Isanti County Beyond the Yellow Ribbon Task Force

Cambridge Armed Forces Reserve & Community Center

Meeting Minutes August 21 2025

Member Attendance:

х	Adam F	Х	Scott F	Х	Ronda F		
Х	Susan M		Lois F		Jessica K		
Х	Jim R		John W		Kylie K		
Х	Kathy R	Х	Richard N		Terri A		
	Carol Ann S		Mary F		Bob A		
Х	Gail G		Bob F		Terry L		
	Brad B	Х	Rick D	Х	Cathy B		
	Jesse P	Х	Jim J		Amy N-M		
	Bruce D	Х	Arlene K		Tim M		
	Jamie H (cvso)		Sean W		Jim R		
	Erin Y (CVSO office)		Brent L	Х	Steve F (84TRC)	х	Guest: Mike F
							MMO
х	Troy G – s&frs		Heather A				Guest:

Agenda Item	Discussion	Motions/Action
		Taken
Call to Order		Meeting Called
		to Order by
		Chair Adam F at
		1902
Pledge of	The Pledge of Allegiance	Meeting
Allegiance		opened with
		Pledge of
		Allegiance
Presentation	Mike Ferrell from Memories Made Outdoor gave a presentation on their program. It	Accepted
	is mainly week-long fishing trips for Veterans and First Responders. Mike passed out	
	brochures and business cards to those present.	
Secretary	Minutes of the June meeting were distributed by mail and email	Motion: A
Report		motion was
	There was no July ICBYR Task Force meeting	made by
		(Susan)
		seconded by
		(Rick D) to
		approve the
		minutes.
		Minutes
		approved.
Treasurer	Income and expenses were reviewed for June:	Motion: A
Report	Income: Monthly donors, Volleyball tournament	motion was
Kathy R	Expenses: printing, phone bill, new checks, North 65 Chamber of Commerce dues,	made by Jim J
	new event signs	and seconded
		by Cathy B.

