



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

Meeting Minutes March 20, 2025

Member Attendance:

x	Jim R		Scott F		Hudson F		
X	Susan M		Lois F	X	Jessica K		
X	Gail G	x	John W	x	Kylie K		
X	Kathy R		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	X	Terri A		
x	Jim J	x	Sean W	x	Bob A	X	Guest: Brianne M
x	Bruce D		Brent L	x	Amy N-M	X	Guest: Laura S
	Jamie H (CVSO)		Heather A	X	Tim M	X	Guest: Betty G
	Ashley B – S&FRS						

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	Brianne McClellan, the East Central Regional Suicide Prevention Coordinator, introduced herself. She covers the PICK’M counties and offices in Kanabec County. She shared a handout that describes her work with individuals, organizations, and communities to support community-led suicide prevention efforts. Laura Strumvoll, RN, MSN, Community Engagement and Partnerships Coordinator, from the St Cloud VAMC gave a presentation on veteran suicide awareness, statistics and prevention efforts. She described the VA Suicide Prevention Coalition and her work with the PICK’M Up Suicide Prevention Coalition that includes Isanti County. She is available to give training on suicide prevention. Please see below for her slides.	Information accepted

	 Suicide Prevention Efforts 032025.pptx	 Brianne McClellan flyer.pdf	
Secretary Report	Minutes of the February meeting were distributed by mail and email		Motion: A motion was made by (Brad) seconded by (Jim J) to approve the minutes. Minutes approved.
Treasurer Report Kathy R	Income and expenses were reviewed for February: Income: Donations from Thrivent grant, Del Morke memorials, monthly donors, donation in honor of Anthony B Expenses: One scholarship, Direct Support for energy bills, garbage bill, fuel oil, car insurance, phone bill (\$5,273.66)		Report accepted as presented and set aside for audit (Susan/Cathy) Our gratitude to our donors!!
Chair's Report Adam F	CVSO Updates, and Requests for Veterans: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Veteran requests assistance with #2 diesel fuel oil purchase to heat his home \$720 • Veteran requests assistance with East Central Energy bill - \$559.24 • Veteran requests assistance with installation of bifold door – Adam will assess needs • CVSO requests 25 Kwik Trip fuel only gift cards - \$1250 (before discount) – BOD approved, to Task Force for vote • Veteran called for help with yardwork – tree down – Adam will call him • Veteran emailed asking for assistance – sent to CVSO S&FS Updates and Requests for Soldiers: Ashley B. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • -Service member needs assistance with phone bill and car loan (\$616.61 & \$ 2,511.96) ICBYR Small Signs: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussion on need to order these for use at events – Gail will obtain quotes on cost Spencer Brook Township Veterans Tribute: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Check presented March 10th at the Township meeting ICBYR Identification Badges: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussion about ID badges to be used by Task Force members when volunteering. Members agree this is a good idea. Will take pictures at next two Task Force meetings, or send a picture to Adam. Wear your ICBYR polo shirt or something patriotic on a white background 		Information accepted Information accepted Information accepted

