

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

Meeting Minutes April 17, 2025

Member Attendance:

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

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	Meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance
Secretary Report	Minutes of the March meeting were distributed by mail and email	Motion: A motion was made by (Jim R) seconded by (Gail) to approve the minutes. Minutes approved.
Treasurer Report Kathy R	<u>Income and expenses were reviewed for March:</u> Income: Monthly donors, dinner dance ticket purchases Expenses: Printing for dinner dance posters and tickets, Spencer Brook Veterans Tribute donation, ICBYR phone bill, Direct Support for medical expenses and utility bills (\$1,171.18) and Kwik Trip fuel only gift cards for the CVSO \$2,250	Report accepted as presented and set aside for audit (Jim J/Jesse)

		Our gratitude to our donors!!
Chair's Report Adam F	<u>CVSO Updates, and Requests for Veterans:</u> • Veteran needs assistance with bifold doors – done by Adam • Veteran needs assistance with wood and yard clean-up – done by Adam – veteran has wood to donate to another veteran in need (2/3 cord) • Veteran needs assistance with medical bills for child (\$522.97), electric bill (\$245.41) and water bill (\$186.03) for a total of \$954.41. CVSO suggests a gift card to Walmart for essentials would be appreciated. Board approved with \$300 gift card. To Task Force for vote. • Email from veteran request for assistance with car repair. Forwarded to CVSO • Veteran requests help with yardwork – Gil will do • Veteran requests propane tank fill - \$857.60 • Invisible Wounds Project request assistance for Marine living in Isanti County - \$800 for IWP membership which includes materials and a scholarship and \$700 for mental health therapy co-pays of \$50 per session = \$1500 <u>S&FS Updates and Requests for Soldiers:</u> Ashley B. • National Guard Bureau Certification Survey – certification passed • Operation Hero meals will be distributed in May <u>April Board Meeting:</u> • Pictures for ICBYR Identification Badges • Girl Scout Cookie donation • Discussion on new signage for ICBYR events such as RROF and golf tournament • Upcoming BOD Meetings: May 7, June 11, July 9 at Isanti County Government Center Upper Level Conference Room at 2:00 pm • 2024 ICBYR Annual Report has been sent to the printer <u>Thank You Note Received From:</u> • Veteran family we assisted <u>Thank You to ICBYR Volunteers:</u> • 1,742 ICBYR Volunteer Hours in 2024!! • Value of a non-profit volunteer hour in 2024 \$33.48 • Value of ICBYR 2024 Volunteer Hours \$58,339 • THANK YOU!!!!!!	Information accepted Information accepted Information accepted Thank you ICBYR volunteers!
Committee Reports:	<u>Website/Social Media Committee:</u> <u>Website Report:</u> Scott F via text • Website counter not working • Website up-to-date for minutes and agendas • Dinner dance information posted with mention of Kenny Krona – link to purchase tickets on the calendar page	Information accepted

	Twitter/X: Scott F via text - Reminder sent out for tonight's meeting, dinner dance reminder and online ticket sales FaceBook Report: Susan M - Dinner dance information posted - Volleyball tournament poster posted Resource/Brochure Committee Report: Gail G - Newly revised ICBYR brochure ready for the printer - Thanks to Gail, Scott and Arlene! Billboard Committee: Brad B - No report – Chair absent Community Service Resource Coordinator: Carol Ann S. - North 65 Chamber of Commerce meeting – State of the County address and advertised the dinner dance - Operation Homefront school supply collection will begin July 5 BYR Friends Coordinator: Arlene - Continuing work on existing Friends and sending forms to new businesses - One new business requesting BYR Friend status tonight – PVE Tech Services Packages for the Deployed Community Liaison: Adam F - No known deployed soldiers at this time Congregational Committee: (position open) - Adam has a person who may be interested Law Enforcement Liaison: Jesse - Will represent ICBYR at the Invisible Wounds Project/NE Metro BTYR May 9th Veteran and First Responder Mental Health Roundtable School Liaison: Bruce - 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 - Silent Dismissal will be held May 23rd – details forthcoming from Cambridge Primary School Scholarship Committee: Bruce - Award scholarships tonight!!	Information accepted Information accepted Information accepted Information accepted
	Fundraising: Gail G - Donation from American Legion Riders for \$5,000!! – Gail and Kathy accepted the donation at the recent American Legion Riders Bingo event - Rum River Outdoor Foundation – April 26 – 150 vehicles registered. All proceeds to ICBYR!! Several from ICBYR will be riding. Registration opens at	

