

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

Meeting Minutes January 18, 2024


Member Attendance:

x	Jim R	x	Scott F		Dan M		
	Susan M		Lois F	x	Adam F		
x	Gail G		John W		Jeremy M		
x	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		Terry L		
x	Jim J		Sean W		Cathy B		
x	Bruce D		Brent L	x	Arlene K		
x	Ashley B – S&FRS		Chuck P	x	Terri A		Guest:
	Curtis A		Sherry P			x	Guest: Alan D

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
Presentation	<p>Ashley Bredemus the new Soldier & Family Readiness Specialist for the HHD/84th Troop Command and 850th ECC based at the Cambridge AFRCC introduced herself and gave a brief history of her background. Ashley is a CIHS graduate. She entered the MN National Guard at age 17 and later spent 12 years active duty. She has a BA in Intelligence and most recently she worked as a federal investigator. She lives in the Cambridge area.</p> <p>We are so happy to have Ashley as the new S&FRS. Welcome home!</p> <p>Task Force members introduced themselves</p>	Welcome Ashley!!!
Secretary Report	Minutes of the December meeting were distributed by mail and email	Motion: A motion was made by (Gail) seconded by (Arlene) to approve the

		minutes. Minutes approved.
Treasurer Report Kathy R	<p>Income and expenses were reviewed for December:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Income includes: donations from private donors, GlveMN, Isanti Liquor, McHero night at McDonald's, C-I Hockey Association Expenditures included: Purchase of flags, speaker for float, donation to Meals from the Heart \$500, support of HHD holiday luncheon \$720, Direct support (rent, car repair, electric bill = \$4,429.26) Total expenditures = \$ 5,766.13 <p>There was some confusion on the donation amounts. Treasurer will explore and report in February.</p>	<p>Reports accepted subject to correction and set aside for audit (Jim/Brad)</p> <p>Our gratitude to our donors!!</p>
Chair's Report Jim R	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <u>CVSO Updates, and Requests for Veterans:</u> Veteran needs assistance with electric bill. Shut off notice. ICBYR paid past due amount of \$780.71 Veteran requesting assistance with rent. Eviction forthcoming. Amount due approximated \$2900. BOD recommends paying \$2500 <u>S&FS Updates and Requests for Soldiers:</u> Welcome new S&FRS Ashley Bredemus!! No soldier requests at this time <u>January Board Meeting:</u> Veterans Issues Suicide Prevention Coalition – add phone # to ICBYR billboards Christmas card and donation from Cambridge American Legion Auxiliary Thank you note from veteran receiving a Christmas gift card Welcome new Board member Susan Morris!! 	<p>Information accepted</p> <p>Information accepted</p> <p>Information accepted</p>
Committee Reports:	<p>Website/Social Media Committee:</p> <p>Website Report: Scott F - via email</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1,563 website hits since last meeting All agendas and minutes updated Scholarship information posted Photos from golf tournament and snowflake parade posted <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"> No report – chair absent <p>Resource/Brochure Committee Report: Gail G</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> We will be revising the current brochure to include the 988*1 crisis line information 	<p>Information accepted</p> <p>Information accepted</p>

