

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

**Meeting Minutes February 15, 2024**

**Member Attendance:**

x	Jim R		Scott F		Dan M		
	Susan M		Lois F	x	Adam F		
	Gail G		John W		Jeremy M		
x	Kathy R		Richard N		Curt H		
x	Carol Ann S		Mary F		Stacey B		
	Dave O		Bob F		Doug M		
	Jamie H (CVSO)		Rick D		Nanci M		
	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		Arlene K		
x	Ashley B – S&FRS		Chuck P	xx	Terri A	x	Guest: Tim L
	Curtis A		Sherry P		Bob A		Guest:

Agenda Item	Discussion	Motions/Action Taken
<b>Call to Order</b>		Meeting was Called to Order by Chair Jim R at 1904
<b>Pledge of Allegiance</b>	The Pledge of Allegiance was followed by introductions	Meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance
<b>Presentation</b>	<p>Timothy LaBeau, a Veterans Employment Specialist with the MN Department of Employment and Economic Development (DEED) gave a presentation about his role in helping veterans find employment.</p> <p>Tim specifically works with Veterans who have a “significant barrier” to employment (an example would be someone who has a felony conviction). He can work with transitioning soldiers who have 181 days of consecutive active duty service. They do need a DD214. They must be honorably or medically discharged. The disability claim can be pending.</p> <p>There are programs for specialty groups such as indigenous veterans and female veterans.</p> <p>Tim can also work with veteran spouses and family members</p> <p>Tim works with Isanti, Pine, Kanabec, Washington, Goodhue, Ramsey and Carver counties.</p> <p>DEED can also help with any resources they may need beyond employment.</p>	<p>Information accepted</p> <p>Thank you Tim</p>

	<p>Tim works with the CareerForce Center in Cambridge and can be reached at 763-257-5964 or tim.labeau@state.mn.us Appointments can be virtual or in person.</p> <p>DEED is a BYR Company</p>	
<b>Secretary Report</b>	Minutes of the January meeting were distributed by mail and email	<p><b>Motion:</b> A motion was made by (Terri) seconded by (Adam) to approve the minutes.</p> <p><b>Minutes approved.</b></p>
<b>Treasurer Report</b> Kathy R	<p><b>Income was reviewed for December:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Kathy presented a corrected version of the December Treasurer’s report clarifying the donations from Shalom Shoppe, Sahara Sands, McHero night and monthly anonymous donors</li> </ul> <p><b>Income and expenses were reviewed for January:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Income – included donations from the American Legion Auxiliary in Cambridge, Grand Casino, and monthly anonymous donors</li> <li>Expenses – Three scholarships paid, stamps, website, Braham Area Chamber of Commerce dues, expenses for HHD Holiday Party, ICBYR magnets and stickers, printing of scholarship posters, reimbursement for Veterans Day treats at CIHS</li> </ul>	<p>Reports accepted as presented and set aside for audit (Jim J/Adam)</p> <p>Our gratitude to our donors!!</p>
<b>Chair’s Report</b> Jim R	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b><u>CVSO Updates, and Requests for Veterans:</u></b></li> <li>Veteran with red-tagged furnace. Three quotes obtained. Board approved Tradewinds quote of \$4321.00. Veteran unable to pay any amount.</li> <li>Veteran in need of assistance with his electric bill. It is currently in a disconnect status. Current balance is \$1097.56 Veteran is able to pay 10%</li> <li><b><u>S&amp;FS Updates and Requests for Soldiers:</u></b></li> <li>No soldier requests at this time</li> <li>Ashley is on a committee working with deployed soldiers that will assist ICBYR in getting mailing APO addresses for any of the 34<sup>th</sup> Division Red Bulls that are deployed who have a connection to Isanti County</li> <li>Ashley’s contact information is: Office: 651-282-4032 Cell: 651-368-1350 Email: Ashley.S.Bredemus.civ@mail.mil</li> <li><b><u>February Board Meeting:</u></b></li> <li>Veterans Issues</li> <li>Funeral for Erven &amp; Betty Skaar – Jim R gave a summary of the funeral. ICBYR sent flowers (paid for by personal donations from the BOD). ICBYR is receiving memorials from Erven Skaar funeral.</li> </ul>	<p>Information accepted</p> <p>Refer to New Business for Voting</p> <p>Information accepted</p> <p>Information accepted</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Upcoming BOD Meetings: March 13, April 10, May 8 at 2:00 pm at the Isanti County Government Center upper level conference room</li> </ul>	
<b>Committee Reports:</b>	<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>Website updated with dinner dance poster and QR code for purchasing tickets is in two locations on the website</li> <li>A "hotlink" to purchase tickets directly from the website is set up through the ICBYR Square account</li> <li>Donations to ICBYR can now be done via the website through the Square account!!</li> </ul> <p><b>Twitter/X:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Tweet/X sent out for tonight's meeting, the scholarship program and dinner dance information to 41 followers</li> </ul> <p><b>FaceBook Report:</b> Susan M</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No report – chair absent</li> </ul> <p><b>Resource/Brochure Committee Report:</b> Gail G</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>We will be revising the current brochure to include the 988*1 crisis line information</li> </ul> <p><b>Billboard Committee:</b> Brad B</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Will begin painting and repairs to existing signs as soon as weather allows. Must be &gt; 55 degrees to paint. Will need volunteers to paint.</li> <li>Brad attended the February Board of Directors meeting to discuss the 988*1 decals</li> <li>Gail is having LE Signs, LLC do a mock-up of the 988*1 decal</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 meeting for February will be the State of the City Address for Cambridge</li> <li>Coffee Talk will be an evening meeting this month called Camp Fire Chat and focus on advertising and marketing</li> </ul> <p><b>BYR Friends Coordinator:</b> Susan M</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No report – Chair absent</li> </ul> <p><b>Packages for the Deployed Community Liaison:</b> (position open)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ashely &amp; Ben will work on getting names and addresses if there are Isanti County soldiers deployed with the 34<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division Red Bulls</li> </ul> <p><b>Congregational Committee:</b> (position open)</p> <p><b>Law Enforcement Liaison:</b> Jesse</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No report – Chair absent</li> </ul>	<p>Information accepted</p> <p>Information accepted</p> <p>Information accepted</p> <p>Information accepted</p> <p>Information accepted</p>



