

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

Meeting Minutes January 16, 2025

Member Attendance:

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

Agenda Item	Discussion	Motions/Action Taken
Call to Order		Meeting was Called to Order by Board Member Adam F at 1900
Pledge of Allegiance	The Pledge of Allegiance	Meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance
Presentation	<p>Christi Patrick, Board Member for the Mandatory Fun Outdoors Foundation presented a check to ICBYR to fully fund one of the ICBYR 2025 scholarships!!</p> <p>The mission of MFO is to provide unique outdoor experiences that foster camaraderie, healthy living, unit, and healing for veterans and their families.</p> <p>Each MFO Board Member was tasked with making a donation to a veteran organization outside of MFO</p>	THANK YOU Christi and MFO for your generosity!!!
Presentation	<p>Zach Binsfeld, the Central MN Outreach Coordinator from the Veteran Resilience Project gave an excellent presentation about their organization and the free resources that they offer veterans, service members and their spouses.</p> <p>They focus on working with those who have experienced combat trauma, PTSD, or sexual trauma while in the military. Appointments are offered in person or virtually</p> <p>Their funding is through MDVA grants, private funding and donations.</p>	Thank you Zach for this valuable information

	<p>This includes using a variety of resources throughout the state. He showed a video about an EMDR treatment</p> <p>Please visit their website www.veteranresilienceproject.org for more information and to watch the video. Phone 612-424-9899</p>	
Secretary Report	Minutes of the December 2024 meeting were distributed by mail and email	<p>Motion: A motion was made by (Susan) seconded by (Cathy) to approve the minutes.</p> <p>Minutes approved.</p>
Treasurer Report Kathy R	<p>Income and expenses were reviewed for December 2024:</p> <p>Income: Donation from Shalom \$3000, donation from Minnco Foundation \$1000, GiveMN, refund from Isanti County Fair, monthly donor</p> <p>Expenses: Direct Support for Christmas gift cards, furnace installation, generator, moving a veteran, food for 84th Troop Command Holiday party, Veterans Day dinner support (\$16,756.84)</p>	<p>Report accepted as presented and set aside for audit (Jim J/Richard)</p> <p>Our gratitude to our donors!!</p>
Chair's Report Adam D	<p><u>CVSO Updates, and Requests for Veterans:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Veteran requests assistance for repair of car exhaust system - \$530.73 - Veteran requests assistance with insurance (\$1,330.16) and 2 months mortgage (\$2,946.20) for a total of \$4,276.36 <p><u>S&FS Updates and Requests for Soldiers:</u> Ashley B.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Soldier requesting assistance with car repair: serpentine belt and brakes - \$2,397.64 <p><u>January Board Meeting:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Appointment of Committee Chairs – all will remain the same for 2025 • Openings on BOD for 2 Committee Chairs • Upcoming Board meetings: February 12, March 12, April 9 • All meetings at Isanti County Government Center – Upper Level Conference Room at 2:00 pm • Please refer to minutes sent by email 	<p>Information accepted</p> <p>Information accepted</p>
Committee Reports:	<p>Website/Social Media Committee:</p> <p>Website Report: Scott F</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2,007 website hits since last meeting (137,882 total) • Scholarship information posted with hot links on home page directing visitors to scholarship page • All agendas and minutes posted except for November BOD <p>Twitter/X: Scott F</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reminder sent out for tonight's meeting • More views with new BTYR address 	Information accepted

	<p>FaceBook Report: Susan M</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Scholarship information posted <p>Resource/Brochure Committee Report: Gail G</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Committee will be doing a new version of our brochure – new photos and format Committee volunteers welcomed <p>Billboard Committee: Brad B</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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 <p>BYR Friends Coordinator: Arlene</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Updating the BYR Friends list: still reaching out to members 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"> No known deployed soldiers at this time <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"> Scholarship advertising <p>Scholarship Committee: Bruce</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Began advertising on website Jan 9 Posters being distributed County News Review interview Jan 10 2025 application deadline March 21st Award scholarships April Task Force meeting March 21st deadline Present scholarships at April Task Force meeting 	<p>Information accepted</p> <p>Information accepted</p> <p>Information accepted</p> <p>Information accepted</p> <p>Information accepted</p>
	<p>Fundraising: Gail G</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Donation from Long Lake Lutheran Church Memorials from local marine’s funeral Susan: Dinner Dance Committee meetings are being held. Theme: Isanti County’s Largest Beach Party. Will have both silent and live auctions. Volunteers needed. 	<p>Information accepted</p> <p>Thank you to our donors!</p>

Upcoming Events	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BTYR State Meeting – April 30 • 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> <p>Veteran requests assistance for repair of car exhaust system - \$530.73</p> <p>Veteran requests assistance with insurance (\$1,330.16) and 2 months mortgage (\$2,946.20) for a total of \$4,276.36</p> <p>Soldier requesting assistance with car repair: serpentine belt and brakes - \$2,397.64</p>	<p>Motion made (Brad) and seconded (Susan) to pay these bills.</p> <p>Motion passed</p>
BTYR Update:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MN now has 53 BYR Community Networks and 87 BTYR Companies/Organizations • Operation Turkey Drop - Thanksgiving <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – 500 meals packed plus turkeys with each box – Thank you to Sean for helping Ashley with distribution • Operation Merry Meals - Christmas <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – 300 meal kits filled with groceries, a turkey or ham, plus approximately 600 packs of assorted meats donated by Hunter’s Harvest, to help those in need in the military community. – Thank you Sean & John for driving to pick up the meals • Statewide BTYR Community Networks 2024 Summary <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – In 2024, community networks coordinated 313 events, served 11,050 volunteer hours, sent 2,544 packages to deployed service members, and provided \$380,361 in assistance to veterans, service members, and their families • Statewide Corporate Networks 2024 Summary <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – In 2024, the corporate network supported 92 events, served 3,378 volunteer hours, sent 743 packages, and provided \$305,637 to assist those in the military community. 	Information accepted
Open Agenda	<p><u>Zimmerman American Legion Riders Bingo</u> January 25th at noon 26140 – 136th Street NW Zimmerman Encourage you to reserve a space online</p>	Information accepted
Open Agenda	<p><u>ASIST Suicide Prevention Training is offered in Cambridge on January 28-29</u> Contact ICBYR Secretary for details</p>	Information accepted
Open Agenda	<p><u>Military Youth Ice Fishing Clinic</u> Marine-on-St. Croix – February 8th Contact ICBYR Secretary for Details</p>	Information accepted
Adjournment		<p>Motion: A motion was made by (Richard) and seconded by (Jim J) to</p>

		adjourn meeting. Motion approved & meeting adjourned at 2022
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Submitted by: Carol Ann Smith, ICBYR Secretary

Next Meeting: February 20, 2025 – 7:00 pm – AFRCC

BTYR Coffee Talk Second Wednesday of each Month at 0815	BTYR Coffee Talk: 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"> • January 28, 1915 - The U.S. Coast Guard was created by an Act of Congress, combining the Life Saving Service and the Revenue Cutter Service. • January 21, 1954 - The <i>USS Nautilus</i>, the world's first nuclear powered submarine, was launched at Groton, Connecticut. • January 27, 1973 - U.S. involvement in the Vietnam War ended as North Vietnamese and American representatives signed an agreement in Paris • January 16, 1991 - The war against Iraq began as Allied aircraft conducted a major raid against Iraqi air defenses. The air raid on Baghdad was broadcast live to a global audience by CNN correspondents as operation Desert Shield became Desert Storm. •
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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