

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

Meeting Minutes February 20, 2025

Member Attendance:

x	Jim R	x	Scott F		Hudson F		
x	Susan M		Lois F	x	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	x	Arlene K		
	Jesse P		Pam M		Terri A		
x	Jim J		Sean W		Bob A	x	Guest: Zach J
x	Bruce D		Brent L	x	Amy N-M	x	Guest: Tim M
	Jamie H (CVSO)		Chuck P	x	Heather A		Guest:
x	Ashley B – S&FRS		Sherry P				

Agenda Item	Discussion	Motions/Action Taken
Call to Order		Meeting was Called to Order by Chair Adam F at 1900
Pledge of Allegiance	The Pledge of Allegiance Introductions were made	Meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance
Presentation	<p>Zach Johnson founder and CEO of “Roger Up” in Maple Plain, MN gave an overview of his organization which provides support for veterans and first responders. They provide in-person assessment and plans to manage health & addiction, coaching plans, therapy recommendations, financial counseling, lodging help, employment consultation, and daily living needs. They are a 501(c)3</p> <p>They also have outdoor adventures (a licensed psychologist is on all outings to provide support), referrals and payment for EMDR, equine therapy, service dogs and a faith & fitness team. They are also working on providing women veteran only retreats. Roger Up has 13 staff and 2 female liaisons.</p> <p>Zach is a marine veteran who served as a combat engineer from 2007-11 in Iraq and Afghanistan. He is a Purple Heart recipient. He currently works as a veterans service officer for the DAV. He has formerly worked with Sherburne CVSO, DEED, and MAC-V. He is a graduate student in Psychology.</p>	<p>Information accepted</p> <p>Thank you Zach for an excellent presentation!</p>

	<p>FaceBook Report: Susan M</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dinner Dance information posted and recognizing sponsors <p>Resource/Brochure Committee Report: Gail G</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Committee meeting soon to create a new version of our brochure <p>Billboard Committee: Brad B</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nothing new to report until ground thaws <p>Community Service Resource Coordinator: Carol Ann S.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reported on North 65 Chamber of Commerce meeting – State of City of Cambridge address • Veterans are given extra “points” on City of Cambridge job applications • Valentines and candy delivered to 15 veterans at Levande at Vivie <p>BYR Friends Coordinator: Arlene</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Validating existing Friends and sending forms to new businesses <p>Packages for the Deployed Community Liaison: Adam F</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No known deployed soldiers at this time • Ashley checking the MN NG database <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"> • 2025 application deadline March 21st • Review applications and select winners April 2 • Award scholarships April 17th Task Force meeting (10th year!) 	<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"> • Susan: Dinner Dance Committee meetings are being held. Theme: Isanti County’s Largest Beach Party. Will have both silent, live and dessert auctions. Hula hoop contest, cornhole, limbo. Food Hawaiian theme. Kenney Krona and band booked. Volunteers needed. Next meeting February 24th at 1800. 	<p>Information accepted</p> <p>Thank you to our donors!</p>
<p>Upcoming Events</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BTYR State Meeting – April 30 • ICBYR 2025 Dinner Dance – May 3 	<p>Information accepted</p>
<p>Old Business</p>	<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"> – Purchase of 100 Kwik Trip Fuel Only Gift Cards to have on hand for urgent CVSO or S&FRS needs - \$4,500 	<p>Motion made (Cathy) and seconded (Brad) to purchase these gift cards for future</p> <p>Motion passed</p>
New Business:	<p><u>Vote on Veterans & Soldier Issues:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Veteran needs assistance with garbage bill (\$208.66) and ECE bill (\$623.03) 	<p>Motion made (Cathy) and seconded (Arlene) to pay these bills</p> <p>Motion passed</p>
Open Agenda	<p><u>Rum River Outdoor Foundation</u></p> <p>Hosting the 2nd Annual Veteran's SXS Ride on Saturday April 26, 2025.</p> <p>Isanti County Beyond the Yellow Ribbon will once again be the recipient of the profits from this event. Last year they donated over \$11,000!!</p> <p>Need volunteers to be on the planning committee - contact Gail if interested</p>	<p>Information accepted</p> <p>See Rum River Outdoor Foundation website to register</p>
Open Agenda	<p><u>Rock Stars on Ice</u></p> <p>May 21st at Exel Energy Center</p> <p>Discounted tickets to military</p> <p>Must purchase tickets by May 7</p>	<p>Information accepted</p> <p>Ask Secretary for details on ticket purchase</p>
Open Agenda	<p><u>Trolling for Troops Fundraiser</u></p> <p>Well known professional fishermen and others will guide a Veteran and Active-Duty service member for a day on Mille Lacs Lake or the Mississippi River! This will be a fun, exciting, day of fishing in boats that make heads turn. Prizes will be awarded to the most successful anglers!</p> <p>Date: Thursday/Friday, June 5 - June 6, 2025</p> <p>Headquarters: Camp Ripley, MN</p> <p>Fishing Locations: Mille Lacs Lake and Mississippi River</p> <p>Register by April 18th</p>	<p>Information accepted</p> <p>Ask Secretary for details on how to register</p>
Adjournment		<p>Motion: A motion was made by (Kathy) and seconded by</p>

		(Jim J) to adjourn meeting. Motion approved & meeting adjourned at 1951
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Submitted by: Carol Ann Smith, ICBYR Secretary

Next Meeting: March 20, 2025 – 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 February 9, 1943 - During WWII, U.S. troops captured Guadalcanal in the Solomon Islands after six months of battle, with 9,000 Japanese and 2,000 Americans killed. February 10, 1942 - The first Medal of Honor during World War II was awarded to 2nd Lt. Alexander Nininger (posthumously) for heroism during the Battle of Bataan. February 17, 1865 - During the American Civil War, Fort Sumter in South Carolina was returned to the Union after nearly a year and a half under Confederate control. The fort had been the scene of the first shots of the war. February 27, 1991 - In Desert Storm, the 100-hour ground war ended as Allied troops entered Kuwait just four days after launching their offensive against Saddam Hussein's Iraqi forces</p>
<p>Military History</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • February 9, 1943 - During WWII, U.S. troops captured Guadalcanal in the Solomon Islands after six months of battle, with 9,000 Japanese and 2,000 Americans killed. • February 10, 1942 - The first Medal of Honor during World War II was awarded to 2nd Lt. Alexander Nininger (posthumously) for heroism during the Battle of Bataan. • February 17, 1865 - During the American Civil War, Fort Sumter in South Carolina was returned to the Union after nearly a year and a half under Confederate control. The fort had been the scene of the first shots of the war. • February 27, 1991 - In Desert Storm, the 100-hour ground war ended as Allied troops entered Kuwait just four days after launching their offensive against Saddam Hussein's Iraqi forces
<p>Viewable Link for ICBYR Goggle Sign Map:</p>	<p>https://www.google.com/maps/d/viewer?mid=19P7VjNkq81qUQQF281XcPCLhvf91gk1O&ll=45.58600856114631%2C-93.29518274999998&z=11</p>

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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