

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

**Meeting Minutes October 17, 2024**

**Member Attendance:**

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

Agenda Item	Discussion	Motions/Action Taken
<b>Call to Order</b>		Meeting was Called to Order by Board Member Susan M at 1900
<b>Pledge of Allegiance</b>	The Pledge of Allegiance  Introductions were made.	Meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance
<b>Presentation</b>	Rick Olseen from <b>“Let’s Go Fishing”</b> was present to tell us about their organization.  The East Central MN Chapter is a 501(c)3 organization based in North Branch and has pontoons on Rush Lake and Chisago Lake. Their mission is to enrich the lives of individuals through fishing and boating excursions that strengthen communities, build relationships and create memories. They focus on veterans, senior citizens, hospice patients, the physically challenged, adult day care centers, and youth. They are “on the water” from June to September. They begin booking in May.  The East Central Chapter helped 1500 people this year, and statewide the 14 chapters helped over 14,000 people!  Let’s Go Fishing is staffed by volunteers and is entirely funded by donations and grants. They can be contacted at 651-402-5960, email <a href="mailto:lgfcentral@gmail.com">lgfcentral@gmail.com</a> or P.O. Box 429 North Branch MN 55056. Their website is <a href="http://eastcentralmn.lgfws.com">eastcentralmn.lgfws.com</a>	Our sincere thanks!!!
<b>Secretary Report</b>	Minutes of the September meeting were distributed by mail and email	<b>Motion:</b> A motion was

		made by (Sean) seconded by (Gail) to approve the minutes. <b>Minutes approved.</b>
<b>Treasurer Report</b> Kathy R	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There was no August Treasurer’s report available</li> <li>• Gail G gave an overall summary of ICBYR finances</li> </ul>	Information accepted
<b>Chair’s Report</b> Susan M for Jim R	<p><b><u>CVSO Updates, and Requests for Veterans:</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Homeless veteran living in utility trailer. Needs car maintenance and repairs. Vehicle is a required part of his current “home”. Working with MAC-V but struggling financially. Requesting assistance with 4 new tires, 4 new brake rotors and pads, oil change. Total \$3,103.83</li> <li>• Veteran requesting assistance with car repair. Living with niece and working with MAC-V on housing. Repair cost estimate \$672.04</li> <li>• Veteran requesting assistance with car repair and tires. Estimate \$1733.66</li> <li>• CVSO requesting 25 gift cards for Cub Foods and 25 gift cards for Kwik Trip (fuel only) at \$50 each (\$2375)</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 requests at this time</li> </ul> <p>• <b><u>October Board Meeting:</u></b> Please refer to minutes sent by email</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Upcoming Board meetings: November 13, December 11, January 8 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>- Thank You Note from Cambridge American Legion</li> <li>- Susan M gave a presentation about ICBYR to Long Lake Lutheran Church on September 22<sup>nd</sup></li> <li>- ICBYR selected as a Finalist in the Isanti Chisago County Star Readers Choice Awards as “Best Fundraiser”!!</li> </ul>	<p>Information accepted</p> <p>Information accepted</p> <p>Information accepted</p>
<b>Committee Reports:</b>	<p><b>Website/Social Media Committee:</b></p> <p><b>Website Report:</b> Scott F via text</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1,893 website hits since last meeting (131,578 total)</li> <li>• ECE check presentation photo posted</li> <li>• State Fair parade pictures posted</li> <li>• All agendas and minutes up to date</li> <li>• Golf promotion information taken off</li> <li>• Needs golf tournament photos</li> </ul>	Information accepted