	<p>Billboard Committee: Brad B</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Will begin painting and repairs to existing signs as soon as weather allows. Must be > 55 degrees to paint. Will work on new decal for 988*1 crisis information to be added to the billboards. Will need about 50 decals. There are about 20 signs currently in use and 19 in stock. Some are double sided <p>Community Service Resource Coordinator: Carol Ann S.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • North 65 Chamber of Commerce meeting for January was a networking meeting. Made 2 good connections. • Coffee Talk focused on MN State Family Programs discussing 2024 strategies and initiatives • Social worker from Mpls VA reached out for funds to send a veteran to see his dying brother out of state. Connected her to the state BTYR who connected her to Homeless and Wounded Warrior organization who will help him • New contact information for Lino Lake BTYR. They have changed their name to Northeast Metro BTYR and serve the communities of Lino Lakes, Centerville, Circle Pines and Lexington. Website btyrmetro.org • Cambridge library asked for assistance in the appropriate retirement of their flag • State BTYR sent us the name of a military spouse who is interested in joining ICBYR. She hopes to attend the February Task Force meeting • Awaiting names and contact information from Cambridge personnel at Target and Wells Fargo who are BTYR companies <p>BYR Friends Coordinator: Susan M</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No report – Chair absent <p>Packages for the Deployed Community Liaison: (position open)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ashely & Ben will work on getting names and addresses if there are Isanti County soldiers deployed with the 34th Infantry Division Red Bulls <p>Congregational Committee: (position open)</p> <p>School Liaison: Bruce D</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scholarship advertisement in motion to the 7 school districts that serve Isanti County plus the private schools and children who are home schooled <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"> • Meeting tonight reviewed advertising plan • Posters distributed tonight • Interview with County News Review January 25 • Application deadline for 2024 scholarship March 22 • Scholarships awarded at the April 18 Task Force meeting • Winners will be invited to ride on ICBYR floats • Two thank you notes from 2023 scholarship winners • Three scholarships paid for 2023 scholarship winners 	<p>Information accepted</p> <p>Information accepted</p> <p>Information accepted</p> <p>Information accepted</p>
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	 ICBYR 2024 Scholarship Poster.p	
	Investment Coordinator Report: Gail G <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Investments up 7% for 2023! Fundraising: Gail G <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Isanti Liquor check was awarded at the January Isanti City Council meeting in the amount of \$4002.84!! Every penny does count! Our thanks to Isanti Liquor!! ICBYR was the featured non-profit for Grand Casino Hinckley and Mille Lacs in December. We received a check for nearly \$700!! Thank you to Grand Casino!! 2024 Dinner Dance April 27: Planning committee continues to meet. Visited the Anoka Speakeasy for ideas at their last meeting. Gail working with North 65 Chamber of Commerce for assistance in getting our ticket sales on an online platform. 	Information accepted Information accepted Thank you to our donors!
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. Operation Kinship: A new initiative with BYR companies designed to establish connections with the family members of deployed service members. This initiative allows deployed service members the opportunity to register their loved ones to receive a care package during their deployment. 	Information accepted
Upcoming Events	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2024 Dinner Dance – April 27 	Information accepted
Old Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> None at this time 	
New Business:	<u>Vote on Veterans & Soldier Issues:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Veteran needs assistance with electric bill. Shut off notice. ICBYR paid past due amount of \$780.71 Veteran requesting assistance with rent. Eviction forthcoming. Amount due approximated \$2900. BOD recommends paying \$2500 	Motion: A motion was made by Brad and seconded by Mary to approve the slate of officer nominations. Motion approved
Open Agenda	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> PICK’M UP Suicide Prevention Coalition: Jesse No report – Jesse absent New prevention/crisis intervention cards distributed 	

Open Agenda	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coding for Veterans in partnership with the University of Southern California, offers a 100% online, instructor-led, self-paced, flexible program which gives veterans an opportunity to join the tech industry and start a career in software development and cyber security. • Codingforveterans.org 	Information accepted
Open Agenda	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Togetherweserved.com enables Veterans to preserve, share their military stories for free • By way of a guided questionnaire and a specially designed interface called 'Service Reflections,' TWS makes it very easy for Veterans to record memories of key people and events from their military service. Their service story comes to life by simply answering one question at a time to which they can add accompanying photographs • Jim R has done this and explained more about it 	Information accepted
Misc:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A new ramp was donated to ICBYR. We now have 5 ramps. Thank you to Brad for storing them! • McSchool fundraiser at Cambridge & Isanti McDonald's January 23rd for the Cambridge Isanti schools "Care Closets" from 4:00-7:00 pm • ICBYR decals given to Isanti Fire Department 	Information accepted
Adjournment		<p>Motion: A motion was made by Brad and seconded by Mary to adjourn meeting.</p> <p>Motion approved & meeting adjourned at 1953</p>

Submitted by: Carol Ann Smith, ICBYR Secretary

Next Meeting: February 15, 2024 – 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"> • January 28, 1915 - The U.S. Coast Guard was created by an Act of Congress, combining the Life Saving Service and the Revenue Cutter Service. • January 21, 1954 - The <i>USS Nautilus</i>, the world's first nuclear powered submarine, was launched at Groton, Connecticut. • January 27, 1973 - U.S. involvement in the Vietnam War ended as North Vietnamese and American representatives signed an agreement in Paris • January 16, 1991 - The war against Iraq began as Allied aircraft conducted a major raid against Iraqi air defenses. The air raid on Baghdad was broadcast live to a global audience by CNN correspondents as operation Desert Shield became Desert Storm.
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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