	0800. Colors presented by Isanti VFW Color Guard. Adam will speak for ICBYR. Adam and Arlene driving vehicles and have ICBYR flags • ICBYR 2025 Dinner Dance – Susan May 3 – final details in place. Caterer will prepare Hawaiian themed meal. Tickets still available, please help advertise and sell • ICBYR Volleyball Tournament on May 17 – four teams registered so far • Team Lundeen @ ReMAX - 2nd Q fundraiser on FaceBook – “like” and then “like” and share to earn ICBYR \$1 for each time this is done for a new listing	Information accepted Thank you to our donors!
Upcoming Events	• 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 • Braham Appreciation Day Parade – June 7 • Isanti Rodeo Jubilee Days Parade – July 10 • Freedom Fest – July 16 • Isanti County Fair – July 16 to 20 • Braham Pie Day – August 1 • ICBYR Volleyball Tournament – August 23 • MN State Fair – Military Appreciation Day – August 26 • ICBYR Golf Tournament – September 19	Information accepted
Old Business	• None at this time	
New Business:	<u>Vote on Veterans & Soldier Needs:</u> • Veteran needs assistance with medical bills for child, electric bill, and water bill for a total of \$954.41, plus a \$300 Walmart gift card for essentials • Veteran requests propane tank fill - \$857.60 • Invisible Wounds Project request assistance for Marine living in Isanti County - \$800 for IWP membership which includes materials and a scholarship and \$700 for mental health therapy co-pays of \$50 per session = \$1500	Motion made (Bruce) and seconded (Jim R) to pay these bills and purchase these gift cards Motion passed
New Business:	<u>Vote on:</u> • Purchase of new ICBYR signage for RROF and other events. Estimated cost \$1400 • New BYR Friend – PVE Tech Services	Motion made (Bruce) and seconded (Jim R) Motion passed
Open Agenda	<u>Rock Stars on Ice</u> May 21st 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>Spencer Brook Township Veteran Tribute –</u> • Request for Volunteers – May 6 – day of Tribute placement • June 13 & 14 – To prepare for dedication of Tribute and community picnic • Dedication ceremony - June 14	Information accepted Ask Secretary for details
Open Agenda	• <u>Grandy Lions</u> • Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser • Sunday, May 4th • 0800-1200 • Grandy Community Center	Information accepted
Adjournment	Introductions were made	Motion: A motion was made by (Jim J) and seconded by (Cathy B) to adjourn meeting. Motion approved & meeting adjourned at 1946
Presentation of ICBYR Scholarships	<u>Congratulations to the 2025 ICBYR Scholarship Winners!!!</u> Norman Guse Keagen Lowman Drake Mellen Augustin Neyhart And our sincere gratitude to the Mandatory Fun Outdoors organization for their generous donation of \$2500 to fund one of this year's ICBYR scholarships!!! MFO Board Member Christi Patrick was present to discuss MFO and the donation	Congratulations to our 2025 ICBYR Scholarship Winners!! Our gratitude to MFO!!

Submitted by: Carol Ann Smith, ICBYR Secretary

Next Meeting: May 15, 2025

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 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.
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	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
Military History	• April 9, 1865 - After over 500,000 American deaths, the Civil War effectively ended as General Robert E. Lee surrendered to General Ulysses S. Grant in the village of Appomattox Court House. • April 10, 1942 - During World War II, the Bataan Death March began as American and Filipino prisoners were forced on a six-day march from an airfield on Bataan to a camp near Cabanatuan. • April 10, 1945 - The Nazi concentration camp at Buchenwald was liberated by U.S. troops. • April 12, 1861 - The American Civil War began as Confederate troops opened fire at 4:30 a.m. on Fort Sumter in Charleston, South Carolina
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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