

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

Meeting Minutes December 21, 2023

Member Attendance:

x	Jim R		Scott F		Dan M		
x	Susan M		Lois F		Adam F		
x	Gail G		John W		Jeremy M		
x	Kathy R	x	Richard N		Curt H		
x	Carol Ann S		Mary F		Stacey B		
	Dave O		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		
	Ben J – S&FRS		Chuck P	x	Arlene K	x	Guest: Kelli K
	Curtis A		Sherry P			x	Guest: Daniel K

Agenda Item	Discussion	Motions/Action Taken
Call to Order		Meeting was Called to Order by Chair Jim R at 1900
Pledge of Allegiance		Meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance
Guests	<p>Kelli Klossner and Daniel Klossner from the Cambridge- Isanti Youth Hockey Association attended tonight’s meeting to present ICBYR with a check from the “Coaches Game” fundraiser. Over \$2700 was raised that evening, and the CIYHA Board matched the amount!!</p> <p>Money that evening was raised by a silent basket auction, a raffle, the hot dog eating contest, “chuck a puck” & admission fee to the game. THANK YOU SO MUCH!!</p>	Our gratitude
Secretary Report	Minutes of the November meeting were distributed by mail and email	<p>Motion: A motion was made by (Brad) seconded by (Rick) to approve the minutes.</p> <p>Minutes approved.</p>

<p>Treasurer Report Kathy R</p>	<p>Income and expenses were reviewed for November:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Income includes: donations from private donors & Falcon Bank Expenditures included: classroom flag purchase, float supplies, new checks, PO Box fee, direct support (propane tank fills, Cambridge American Legion Veterans Day Dinner printing of revised ICBYR brochure, cell phone bill, mortgage = \$2,516.02 plus Christmas gift cards for veterans = \$5000. Total expenditures = \$7,516.02) 	<p>Reports accepted as presented and set aside for audit (Jim/Rick)</p> <p>Our gratitude to our donors!!</p>
<p>Chair's Report Jim R</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <u>CVSO Updates, and Requests for Veterans:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Request for handicap ramp Follow-up on veterans receiving Holiday gift cards (33 cards) <u>S&FS Updates and Requests for Soldiers:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> S&FRS position is in the process of being filled – new person selected and will be introduced at January Task Force meeting HHD Holiday Party December 3rd at AFRCC went very well. Served about 60 people food. Gave a away a flag. Toys from Operation Homefront were distributed Follow-up on service members receiving Holiday gift cards – 5 services members (4 families and 1 single service member) = 13 gift cards Thank You note from soldier receiving a Christmas gift card <u>Misc:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pictures from Snowflake Parade, HHD/84th Troop Command Holiday Luncheon Discussion about the parade and float needs. New speaker purchased (thanks Bruce) <u>December Board Meeting:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Veterans Issues November 2023 Board of Directors Meeting THANK YOU Brad & Jesse for serving 2 year terms as Committee Chairs!! 	<p>Information accepted</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"> 2,060 website hits since last meeting <p>Twitter/X:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tweet/X sent out for tonight's meeting to 41 followers <p>FaceBook Report: Susan M</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> New photos posted 	<p>Information accepted</p>

