

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

Meeting Minutes August 15, 2024

Member Attendance:

x	Jim R		Scott F		Dan M		
	Susan M		Lois F		Curtis A		
x	Gail G	x	John W		Tonya		
x	Kathy R		Richard N		Curt H		
x	Carol Ann S		Mary F		Stacey B		
	Dave O		Bob F		Doug M		
x	Adam F	x	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		
x	Bruce D		Brent L	x	Arlene K	x	Guest: Heather A
	Jamie H (CVSO)		Chuck P		Terri A	x	Guest: Aaron B
	Ashley B – S&FRS		Sherry P		Bob A	x	Guest: Alan & Louisa Duff

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 given	Meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance
Presentation	Aaron Berg from the “Fifth Annual Blue Ribbon Beard Bonanza” attended to present ICBYR with a check from the Isanti County Fair Beard & Moustache Contest. ICBYR was selected as the featured non-profit charity for this year. Gail G was at the contest to speak on behalf of ICBYR and be a contest judge Aaron explained the history of the contest and the different categories. Aaron is currently the President of the MN Beard & Moustache Coalition based in St. Paul. They are a 501(c)3 organization Aaron’s daughter was in the Air Force and received ICBYR packages when she was deployed to Afghanistan and Qatar	Our sincere thanks!!!
Presentation	Heather Asleson, BS, LADC, State Alcohol and Drug Counselor with the MN Army National Guard-Medical Detachment gave a brief presentation on her role. The Minnesota Medical Detachment (MED DET) oversees the “health of the force” for the Minnesota Army National Guard. Heather is employed by the state of MN and contracted by the National Guard under MED DET. There are two counselors to cover all the National Guard units in the state.	Information accepted

	<p>They offer free chemical health assessments to those currently serving and can help service members get into treatment. Examples of referrals types are: DWI/alcohol related incidents, testing positive for illicit substances on a urinalysis</p> <p>They also collaborate with the Behavioral Health Team because there is a correlation between mental health and substance use.</p> <p>They work with all branches of service.</p> <p>Appointments can be in person or via Telehealth with MicroSoft Teams. Evening appointments are available. Service members can usually get an appointment within 1 to 2 weeks, but we are experiencing a very high number of referrals currently, and are booked out further than normal.</p> <p>Not a lot of treatment centers and/or providers accept Tricare insurance, so that is a barrier we run into when assisting those who have Tricare. Private insurance or county funding can be used to cover the cost of treatment, but Service member is responsible for copays and deductibles.</p> <p>They can give resources to veterans St Cloud VAMC has an excellent program FYI – Hazelden just started accepting TRICARE and we’ve had quite a few people go through their Inpatient program and have a great experience Heather is based at the Cambridge AFRCC and can be reached at: Phone: 651-485-0559 or Heather.l.asleson.nfg@army.mil</p>	<p>Information accepted</p>
<p>Secretary Report</p>	<p>Minutes of the June meeting were distributed by mail and email</p> <p>There was no July meeting due to the county fair</p>	<p>Motion: A motion was made by (Brad) seconded by (Adam) to approve the minutes. Minutes approved.</p>
<p>Treasurer Report Kathy R</p>	<p>Income and expenses were reviewed for June:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Income – included private donors • Expenses – county fair booth rental, 988*1 decals for the billboards, cell phone, printing annual report, postage for troop packages • ICBYR also purchased two CDs (5% abd 5.25% interest) 	<p>There was an error on the report. This will be corrected and presented at the September Task for meeting</p> <p>Our gratitude to our donors</p>
<p>Treasurer Report Kathy R</p>	<p>Income and expenses were reviewed for July:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Income – included a \$2550 donation from the Braham VFW Auxiliary*, private donors and county fair donation box 	<p>There was an error on the report. This will be corrected</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Expenses – postage stamps for golf tournament, North 65 Chamber of Commerce dues, purchase of Kwik Trip and Cub Foods gift cards for the CVSO office *The Braham VFW Auxiliary is disbanding and donating their reserve funds. We thank them for this generous donation 	<p>and presented at the September Task for meeting</p> <p>Our gratitude to our donors</p>
<p>Chair’s Report Jim R</p>	<p><u>CVSO Updates, and Requests for Veterans:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Veteran contacted ICBYR for assistance with water heater repair and bills. Referred to CVSO Request to assist with funeral expenses for wife of veteran. Referred to Anoka County CVSO and Anoka & Hugo BTYR <p><u>S&FS Updates and Requests for Soldiers:</u> 84th Troop Command requesting assistance for paying for spouse and family meals at Family Day. Anticipate 30 attendees at approximately \$16 per person. Board approved.</p> <p>- <u>Follow-up on ICBYR Events:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Isanti Rodeo Parade - Freedom Fest - Isanti County Fair - Volleyball Tournament - Braham Pie Day <p>All of the summer events have gone well. Many meaningful conversations and referrals at the ICBYR booth. First ever ICBYR Volleyball Tournament went great!</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <u>July and August Board Meetings:</u> Please refer to minutes sent by email Upcoming BOD Meetings: September 11, October 9 and November 13 at Isanti County Government Center Upper Level Conference Room at 2:00 pm 	<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 text Website has had 127,177 visitors. Tweet sent out reminding our 40 followers of tonight's meeting. Volleyball tournament photos on the web site. More information coming soon. Isanti County Fair photos posted. Isanti City Rodeo parade photos posted. Braham Pie Day photos coming soon. Golf Tournament information and registration links on website calendar page and homepage.</p> <p>Twitter/X: Scott F</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> No report – Chair absent <p>FaceBook Report: Susan M</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> No report – Chair absent 	<p>Information accepted</p> <p>Information accepted</p>