	<p><u>ICBYR Legal Mailing Address:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Change address to new Chair’s home address <p><u>March Board Meeting:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Upcoming Board meetings: April 9, May 7, June 11 • All meetings at Isanti County Government Center – Upper Level Conference Room at 2:00 pm • Please refer to minutes sent by email <p><u>Thank You Notes Received From:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cambridge American Legion for support of Veterans Day dinner • Two veterans for the Christmas gift cards 	Information accepted
<p>Committee Reports:</p>	<p>Website/Social Media Committee:</p> <p>Website Report: Scott F via text</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2,174 website hits since last meeting (142,405 total) • Website up-to-date except for the latest minutes <p>Twitter/X: Scott F via text</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reminder sent out for tonight’s meeting <p>FaceBook Report: Susan M</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Volleyball tournament poster posted • 3,330 views in the last month, 158% increase!! • Remember to “like and share” <p>Resource/Brochure Committee Report: Gail G</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Committee presented content of revised brochure for input <p>Billboard Committee: Brad B</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Waiting for ground to thaw • Need new sign east of town on Hwy 95 <p>Community Service Resource Coordinator: Carol Ann S.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attended BTYR “Community Chat” evening program • Sent information to NE Metro BYR for their Resource Fair with Invisible Wounds Project • Adam attended the March North 65 Chamber of Commerce meeting – State of City of Isanti address and advertised the dinner dance <p>BYR Friends Coordinator: Arlene</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continuing work on 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> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adam has a person who may be interested 	<p>Information accepted</p> <p>Information accepted</p> <p>Information accepted</p> <p>Information accepted</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"> Military Signing Day at CIHS May 7th – ICBYR will be part of the program and present students with Challenge Coins. All welcome to attend ceremony at CIHS Hardy Performing Arts Center at 0730 <p>Scholarship Committee: Bruce</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2025 application deadline tomorrow Review applications and select winners April 2 Award scholarships April 17th Task Force meeting (10th year!) Requesting funds for treats that evening 	Information accepted
	<p>Fundraising: Gail G</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Memorials from Del Morke Donation in honor of Anthony B Rum River Outdoor Foundation Fundraiser Veterans SxS ride April 26th will benefit ICBYR. Registration now open – cost is \$50 per vehicle and \$20 per passenger (capped at 150 vehicles). Begins 1000. There will be a 50/50 raffle and other activities. Flyers available. Gail, Adam, Jim and Arlene on the committee 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 March 31 at 6:00 pm Adam: ICBYR Volleyball tournament at Wintergreen’s in Isanti May 17th. Will have another one in the autumn. Flyers available 	Information accepted Thank you to our donors!
Upcoming Events	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rum River Outdoor Foundation Fundraiser – April 26 BTYR State Meeting – April 30 ICBYR 2025 Dinner Dance – May 3 Military Signing Day at CIHS – May 7 ICBYR Volleyball Tournament – May 17 	Information accepted
Old Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> None at this time 	
New Business:	<p><u>Vote on Veterans & Soldier Needs:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Veteran requests assistance with #2 diesel fuel oil purchase to heat his home \$720 Veteran requests assistance with East Central Energy bill - \$559.24 CVSO requests 25 Kwik Trip fuel only gift cards - \$1250 (before discount) – Service member needs assistance with phone bill and car loan \$3,128.57 	Motion made (Brad) and seconded (Jim J) to pay these bills and purchase these gift cards Motion passed

New Business:	<u>Vote on ICBYR ID Badges:</u> ICBYR to purchase photo ID badges to wear when volunteering	Motion made (Brad) and seconded (Arlene) Motion passed
New Business:	<u>Vote on Scholarship Awards Night Treats</u> Scholarship Committee requests up to \$50 for Scholarship Award night treats	Motion made (Kathy) and seconded (Brad) Motion passed
Open Agenda	<u>Rock Stars on Ice</u> May 21 st at Exel Energy Center Discounted tickets to military Must purchase tickets by May 7	Information accepted Ask Secretary for details on ticket purchase
Open Agenda	<u>Trolling for Troops Fundraiser</u> 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! Date: Thursday/Friday, June 5 - June 6, 2025 Headquarters: Camp Ripley, MN Fishing Locations: Mille Lacs Lake and Mississippi River Register by April 18th	Information accepted Ask Secretary for details on how to register
Open Agenda	<u>American Legion Riders – Zimmerman</u> Second Amendment Bingo March 29 th at noon. Purchase tickets online	Information accepted
Open Agenda	<u>Let's Go Fishing</u> Annual fundraising breakfast May 3 rd – pancake breakfast with silent auction and raffle – 0800-1100 – The Main Street Church - North Branch	Information accepted
Misc:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ashley reminds us April is Month of the Military Child • Forest Lake American Legion hosting an event for National Vietnam War Veterans Day March 30th – free event beginning at 1300 – must register on website www.post225.com - Include Vietnam Veterans name, phone number, and 1 or 2 tickets. Limited seating, reservations are required. Featuring Master of Ceremony Don Shelby with Special Guest Speaker Ann-Margret. 	Information accepted

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A reminder from Ashley to use VetTix website to order tickets to events. Huge discounts 	
Adjournment		<p>Motion: A motion was made by (Brad) and seconded by (Cathy) to adjourn meeting.</p> <p>Motion approved & meeting adjourned at 2027</p>

Submitted by: Carol Ann Smith, ICBYR Secretary

Next Meeting: April 17, 2025
Scholarship Awards Night!!

<p>BTYR Coffee Talk</p> <p>Second Wednesday of each Month at 0815</p>	<p>BTYR Coffee Talk: 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>
Military History	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • March 1, 1961 – President John F Kennedy established the Peace Corps • March 2, 1943 - During WWII, a Japanese convoy was attacked by 137 American bombers as the Battle of Bismarck Sea began • March 9, 1864 – Ulysses S. Grant was commissioned as a Lieutenant General and became commander of the Union armies. • March 10, 1862 - The first issue of U.S. government paper money occurred as \$5, \$10 and \$20 bills began circulation. • By 1969, at the peak of U.S. involvement in the Vietnam War, more than 500,000 U.S. military personnel were involved in the Vietnam conflict. The average age of the American soldiers was 21

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • March 19, 2003 - The United States launched an attack against Iraq to topple dictator Saddam Hussein from power
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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