Information accepted Nominations open through December 21 Task Force meeting
Open Agenda	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <u>PICK’M UP Suicide Prevention Coalition:</u> 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. Nine boxes of toys so far! 	Information accepted
Open Agenda	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Give to the MAX day is today! 	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> 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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"> • Happy Thanksgiving everyone! 	Information accepted
Adjournment		<p>Motion: A motion was made by (Susan) and seconded by (Jim J) to adjourn meeting.</p> <p>Motion approved & meeting adjourned at 2025</p>

Submitted by: Carol Ann Smith, ICBYR Secretary

Next Meeting: December 21, 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"> • November 10, 1775 - The U.S. Marine Corps was established as part of the U.S. Navy. It became a separate unit on July 11, 1789. • November 11, 1972 - The U.S. turned over its military base at Long Binh to the South Vietnamese, symbolizing the end of direct American military participation in the Vietnam War. • November 11th - Celebrated in the U.S. as Veterans Day (formerly called Armistice Day) with parades and military memorial ceremonies.

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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