

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

Meeting Minutes May 16, 2024

Member Attendance:

x	Jim R		Scott F		Dan M		
x	Susan M		Lois F		Curtis A		
x	Gail G		John W		Tonya		
x	Kathy R	x	Richard N		Curt H		
x	Carol Ann S		Mary F		Stacey B		
	Dave O		Bob F		Doug M		
x	Adam F		Rick D		Nancy M		
x	Brad B		Walt M		Erin Y (CVSO office)		
	Jess P		Pam M		Terry L		
x	Jim J		Sean W		Cathy B		
	Bruce D		Brent L	x	Arlene K	x	Guest: Matt S
	Jamie H (CVSO)		Chuck P		Terri A	x	Guest: Lori
	Ashley B – S&FRS		Sherry P		Bob A	x	Guest: RROF members

Agenda Item	Discussion	Motions/Action Taken
Call to Order		Meeting was Called to Order by Chair Jim R at 1900
Pledge of Allegiance	The Pledge of Allegiance Introductions were made	Meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance
Presentation	Matthew Skipper, Director of Community & Veteran Outreach for “Combat to Creative” gave an excellent overview of his non-profit organization that supports MN veterans through creativity. Matt is an Army veteran who was wounded in Iraq in 2004. He was introduced to art therapy during his rehab. Now serving other combat veterans through creativity, connection, resilience, and self-improvement. Holds workshops free of charge for art and photography. Indoor creations sessions include painting, drawing, woodworking, crafting, digital art and more. Glassmaking also available (separate session). All art supplies provided. www.combattocreative.org	Information accepted
Presentation	Several members of the Rum River Outdoor Foundation were in attendance to present ICBYR with a check from the Veterans Side by Side fundraiser on April 27 th	Thank you for your generosity!!

	<p>We are AMAZED at the generosity of RROF!!!!</p> <p>The day went well. Many people lined the route to show their support. 110 side by side buggies signed up</p>	
<p>Secretary Report</p>	<p>Minutes of the April meeting were distributed by mail and email</p>	<p>Motion: A motion was made by (Adam) seconded by (Brad) to approve the minutes. Minutes approved.</p>
<p>Treasurer Report Kathy R</p>	<p>Income and expenses were reviewed for April:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Income – included Dinner Dance ticket sales, sponsorships, silent auction, raffle, dessert auction, and live auction, donations from Thrivent, Team Lundeen, the Blackbaud Fund, and monthly anonymous donors Expenses – annual report printing, dinner dance expenses, 1 scholarship, registration for Braham Pie Day, and website expenses 	<p>Reports accepted as presented and set aside for audit (Jim J/Brad)</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> New van from DAV now available to take veterans to VA approved appointments. Call 320-252-1670 – extension 6676 to schedule. Restrictions may apply. Must be fully mobile. <u>S&FS Updates and Requests for Soldiers:</u> No requests at this time <u>May Board Meeting:</u> Please refer to minutes sent by email Upcoming BOD Meetings: June 12, July 10, August 7 at Isanti County Government Center Upper Level Conference Room at 2:00 pm <p>Misc: SSG Chris Lund recently promoted to staff sergeant and will be deployed soon.</p>	<p>Information accepted</p> <p>Information accepted</p>
<p>Committee Reports:</p>	<p>Website/Social Media Committee: Website Report: Scott F</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1,931 website hits since last meeting (120,784 total website hits) All agendas and minutes posted 2024 Scholarship information and Dinner Dance promotions removed from website 2023 Annual Report posted on homepage Donation QR code available for online donations 	<p>Information accepted</p>