	<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>Thanks to Gail for doing recent postings</li> </ul> <p><b>Resource/Brochure Committee Report:</b> Gail G</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Nothing new to report</li> </ul> <p><b>Billboard Committee:</b> Jim R for Brad B</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>New 988*1 decals placed on the billboards, unfortunately does not show up well. Too dark to read.</li> <li>Two signs need to be installed at Skiba Dairy and where Clarence’s Recycling used to be</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 via text</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <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>Eight boxes sent September 26<sup>th</sup></li> <li>Will check on when soldiers return before sending more boxes</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><b>School Liaison:</b> Bruce</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>CIHS requesting assistance with Veterans Day Breakfast. Food provided by local recruiters.</li> </ul> <p><b>Scholarship Committee:</b> Bruce</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>First Scholarship Committee meeting prior to November meeting at 6:15 pm</li> </ul>	<p>Information accepted</p> <p>Information accepted</p> <p>Information accepted</p>
	<p><b>Fundraising:</b> Gail G</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>11<sup>th</sup> Annual Golf Tournament huge success!! Most profit ever!! Will give \$10,000 to Scholarship Committee for 2025 scholarships. Photos shared from the tournament. 22 teams participated.</li> </ul>	<p>Information accepted</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• \$5000 donation from Isanti VFW gambling fund</li> <li>• ICBYR will be featured non-profit for City Center Market’s “Round It Up” program in October</li> <li>• First 2025 Dinner Dance Committee meeting November 13<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 pm at the AFRCC</li> </ul>	Thank you to our donors!
<b>Quarterly Investment Coordinator Report</b>	Investments up 1.6% for the month and up 10.2% YTD	Information accepted
<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><b><u>Vote on Veterans &amp; Soldier Issues:</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Homeless veteran living in utility trailer. Requesting assistance with 4 new tires, 4 new brake rotors and pads, oil change. Total \$3,103.83</li> <li>• Veteran requesting assistance with car repair Repair cost estimate \$672.04</li> <li>• Veteran requesting assistance with car repair and tires. Estimate \$1733.66</li> <li>• CVSO requesting 25 gift cards for Cub Foods and 25 gift cards for Kwik Trip (fuel only) at \$50 each (\$2375)</li> <li>• Cost of shipping for ICBYR Troop Boxes \$157.05</li> </ul>	Motion made (Brad) and seconded (Adam) to pay these bills and gift cards. <b>Motion passed</b>
<b>New Business:</b>	CIHS Veterans Day Breakfast. ICBYR to pay up to \$150 in support.	Motion made (Bruce) and seconded (Brad) <b>Motion passed</b>
<b>Open Agenda</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><u>PICK’M UP Suicide Prevention Coalition:</u></b> Jesse</li> <li>• No report</li> </ul>	Information accepted
<b>Open Agenda</b>	<p><b><u>Disney On Ice</u></b></p> <p><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.</p> <p>To purchase 8+ tickets, please call me directly at 651-312-3486 for assistance.</p> <p>Karen Kreisinger@wild.com</p>	Information accepted
<b>Open Agenda</b>	<p><b><u>Pine City Blue Star Moms</u></b></p> <p>Packing troop boxes November 17<sup>th</sup> if you are interested in helping</p>	Information accepted
<b>Open Agenda</b>	<p><b><u>Combat to Creative</u></b></p> <p>Photography event October 20th</p>	Information accepted
<b>Open Agenda</b>	<p><b><u>New Pathways</u></b></p> <p>Seeking volunteer drivers</p> <p>Call 763-691-0121 #2 to inquire</p>	Information accepted

<b>Open Agenda</b>	<b><u>Braham Craft Show and Pasport Event</u></b> November 9 & 10 Pine City Blue Star Moms hosting the lunch as a fundraiser	Information accepted
<b>Open Agenda</b>	<b><u>Medicare Plan Open Enrollment</u></b> Opportunity for veterans who have VA as primary insurance Informational event at Cambridge Library October 24 <sup>th</sup> at 1:00 pm	Information accepted
<b>Open Agenda</b>	<b><u>TRIAD Free Shredding Event</u></b> October 26 <sup>th</sup> 8:00-12:00 at Isanti County Sheriff's Office	Information accepted
<b>Open Agenda</b>	<b><u>Zimmerman American Legion Riders</u></b> Purse Bingo November 16 <sup>th</sup> Noon Station 1 Center in Zimmerman Advise to pre-register	Information accepted
<b>Open Agenda</b>	<b><u>Helios Masonic Lodge</u></b> Pancake breakfast fundraiser for scholarship program October 27 <sup>th</sup> 0800 to noon	Information accepted
<b>Adjournment</b>		<b>Motion:</b> A motion was made by Cathy and seconded by Adam to adjourn meeting. <b>Motion approved &amp; meeting adjourned at 2015</b>

Submitted by: Carol Ann Smith, ICBYR Secretary

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

<b>BTYR Coffee Talk</b>  <b>Second Wednesday of each Month at 0815</b>	<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
<b>Military History</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>October 13, 1775 - The United States Navy was born after the Second Continental Congress authorized the acquisition of a fleet of ships</b></li> <li>• <b>October 20, 1944 - During World War II in the Pacific, General Douglas MacArthur set foot on Philippine soil for the first time since his escape in 1942, fulfilling his promise, "I shall return."</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>
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