Treasurer	Income and expenses were reviewed for July:		
Report	Income: Monthly donors, Volleyball tournament, ReMax, Joy Lutheran, Cambridge		
Kathy R	Lutheran, Freedom Fest donations, golf sponsors, golf registrations		
	Expenses: printing, dinner dance expenses		
Chair's Report	CVSO Updates, and Requests for Veterans:		
Adam F	 ICBYR phone call from homeless veteran – referred to CVSO 		
	 ICBYR phone call from veteran wants lawn mowed and trimming done – now 		
	and on an ongoing basis – referred to CVSO		
	ICBYR phone call for request for troop boxes – soldier from Ham Lake –		
	referred to NE Metro BTYR & Hugo BTYR	Information	
	COEC Hardatas and Dannasta for Caldiana. Trans C	accepted	
	S&FS Updates and Requests for Soldiers: Troy G.		
	Final distribution of Girl Scout Cookies Distribution of Operation Homofrent school symplics		
	 Distribution of Operation Homefront school supplies 84th Troop Command/HHD Family Day Picnic – August 24 		
	850 th ECC Holiday Party – December 6		
	830 ECC Holiday Party – December 6		
	August Board Meeting:		
	Follow-up:		
	Isanti Rodeo Jubilee Days Parade		
	Freedom Fest		
	Braham Pie Day		
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	Welcome New ICBYR Board Member:	Welcome	
	Welcome Arlene!! Serving a two year term as a Committee Chair representative	Arlene!	
	Misc:		
	Thank You Note from Spencer Brook Township		
Committee	Website/Social Media Committee:	Information	
Reports:	Website Report: Scott F – website has had 6,229 website visits since the June	accepted	
	meeting. (157,655+ total visitors). The website is up to date with minutes and	·	
	pictures		
Committee			
Reports:	Twitter/V. Scott E		
	Twitter/X: Scott F • Meeting notice send.	Information	
	• Weeting notice send.	Accepted.	
	FaceBook Report: Susan M		
	Lots of postings this month from the Isanti Parade, Freedom Fest and		
	Braham Pie Day.		
	Resource/Brochure Committee Report: Gail G		
	See Gail if you need brochures, magnets, or Annual Reports		
	Billboard Committee: Brad B – No report, chair absent.		
	Community Service Resource Coordinator: Carol Ann S.		
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BYR Friends Coordinator: Arlene	 Worked with disabled veteran on need for lawnmowing and weed whipping. Unable to find long-term solution. Referred back to CVSO. Picked up Operation Homefront school supplies from Ham Lake and North Branch Dollar Tree stores. Over 325 items donated to Cambridge AFRCC! North 65 Chamber meetings: July, presentation by Cambridge Isanti schools CFO on upcoming referendum for remodeling schools and building a fieldhouse; August, networking meeting and North 65 Chamber 10th Birthday. Phone call from veteran in need – referred to Goodhue County. Coordinated volunteers and booth items for Isanti Parade, Freedom Fest and Braham Pie Day. Donated ICBYR rack cards for the New Teacher Packets (85). 	Information accepted
Congregational Committee: (Ronda F) Ronda will be meeting with the Ministerial Association. Ronda wanted our opinion on whether she should meet with the Lutheran ELCO Northern Council. We agreed would be productive Law Enforcement Liaison: Jesse No report – Chair absent. School Liaison: Bruce No report – Chair absent. Scholarship Committee: Bruce No report – Chair absent. Scholarship Committee: Bruce No report – Chair absent. Fundraising: Gail G Information accepted Information accepted	 Continuing work on existing Friends and sending forms to new businesses Packages for the Deployed Community Liaison: Adam F 	
No report – Chair absent School Liaison: Bruce No report – Chair absent. Scholarship Committee: Bruce No report – Chair absent. Committee Reports: Fundraising: Gail G ICBYR 2025 Dinner Dance – Final tally not available as yet. Team Lundeen 2 nd Quarter Facebook Challenge. \$294. Thank you Michelle. City Center Market Round Up Promotion. Have not received a total. Golf Tournament September 19 at The Purple Hawk. Passed out sign-up sheet for volunteers! Upcoming Events Patrac, HHD Family Day Picnic – August 24 MN State Fair – Military Appreciation Day – August 26 ICBYR Golf Tournament – September 19 850 th ECC Holiday Dinner – December 6 Old Business None at this time Vote on Veterans & Soldier Needs:	 Congregational Committee: (Ronda F) Ronda will be meeting with the Ministerial Association. Ronda wanted our opinion on whether she should meet with the Lutheran 	
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Open Agenda	Cathy B has spoken to the Cambridge American Legion about holding ICBYR Task Force meetings at their location on Main Street in Cambridge. They indicated that the building is available at our meeting time. This location would provide easier access with no long walk to the door especially in winter.	Information accepted. Board of Directors will discuss.
Open Agenda	PICK'M Up 5K Suicide Coalition: Fundraiser September 13 th in Pine City at Robinson Park Opening ceremony 0900 Event wrap up by 1300 Email Brianne.McClellan@kanabeccountymn.gov	Information accepted
Open Agenda	 Women Beterans Whole Health Retreat Sponsored by St Cloud VA September 18th from 9:30 to 3:30 in Sartell See Secretary for details 	Information accepted
Open Agenda	Rural Voice 2025 Conversation about mental health, social isolation, and ways to build more connection in rural communities September 15 th 5:00 – 7:30 pm Wadena, MN See Secretary for details	Information accepted
Open Agenda	RUCK LIFE ANOKA Supports 23 rd Veteran – benefits trauma recovery for first responders and veterans September 6 th Anoka MN See Secretary for details	Information accepted
Open Agenda	 Zimmerman American Legion Riders Post 560 Purse Bingo November 15th Register online 	Information accepted
Adjournment		Motion: A motion was made by Jim R seconded by Susan to adjourn meeting. Motion approved & meeting adjourned at 2004

Submitted by: Gail Genin, Board of Directors

Next Meeting: September 18, 2025 7:00 pm

Second Wednesday of each Month at 0815	BTYR Coffee Talk: Join Zoom Meeting https://state-mn-us.zoom.us/i/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
Viewable Link for ICBYR Goggle Sign Map:	https://www.google.com/maps/d/viewer?mid=19P7VjNkq81qUQQF281XcPCLhvf91gk 10&II=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&sessio_n=0902017&committee_id=90022&submit_committee=GO
We Care Minnesota App for Cell Phones	A <u>FREE</u> 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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