	<p>Twitter/X:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tweet/X sent out for tonight’s meeting, the scholarship program and dinner dance information to 41 followers <p>FaceBook Report: Susan M</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dinner Dance photos posted • RROF Side by Side photos posted • Military Signing Day photos posted <p>Resource/Brochure Committee Report: Gail G</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Brochures being updated with 988*1 information and printed <p>Billboard Committee: Brad B</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Will be gathering volunteers to repair and paint ICBYR billboards and apply the new 988*1 decals <p>Community Service Resource Coordinator: Carol Ann S.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Email received from Cambridge Food Distribution. Food distribution for those in need the 3rd Tuesday of the month at the Isanti County Fairgrounds. Begins at 2:00 pm and ends at 4:30 or whenever the food is gone. No July distribution due to the county fair – sent to CVSO and S&FRS <p>BYR Friends Coordinator: Arlene</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Arlene K has volunteered to be the Chair of this Committee. Thank you! <p>Packages for the Deployed Community Liaison: (Adam F)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adam gathering items for shipping • Will send ICBYR camo quilts to the 7 soldiers • Also have homemade cribbage boards, dental hygiene supplies, and Girl Scout cookies that have been donated • Is working with primary schools to get pictures/stories to include in packages • Plan to mail early June <p>Congregational Committee: (position open)</p> <p>Law Enforcement Liaison: Jesse</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No report – chair absent <p>School Liaison: Bruce D</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CIHS Military Signing Day was May 8th. 8 students participated in the Signing and Swearing In ceremony. ICBYR present to congratulate them and give them ICBYR Challenge Coins • Silent Dismissal will be May 24th. Hope to have the BYR float there. Hope many of you can attend 	<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>Scholarship Committee: Bruce D</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One scholarship paid • Winners invited to ride on IBYR float during our parades • Committee members will be at CIHS and BAHS to present scholarships on their scholarship nights 	Information accepted
	<p>Fundraising: Gail G</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rum River Outdoor Foundation here tonight to present check from the Side by Side event on April 27th. We are amazed by their generosity • Susan - Dinner Dance: Dinner Dance huge success!! Largest ever attendance. Expect largest profit ever. We still need to pay the liquor bill and the singers. Hotwash at 1800 tonight to discuss what went well and what we can improve on. Gluten free dinners a success N=11! Still issues with the sound. 	<p>Information accepted</p> <p>Thank you to our donors!</p>
Upcoming Events	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Silent Dismissal - Cambridge Primary School – May 24 • Braham Appreciation Day – June 1 • Isanti Rodeo Jubilee Day Parade – July 11 • Freedom Fest – July 17 • Isanti County Fair – July 17 to 21 • Braham Pie Day – August 2 • MN State Fair Military Appreciation Day – August 27 • ICBYR Golf Tournament – September 20 	Information accepted
Military Appreciation Day at the MN State Fair	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Theme is “Honoring the Military Spouse” – they are looking for people to tell their stories. Please let us know if you would like to be a speaker • They are also recognizing military spouses for their amazing support. Let us know if you have someone to nominate • If you would like to work at the state BTYR tent at the state fair let the Secretary know 	Information accepted
Old Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None at this time 	
New Business:	<p><u>Vote on Veterans & Soldier Issues:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None at this time 	
Open Agenda	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PICK’M UP Suicide Prevention Coalition: Jesse May is Mental Health Awareness Month SAVE Suicide Awareness Memorial May 18th at 0900 – Bloomington Center for the Arts Canvas Health Suicide Prevention Conference – Carol Ann attended 	Information accepted

	Mental Health Awareness Toolkit available from MN Department of Health website	
Open Agenda	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>GUMI Camp USA fundraiser</u> • May 19 at 1400 • Braham Event Center 	Information accepted
Open Agenda	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>VA Health and Benefits Mobile App</u> • https://mobile.va.gov/app/va-health-and-benefits 	Information accepted
Open Agenda	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • East Central Grad Band Concert – Salute to America – May 19th at 1400 – CIHS Hardy Performing Arts Center 	Information accepted
Open Agenda	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Isanti County Sheriff's Foundation – newly formed 501(x)3 to support the Sheriff's Department – www.isanticsf.org 	Information accepted
Adjournment		<p>Motion: A motion was made by Susan and seconded by Brad to adjourn meeting.</p> <p>Motion approved & meeting adjourned at 2020</p>

Submitted by: Carol Ann Smith, ICBYR Secretary

Next Meeting: June 20, 2024 – 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=bTNuS3FaQ2dWQUZUdiBuMUozRERwdz09 Meeting ID: 842 8267 7037 Passcode: 040053</p>
Military History	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • May 5, 1865 - Decoration Day was first observed in the U.S., with the tradition of decorating soldiers' graves from the Civil War with flowers. The observance date was later moved to May 30th and included American graves from World War I and World War II, and became better known as Memorial Day.

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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