

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

Meeting Minutes May 15, 2025

Member Attendance:

x	Adam F		Scott F	x	Ronda F		
x	Susan M		Lois F		Jessica K		
	Jim R		John W		Kylie K		
	Kathy R	x	Richard N		Terri A		
x	Carol Ann S		Mary F		Bob A		
	Gail G		Bob F		Terry L		
x	Brad B	x	Rick D	x	Cathy B		
	Jesse P	x	Jim J		Amy N-M		
x	Bruce D		Arlene K		Tim M		
	Jamie H (CVSO)		Sean W				
	Erin Y (CVSO office)		Brent L			x	Guests: RROF members
x	Troy G – S&FRS		Heather A				Guest:

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
Presentation	VP Chuck N and many members of the Rum River Outdoor Foundation were in attendance to present ICBYR with an incredibly generous check from their 2nd Annual Veterans SXS Ride – over \$20,700 was raised!!! He thanked the volunteers from RROF, Isanti County Search & Rescue, and the St. Francis High School Trap Team Adam stated that the 2024 RROF fundraiser paid for 20% of the financial assistance needed by veterans in 2024	Thank you for your amazing generosity!!!
Presentation	Troy Gjerde, Soldier and Family Readiness Specialist based at Camp Ripley was in attendance to introduce himself. He will be the S&FRS for the 850th ECC until further notice. Introductions were made.	Welcome Troy!!
Secretary Report	Minutes of the April meeting were distributed by mail and email	Motion: A motion was made by (Susan)

Secretary Report		seconded by (Brad) to approve the minutes. Minutes approved.
Treasurer Report Kathy R	<u>Income and expenses were reviewed for April:</u> Income: Monthly donors, Dinner Dance sponsorships and ticket sales Expenses: Direct Support for Walmart gift card, fuel oil, Invisible Wounds Project sponsorship of local veteran (\$2,657.60); website, dinner dance expenses, printing of ICBYR rack cards and annual reports	Report accepted as presented and set aside for audit (Jim J/Richard) Our gratitude to our donors!!
Chair's Report Adam F	<u>CVSO Updates, and Requests for Veterans:</u> • Veteran needs assistance with fence painting and yard clean-up – Gil completed • Veteran needs assistance with raking – collaborating with East Central Energy employees to complete • Veteran needs assistance with installation of doors – Adam completed • Veteran needs assistance food, gasoline, and home furnishings – referred from Invisible Wounds Project to Isanti County CVSO • Friend of veteran emailed to request assistance with car repair – referred to CVSO • Veteran needs assistance with purchase of air conditioner – in progress • National Guard soldier emailed with request for assistance. From 257th Military Police in Monticello, referred to Troy <u>S&FS Updates and Requests for Soldiers:</u> Troy G. • Resignation of Ashley Bredemus • Troy T. Gjerde to cover 850th ECC • Carmen Brunsvold to cover 84th Troop Command/HHD • Lynda Schluebier to cover 434th Chem <u>May Board Meeting:</u> • The May BOD meeting was cancelled • Upcoming BOD Meetings: June 11, July 9, August 13 at Isanti County Government Center Upper Level Conference Room at 2:00 pm <u>New Committee Chair:</u> • Adam introduced Ronda F. as the new ICBYR Congregational Community Liaison • Husband is a veteran • Long time member of her church and also church and synod councils •	Information accepted Thank you Ashley!! Welcome Troy and Carmen! Welcome Ronda!!
Committee Reports:	<u>Website/Social Media Committee:</u> Website Report: Scott F • No report – Chair absent	Information accepted

Committee Reports:	Twitter/X: Scott F via text - No report – Chair absent FaceBook Report: Susan M - Lots of postings this month related to the Dinner Dance, MFO donation, and the North 65 Chamber of Commerce Gala Resource/Brochure Committee Report: Gail G - See Gail if you need brochures, magnets, or Annual Reports Billboard Committee: Brad B - Jim and Brad to place new sign East of Cambridge by Skiba Dairy Farm - Will be painting signs this weekend and seeing what repairs are needed Community Service Resource Coordinator: Carol Ann S. - Susan attended the North 65 Chamber of Commerce gala - Operation Homefront school supply collection will begin July 5 BYR Friends Coordinator: Arlene - Continuing work on existing Friends and sending forms to new businesses - Two new business requesting BYR Friend status tonight – Pretty Little Signs and Lifetime Oil - Arlene would like to develop a Welcome Packet for new BYR Friends Packages for the Deployed Community Liaison: Adam F - No known deployed soldiers at this time Congregational Committee: (Ronda F) - Adam introduced Ronda F who will be the new Chair of the Congregational Committee! Law Enforcement Liaison: Jesse - No report – Chair absent School Liaison: Bruce - Military Signing Day at CIHS May 7th – ICBYR was part of the program and presented students with Challenge Coins. Bruce and Gail attended. 21 students are entering the military from CIHS - Silent Dismissal will be held May 23rd – see email from Cambridge Primary School with details Scholarship Committee: Bruce - Scholarships awarded at CIHS and North Branch Area High School. Will attend ceremony at Cambridge Christian School the end of the month. St. Francis high school does not have a ceremony.	Information accepted Information accepted Information accepted Welcome Ronda!!!!!! Information accepted Information accepted
	Fundraising: Gail G Rum River Outdoor Foundation – April 26 – Over 150 vehicles registered. All proceeds to ICBYR!! Presentation of check tonight for > \$20,700!!!	Information accepted

Committee Reports:	- ICBYR 2025 Dinner Dance – Susan May 3 – another success! The Dinner Dance was a wonderful evening!! About 16 attended. About \$1100 in 50/50 raffle. Tally of proceeds in process. Will have a “hotwash” soon to debrief what went well and what needs to be improved - ICBYR Volleyball Tournament on May 17 – 6 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	Thank you to our donors!
Upcoming Events	- ICBYR Volleyball Tournament – May 17 - Silent Dismissal – May 23 - 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 - Getting Better Together – August 20 - ICBYR Volleyball Tournament – August 23 (tentative) - 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> None at this time	
New Business:	<u>Vote on:</u> Two new business requesting BYR Friend status – Pretty Little Signs and Lifetime Oil	Motion made (Brad) and seconded (Jim J) Motion passed
Open Agenda	<u>Veteran & First Responder Mental Health Round Table:</u> - Jesse Peck attended May 9 - Great networking at Roundtable - about 30 people attended – police, fire, therapists, non-profits, DOC - Will meet quarterly – August 1 - Florida State University study on PTSD - ICBYR compliments - Hosted by the Invisible Wounds Project and the NE Metro Beyond the Yellow Ribbon May is Mental Health Awareness Month	Information accepted Ask Secretary for details on ticket purchase

Open Agenda	• <u>Spencer Brook Township Veteran Tribute:</u> • June 14 – Dedication of Tribute and community picnic at 1100	Information accepted Ask Secretary for details
Adjournment		Motion: A motion was made by (Brad) and seconded by (Susan) to adjourn meeting. Motion approved & meeting adjourned at 2021

Submitted by: Carol Ann Smith, ICBYR Secretary

Next Meeting: June 19, 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. 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	May 5, 1865 - Decoration Day was first observed in the U.S., with the tradition of decorating soldiers' graves from the Civil War with flowers. The observance date was later moved to May 30th and included American graves from World War I and World War II, and became better known as Memorial Day.
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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