

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

**Meeting Minutes September 19, 2024**

**Member Attendance:**

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

Agenda Item	Discussion	Motions/Action Taken
<b>Call to Order</b>		Meeting was Called to Order by Chair Jim R at 1900
<b>Pledge of Allegiance</b>	The Pledge of Allegiance  Introductions	Meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance
<b>Presentation</b>	Desiree Cuda from the East Central Energy attended to present a check from the East Central Energy employees. They selected ICBYR as the recipient of their charitable “Be the Light” program. Desiree presented us with a check for \$1,498.33!!!!	Our sincere thanks!!!
<b>Secretary Report</b>	Minutes of the August meeting were distributed by mail and email	<b>Motion:</b> A motion was made by (Brad) seconded by (Adam) to approve the minutes. <b>Minutes approved.</b>
<b>Treasurer Report</b> Kathy R	<b>Income and expenses were reviewed for June:</b> (revised report) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Income – Misc. private donations</li> <li>• Expenses – county fair expenses, phone, print annual report, postage to mail troop boxes, signs, purchase of 2 CDs</li> </ul>	Report accepted as presented and set aside for audit (Jim J/Brad)

		Our gratitude to our donors!!
<b>Treasurer Report</b> Kathy R	<b>Income and expenses were reviewed for July:</b> (revised report) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Income – private donors, cash donation from county fair, Braham VFW Auxiliary*</li> <li>Expenses – stamps, North 65 Chamber of Commerce dues, purchase Kwik Trip and Cub gift cards for CVSO (\$2,437)</li> </ul> <p>*Sadly the Braham VFW Auxiliary is disbanding and distributing their assets. We thank them for this generous donation</p>	Report accepted as presented and set aside for audit (Jim J/Brad) <p>Our gratitude to our donors!!</p>
<b>Treasurer Report</b> Kathy R	<b>Income and expenses were reviewed for August:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Income – Isanti Liquor fundraiser (\$3,917.31), monthly donors, Volleyball Tournament fundraiser (\$785), county fair cash donations, Braham Pie Day cash donations, Memorial money in memory of Haubensheid, Golf Tournament sponsorships, county fair Mustache &amp; Beard Contest (\$965)</li> <li>Expenses – 84<sup>th</sup> Troop Command family picnic meals, liability insurance</li> </ul>	Report accepted as presented and set aside for audit (Jim J/Brad) <p>Our gratitude to our donors!!</p>
<b>Chair's Report</b> Jim R	<p><b><u>CVSO Updates, and Requests for Veterans:</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Email from wife of active duty soldier stationed in Hawaii. Soldier to remain in Hawaii for 3 years to finish duty assignment. Wife, 3 children, and dog to move to Cambridge. They are requesting assistance with moving expenses. Referred to CVSO</li> <li>CVSO requests assistance for homeless veteran. Two-three nights at motel. Board approved \$470.</li> <li>Email request for assistance for veteran. This veteran known to us and appropriate assistance has been given by ICBYR, CVSO and MAC-V</li> <li>CVSO had a veteran call wanting to donate furniture, but no way to transport. Suggested Family Pathways as they pick up</li> </ul> <p><b><u>S&amp;FS Updates and Requests for Soldiers:</u></b> Ashley B.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No request at this time</li> <li>Ashley would like to thank ICBYR for delivering the Operation Homefront School supplies to the AFRCC for distribution to children of the military</li> </ul> <p><b><u>September Board Meeting:</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Please refer to minutes sent by email</li> <li>Upcoming Board meetings: October 9, November 13, December 11 All meetings at Isanti County Government Center – Upper Level Conference Room at 2:00 pm</li> </ul> <p><b><u>Misc:</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Follow-up on ICBYR Events <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>84<sup>th</sup> Troop Command Family Day – went very well. Soldiers and families seemed to have a good time. Food provided by Cambridge</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	Information accepted <p>Information accepted</p> <p>Information accepted</p>

	<p>Bar &amp; Grill food truck. ICBYR paid for family meals. ICBYR information table staffed by Carol Ann and Heather Asleson, the new state alcohol and drug counselor based at the Cambridge Armed Forces Reserve and Community Center. Operation Homefront school supplies were distributed.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Getting Better Together</b> – staffed by Arlene and Carol Ann. Went really well. Booth busy. Community members wrote notes to deployed soldiers and children colored pictures to send with the troop boxes</li> <li>- <b>MN State Fair Military Appreciation Day</b> – much fun!!! Beautiful day. Well received by crowd. Thank you Sean for driving! Sean, Cathy, John, Carol Ann, Gail and Jim J participated.</li> </ul>	Information accepted
<p><b>Committee Reports:</b></p>	<p><b>Website/Social Media Committee:</b></p> <p><b>Website Report:</b> Scott F</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2,508 website hits since last meeting (129,685 total)</li> <li>• Chamber logo for North 65 updated</li> <li>• Golf Tournament information posted</li> <li>• Scholarship information updated to check website in January</li> <li>• Volleyball Tournament information and pictures posted</li> <li>• 84<sup>th</sup> Troop Command Family Day picture posted</li> </ul> <p><b>Twitter/X:</b> Scott F</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reminder sent out for tonight’s meeting</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>• Getting low on brochures. Will review and print</li> <li>• Scott F will join committee</li> </ul> <p><b>Billboard Committee:</b> Jim R for Brad B</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Repairs in progress. Painting done.</li> <li>• New 988*1 decals to be placed on the billboards this fall</li> </ul> <p><b>Community Service Resource Coordinator:</b> Carol Ann S.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reported on North 65 Chamber of Commerce meetings</li> </ul> <p><b>BYR Friends Coordinator:</b> Arlene</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Friends list now on Excel spreadsheet</li> <li>• Contacting Friends re: continued interest in being a BYR Friend</li> </ul> <p><b>Packages for the Deployed Community Liaison:</b> (Adam F)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Second set of 8 packages will be sent this week with snacks, hygiene items and the community notes/colored pictures</li> <li>• Ashley has the Girl Scout cookies (80 boxes) – will have them available at Freedom Fest</li> </ul>	<p>Information accepted</p> <p>Information accepted</p> <p>Information accepted</p> <p>Information accepted</p>

