

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

Meeting Minutes November 21, 2024

Member Attendance:

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

Agenda Item	Discussion	Motions/Action Taken
Call to Order		Meeting was Called to Order by Chair Jim R at 1904
Pledge of Allegiance	The Pledge of Allegiance Introductions were made. Welcome guests and new members!	Meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance
Secretary Report	Minutes of the October meeting were distributed by mail and email	Motion: A motion was made by (Susan) seconded by (Arlene) to approve the minutes. Minutes approved.
Treasurer Report Kathy R	Income and expenses were reviewed for September: Income: Golf tournament sponsorships and registrations, monthly donors Expenses: golf tournament expenses, phone, ICBYR insurance, purchase of American flags, donation to color guard, Direct Support (\$471.28)	Report accepted as presented and set aside for audit (Jim J/Rick)

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Submit budget requests to the Board of Directors • Work with caterer if applicable • Coordinate ticket sales if applicable • Give updates on the event at Board and Task Force meetings • Be available for photo opportunities and newspaper releases regarding donations received by BYR. • Report to the Fund Raising Chair as appropriate 	Information accepted
Committee Reports:	<p>Website/Social Media Committee:</p> <p>Website Report: Scott F</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2,469 website hits since last meeting (131,578 total) • October minutes need to be posted <p>Twitter/X: Scott F</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reminder sent out for tonight’s meeting • I propose changing our X (Twitter) name from BYRIsanti to BTYRIsanti This will align our task force with statewide task forces that use the #BTYRxxxx This way we can be tagged and linked to their conversations. The change is adding “T” Scott Fredell <p>FaceBook Report: Susan M</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thanks to Gail for doing recent postings <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"> • Chair absent • Nothing new to report <p>Community Service Resource Coordinator: Carol Ann S.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reported on North 65 Chamber of Commerce meetings • Operation Homefront accepting toy donations for children of the military through December 5. Carol Ann picking up toys from Dollar Tree stores in North Branch and Ham Lake – 256 toys so far <p>BYR Friends Coordinator: Arlene</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Updating the BYR Friends list. Plan on being done mid-December • In 2025 will focus on contacting new businesses in the county and featuring ICBYR Friends on FaceBook and website <p>Packages for the Deployed Community Liaison: Adam F</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Soldiers returning in December • Faith Lutheran Church donated 8 quilts to be distributed to soldiers or veterans 	<p>Information accepted</p> <p>Information accepted</p> <p>Information accepted</p> <p>Information accepted</p>

	<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"> Veterans Day Breakfast at CIHS Brent Marthaler Shadow Box at CIHS <p>Scholarship Committee: Bruce</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> First Scholarship Committee meeting was tonight prior to November meeting Will begin advertising in January March 21st deadline Present at April Task Force meeting Mandatory Fun Outdoors donation (will present at January Task Force meeting) 	<p>Information accepted</p> <p>Information accepted</p>
	<p>Fundraising: Gail G</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rum River Rods Car Club donation City Center Market – ICBYR was non-profit organization for October Zimmerman American Legion Riders donation \$2700!! Mandatory Outdoor Fun donation to Scholarship Committee First 2025 Dinner Dance Committee meeting December 19th at 5:00 pm at the AFRCC prior to the Task Force meeting. Brainstorming “beach party” themes. Volunteers needed. 	<p>Information accepted</p> <p>Thank you to our donors!</p>
Upcoming Events	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cambridge Lighted Snowflake Parade – November 23 – meet Sean In ARCC parking lot at 4:30 – we are unit #38 – lane 2 north side – you can park in lane 4 – let’s have a full float! ICBYR 2025 Dinner Dance – May 3 	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"> Veteran request for assistance with utility bills: City of Cambridge \$557.27 and East Central Energy \$814.98 Veteran requests assistance with purchase of new water heater – invoice \$1,340 Support of Veterans Day dinners for Isanti VFW and Cambridge American Legion – recommend \$500 for each organization Cost of food for soldiers at 84th Troop Command Holiday Party – estimate \$630 (\$15 per meal for 42 soldiers) 	<p>Motion made (Adam) and seconded (Arlene) to pay these bills and gift cards.</p> <p>Motion passed</p>
New Business:	<p><u>Vote on X name:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Change ICBYR X (Twitter) name from BYRIsanti to BTYRIsanti This will align our task force with statewide task forces that use the #BTYRxxxx 	<p>Motion made (Scott) and seconded (Adam) to make</p>

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New Business:	Nominations for 2025 ICBYR Officers: Chair – Adam Fussy (by Jim R) Vice Chair – Susan Morris (by Bruce D) Secretary – Carol Ann Smith (by Susan M) Treasurer – Kathy Rostberg (by Jim J) Jim R explained his desire to step down from Chair. He nominated Adam Fussy	Nominations will be open through December 19 th Task Force meeting
Open Agenda	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PICK’M UP Suicide Prevention Coalition: Jesse • No report 	Information accepted
Open Agenda	<u>Disney On Ice</u> <i>Disney on Ice presents Mickey’s Search Party</i> is coming to Xcel Energy Center November 21-24, 2024. Click here 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 Kreisinger@wild.com	Information accepted
Open Agenda	<u>Salvation Army Bell Ringing</u> Volunteers needed – call 612-394-0526 or register at registertoring.com	Information accepted
Open Agenda	Today is Give to the Max Day	Information accepted
Open Agenda	<u>Yoga for Veterans</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WillowBridge Yoga Studio in Isanti and the Veterans Linkage Line are offering “Yoga for Veterans” through a Veteran Wellness Grant • Register through Taylor at 320-679-6380 	Information accepted
Open Agenda	<u>Veteran Resilience Project</u> A MN non-profit whose goal is for Veterans, Military Service Members, and their spouses to experience healing and to move forward living their lives to the fullest Serving people with PTSD, trauma, and other mental health symptoms Coordinates access to EMDR Therapy (eye movement desensitization and reprocessing) Statewide network of therapists	Information accepted
Open Agenda	<u>Opioids and Overdoses</u> Anoka County – November 2 nd at 1000 Ask Secretary for details	Information accepted
Open Agenda	<u>Vehicles for Vets</u> Cars for those in need Contact Ashley S&FRS for details	Information accepted

Open Agenda	<u>Mall of America Event for veterans, service members and families</u> Contact Ashley S&FRS for details	Information accepted
Adjournment		Motion: A motion was made by Adam and seconded by Jessica to adjourn meeting. Motion approved & meeting adjourned at 2007

Submitted by: Carol Ann Smith, ICBYR Secretary

Next Meeting: December 19, 2024 – 7:00 pm – AFRCC

BTYR Coffee Talk Second Wednesday of each Month at 0815	<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
Military History	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • November 10, 1775 - The U.S. Marine Corps was established as part of the U.S. Navy. It became a separate unit on July 11, 1789. • November 11, 1972 - The U.S. turned over its military base at Long Binh to the South Vietnamese, symbolizing the end of direct American military participation in the Vietnam War. • November 11th - Celebrated in the U.S. as Veterans Day (formerly called Armistice Day) with parades and military memorial ceremonies.
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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