	<p>Resource/Brochure Committee Report: Gail G</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nothing new to report <p>Billboard Committee: Brad B</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Billboard painting project is done. Thank you Rick!!!! • Brad distributed a list of billboards with location and repair needs • Bradford sign is down dur to storm damage from falling tree • Isanti Fire Department sign down due to lawn mower damage. Will install new small sign • Skiba Jersey Farm sign down. Will install new large sign in a location better for them • Dairy Concepts needs new sign • Discussion on purchase of a metal sleeve to protect the billboard posts from weedwacker and lawn mower damage (\$14 each) • A separate team will apply the new 988*1 decals on the billboards after the painting is done • Billboard Committee: Brad, Rick, Bruce <p>Community Service Resource Coordinator: Carol Ann S.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reported on North 65 Chamber of Commerce meetings • Isanti County Sheriff's Foundation Golf Tournament September 6 <p>BYR Friends Coordinator: Arlene</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Working on listing of organizations • Two new potential members <p>Packages for the Deployed Community Liaison: (Adam F)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Second set of packages will be sent soon with snacks, hygiene items and the notes written by community members at the county fair, Braham pie day, and Getting Better Together events plus colored pictures from the children <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</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nothing new to report <p>Scholarship Committee: Bruce</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nothing new until first scholarship committee meeting in November <p>Misc:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bruce also brought up issues about the ICBYR float. Float Committee formed: Sean, John, Brad, Bruce. Will ask Susan and Scott to join. 	<p>Information accepted</p> <p>Thank you Arlene for the ideas to have community members write notes to the deployed troops!</p> <p>Information accepted</p>
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> We need to update the license tabs We need to assure the brakes and lights can pass MN DOT inspection 	
	<p>Fundraising: Gail G</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Check from Isanti Liquor Troop Supply Drive – 3 Board members were present at the July Isanti City Council meeting to receive the check from the Troop Supply Drive Volleyball Fundraiser - first ever ICBYR Volleyball Tournament a huge success! Six teams participated with a net proceed of \$785. Thank you Adam for coordinating this!! Isanti County Fair Donation Box – over \$400 collected which more than pays our fair expenses Isanti County Fair Beard & Moustache Contest – check presentation tonight for \$965!! Braham Pie Day Donation Box - \$84 collected which more than pays our expenses Golf Tournament – 12 teams signed up so far. Sponsorships coming in. Volunteer sign-up tonight. Need silent auction items. Will take 22-24 teams. City Center Market – ICBYR will be non-profit organization for October 	<p>Information accepted</p> <p>Thank you to our donors!</p>
Upcoming Events	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 84th Troop Command Family Day – August 18 Getting Better Together – August 21 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 Parade at 2:00 pm. Line-up at 1:00 pm. Meet Sean in the parking lot across Como Avenue. Details to be sent in an email 	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"> ICBYR to pay up to \$500 to purchase meals for the spouses and children at the 84th Troop Command Family Day 	Motion made by Brad and seconded by Adam to pay for the family meals. Motion approved.
Open Agenda	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <u>PICK’M UP Suicide Prevention Coalition:</u> Jesse Suicide Prevention Cards Working on showing “Angst” Movie at CIHS 	Information accepted
Open Agenda	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <u>Operation Homefront</u> 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Collection of school supplies for children of military • ICBYR collects from Ham Lake and North Branch Dollar Tree stores July 5 – August 15. Over 13 boxes collected for a total of xx school supplies!! • School supplies taken to Cambridge AFRCC for distribution 	Information accepted
Open Agenda	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GUMI Camp USA Fundraiser for Pine City Camp • Braham Event Center – Tim Hadler concert – August 25 at 2:00 pm 	Information accepted
Adjournment		<p>Motion: A motion was made by Brad and seconded by Adam to adjourn meeting.</p> <p>Motion approved & meeting adjourned at 1950</p>

Submitted by: Carol Ann Smith, ICBYR Secretary

Next Meeting: September 19, 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=bTNuS3FaQ2dWQUZUdlBuMUozRERwdz09 Meeting ID: 842 8267 7037 Passcode: 040053</p>
Military History	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • August 6, 1945 - The first Atomic Bomb was dropped over the center of Hiroshima at 8:15 a.m., by the American B-29 bomber <i>Enola Gay</i>. • August 7, 1990 - Just five days after the Iraqi invasion of Kuwait, President George Bush ordered Desert Shield, a massive military buildup to prevent further Iraqi advances. • August 14, 1945 - V-J Day, commemorating President Truman’s announcement that Japan had surrendered to the Allies. • August 17, 1943 – During WWII in Europe, the Allies completed the conquest of the island of Sicily after just 38 days. This gave the Allies control of the Mediterranean and also led to the downfall of Benito Mussolini and Italy's eventual withdrawal from the war.

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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