	<p>Resource/Brochure Committee Report: Gail G</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nothing new to report. Let Gail know if you need brochures, magnets or decals <p>Billboard Committee: Brad B</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nothing new to report <p>Community Service Resource Coordinator: Carol Ann S.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • North 65 Chamber of Commerce meeting for December focused on New Pathways <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"> • Items donated for troop boxes delivered to Isanti County CVSO December 17 to be distributed to veterans in need. No known Isanti County troops deployed <p>Congregational Committee: (position open)</p> <p>School Liaison: Bruce D</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Waiting for receipts from CIHS for Veteran’s Day breakfast paper supplies <p>Law Enforcement Liaison: Jesse</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No report – Chair absent • Jesse to deliver small ICBYR decals to the Braham Police Dept <p>Scholarship Committee: Bruce D</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meeting tonight to plan for 2024 scholarship programs • Finalized changes to poster and advertising plan • Application deadline for 2024 scholarship March 22 • Scholarships awarded at the April 18 Task Force meeting <p>Fundraising: Gail G</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CIYHA donation for nearly \$5500!! (see presentation) • Falcon National Bank employees in Isanti selected ICBYR as their non-profit organization of the year and presented 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 Friday evenings to chat with customers from 4:00-6:00 pm on each Friday in December. We will give away one American flag for the event • McHero Night – ICBYR participated in a fundraiser at the McDonalds in Cambridge December 5th. We received 20% of the gross proceeds earned from 4:00-7:00 pm, and sold cookies for \$1 each. We raised nearly \$650! 	<p>Information accepted</p> <p>Information accepted</p> <p>Information accepted</p>
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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. Cambridge AFRCC received 11 boxes plus turkey in November. Thanks to Sean & John Wilson for driving!! There were 16 locations in MN and approximately 1500 people fed! Christmas delivery date for Cambridge AFRCC is December 19. 	Information accepted Thank you Sean & John								
Upcoming Events	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Isanti Liquor – Every Friday in December 2024 Dinner Dance – April 27 	Information accepted								
Old Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nominations for ICBYR 2024 Officers No new nominations were made since November meeting Nominations closed 									
New Business:	<p><u>Vote on Veterans & Soldier Issues:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> None at this time <p><u>Nominations for 2024 ICBYR Officers:</u></p> <table style="width: 100%; border: none;"> <tr> <td style="width: 50%;">Chair – Jim R</td> <td style="width: 50%;">Secretary – Carol Ann S</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Vice Chair – Dave O</td> <td>Treasurer- Kathy R</td> </tr> </table> <p><u>Vote for 2024 ICBYR Officers:</u></p> <table style="width: 100%; border: none;"> <tr> <td style="width: 50%;">Chair – Jim R</td> <td style="width: 50%;">Secretary – Carol Ann S</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Vice Chair – Dave O</td> <td>Treasurer- Kathy R</td> </tr> </table>	Chair – Jim R	Secretary – Carol Ann S	Vice Chair – Dave O	Treasurer- Kathy R	Chair – Jim R	Secretary – Carol Ann S	Vice Chair – Dave O	Treasurer- Kathy R	Motion: A motion was made by Susan and seconded by Brad to approve the slate of officer nominations. Motion approved
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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 									

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ICBYR collected 13 boxes of toys donated at the Ham Lake Dollar Store and 2 boxes from the North Branch Dollar Tree store and delivered them to the AFRCC. Nearly 600 toys were distributed at the Cambridge AFRCC and other units 	Information accepted
Open Agenda	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <u>Sofas for Service:</u> In December of 2016 “Sofas for Service” became a nonprofit 501(c) (3) corporation. We serve Veterans needing furniture with referrals from sources including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <u>Veteran’s Assistance Foundation</u> <u>Minnesota Action Council for Veterans</u> <u>County VA offices</u> Direct contact by Veterans themselves or their families In Wisconsin, Minnesota, Illinois & South Dakota Sofasforservice.org 715-309-9663 	Information accepted
Open Agenda	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <u>It’s America”</u> a patriotic video from Bruce D. was shown 	Information accepted
Adjournment		Motion: A motion was made by (Susan) and seconded by (Jim J) to adjourn meeting. Motion approved & meeting adjourned at 1958

Submitted by: Carol Ann Smith, ICBYR Secretary

Next Meeting: January 18, 2024 – 7:00 pm – AFRCC

BTYR Coffee Talk	<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
Second Wednesday of	

each Month at 0815	
Military History	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • December 1, 1941 - The American Civil Air Patrol (CAP), a U.S. Air Force auxiliary, was founded as Director of Civilian Defense, former New York Mayor Fiorello LaGuardia, signed the formal order. The CAP currently provides aerospace education, a CAP cadet program, and emergency services such as locating missing aircraft. • December 7, 1941 - The U.S. Naval base at Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, was attacked by nearly 200 Japanese aircraft in a raid that lasted just over one hour and left nearly 3,000 Americans dead. • December 16, 1944 - During World War II in Europe, the Battle of the Bulge began as the Germans launched a big counter-offensive in the Ardennes Forest along a 75-mile front, taking American troops by
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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