<b>New Business:</b>	<p><b><u>Vote on Veterans &amp; Soldier Issues:</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Veteran with red-tagged furnace. Board approved Tradewinds quote of \$4321.00.</li> <li>• Veteran in need of assistance with his electric bill. It is currently in a disconnect status. Current balance is \$1097.56</li> <li>• Veterans Day at CIHS – breakfast plates and flatware = \$62.30</li> </ul>	<p><b>Motion:</b> A motion was made by Jim J and seconded by Adam to approve these requests.  <b>Motion approved</b></p>
<b>Open Agenda</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><u>PICK’M UP Suicide Prevention Coalition:</u></b> Jesse  No report – Jesse absent  New prevention/crisis intervention cards are available</li> </ul>	
<b>Adjournment</b>		<p><b>Motion:</b> A motion was made by Adam and seconded by Kathy to adjourn meeting.  <b>Motion approved &amp; meeting adjourned at 1953</b></p>

Submitted by: Carol Ann Smith, ICBYR Secretary

**Next Meeting:                    March 21, 2024 – 7:00 pm – AFRCC**

<p><b>BTYR Coffee Talk</b></p> <p><b>Second Wednesday of each Month at 0815</b></p>	<p><b><u>BTYR Coffee Talk:</u></b>  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</p>
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<b>Military History</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• February 9, 1943 - During WWII, U.S. troops captured Guadalcanal in the Solomon Islands after six months of battle, with 9,000 Japanese and 2,000 Americans killed.</li> <li>• February 10, 1942 - The first Medal of Honor during World War II was awarded to 2nd Lt. Alexander Nininger (posthumously) for heroism during the Battle of Bataan.</li> <li>• February 17, 1865 - During the American Civil War, Fort Sumter in South Carolina was returned to the Union after nearly a year and a half under Confederate control. The fort had been the scene of the first shots of the war.</li> <li>• February 27, 1991 - In Desert Storm, the 100-hour ground war ended as Allied troops</li> <li>• entered Kuwait just four days after launching their offensive against Saddam Hussein's Iraqi forces</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>	<p>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.</p>
<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>
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