	<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><b>School Liaison:</b> Bruce</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Nothing new to report</li> <li>Will forward sections of National Guard Bulletin that are pertinent</li> </ul> <p><b>Scholarship Committee:</b> Bruce</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>First Scholarship Committee meeting prior to October meeting at 6:15 pm</li> </ul>	Information accepted
	<p><b>Fundraising:</b> Gail G</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Golf Tournament is tomorrow!! 22 teams registered. Silent Auction items ready. Registration at 1100 and presentation of Colors and National Anthem at 1145</li> <li>ICBYR selected as the employee voted “Be the Light” charitable organization from East Central Energy employees. Check presentation earlier tonight.</li> <li>ICBYR will be featured non-profit for City Center Market’s “Round It Up” program in October</li> </ul>	<p>Information accepted</p> <p>Thank you to our donors!</p>
<b>Upcoming Events</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Cambridge Lighted Snowflake Parade – November 23</li> <li>ICBYR 2025 Dinner Dance – May 3</li> </ul>	Information accepted
<b>Old Business</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>None at this time</li> </ul>	
<b>New Business:</b>	<p><u><b>Vote on Veterans &amp; Soldier Issues:</b></u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>CVSO requests assistance for homeless veteran. Two-three nights at motel. \$470.</li> </ul>	<p>Motion made (Brad) and seconded (Cathy) to pay this hotel bill.</p> <p><b>Motion passed</b></p>
<b>New Business:</b>	<p>Float committee requesting funds to improve ICBYR float. Would like to add steps</p>	<p>Motion made (Cathy) and seconded (Arlene) to pay up to \$500 in expenses for float upgrade</p> <p><b>Motion passed</b></p>
<b>Open Agenda</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><u><b>PICK’M UP Suicide Prevention Coalition:</b></u> Jesse</li> <li>Suicide Prevention Cards</li> </ul>	Information accepted

Open Agenda	<p><b><u>Disney On Ice</u></b>  <i>Disney on Ice presents Mickey's Search Party</i> is coming to Xcel Energy Center November 21-24, 2024. <a href="#">Click here</a> for discount tickets (1-7) to select performances and seating.  To purchase 8+ tickets, please call me directly at 651-312-3486 for assistance.  Karen <span style="float: right;">Kreisinger@wild.com</span></p>	Information accepted
Open Agenda	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><u>MN Wild Military Appreciation Night</u></b></li> <li>• November 14</li> <li>• Contact Karen at Kresinger@wild.com</li> </ul>	Information accepted
Open Agenda	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><u>MN Veteran Outdoor Programs and Ripley Outdoor Adventures</u></b></li> <li>• To salute and honor our country's disabled veterans and service members by providing memorable, quality hunting and fishing activities.</li> <li>• Deer Hunt first Tuesday through Thursday in October – open to all veterans residing in MN</li> </ul>	Information accepted
Open Agenda	<p><b><u>Camp Gratitude</u></b>  Camp Gratitude was developed by a partnership of veterans and grateful citizens in 2010 who wanted to say “Thanks” to military and veteran families. Our Missions is to help every family that attends Camp Gratitude relax and have fun while building strength, resilience and connection following deployment  info@campgratitude.org</p>	Information accepted
Open Agenda	<p><b><u>Grandy Lions Pancake Breakfast</u></b>  All you can eat pancake breakfast  Grandy Community Center  October 6<sup>th</sup> 0800-1200</p>	Information accepted
Open Agenda	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><u>Rum River Outdoor Foundation</u></b>  2<sup>nd</sup> Annual John Wojack Sr. Memorial SxS Ride  September 28th</li> </ul>	Information accepted
Open Agenda	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><u>Donations for Deployed Red Bulls</u></b>  First Bank and Trust in Cambridge is accepting donations through September 20<sup>th</sup> for Troop Boxes to be sent to the 550 soldiers deployed with the Red Bulls (this includes 7 Isanti County soldiers)</li> </ul>	Information accepted
Adjournment		<p><b>Motion:</b> A motion was made by Adam and seconded by Cathy to adjourn meeting.  <b>Motion approved &amp; meeting</b></p>

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Submitted by: Carol Ann Smith, ICBYR Secretary

**Next Meeting:                    October 17, 2024 – 7:00 pm – AFRCC**

<b>BTYR Coffee Talk</b>  <b>Second Wednesday of each Month at 0815</b>	<b>BTYR Coffee Talk:</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
<b>Military History</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>September 1, 1939 - At 5.30 a.m., Hitler's armies invaded Poland starting World War II in Europe.</b></li> <li>• <b>September 2, 1945 - President Harry Truman declared V-J Day (Victory over Japan Day) commemorating the formal Japanese surrender to the Allies aboard the USS <i>Missouri</i> in Tokyo Bay.</b></li> <li>• <b>September 18, 1947 - The U.S. Air Force was established as a separate military service.</b></li> <li>• <b>September 29, 1789 - Congress created the United States Army, consisting of 1,000 enlisted men and officers.</b></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>	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.
<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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