


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

Meeting Minutes September 18, 2025

Member Attendance:

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

Agenda Item	Discussion	Motions/Action Taken
Call to Order		Meeting Called to Order by Chair Adam F at 1904
Pledge of Allegiance	The Pledge of Allegiance	Meeting opened with Pledge of Allegiance
Donation Presentation	Linda H and Joyce S attended to present ICBYR with a donation in memory of their husband/son Daniel who served in the military for 25 years. Daniel was a graduate of CIHS and served as a pilot and instructor of pilots. It was an honor to hear the story of their husband/son.	Our gratitude for your donation!
Presentation	Janet Wagener, a mental health practitioner and crisis clinician from Canvas Health East Central Crisis Services , gave a presentation about their mental services offered from Canvas Health and in particular their mobile crisis response team Their mission is to bring hope, healing and recovery to the people they serve Please refer to the PowerPoint for details	Information Accepted
	 East Central Crisis Services Sept 2025.p	
Secretary Report	Minutes of the August meeting were distributed by mail and email	Motion: A motion was made by

		(Ronda) seconded by (Richard) to approve the minutes. Minutes approved.
Treasurer Report Kathy R	<p><u>Income and expenses were reviewed for August:</u></p> <p>Income: Monthly donors, Braham Pie Day donation jar, golf sponsorships and registrations, donation from Isanti Lions, Grand Casino and First Bank and Trust</p> <p>Expenses: purchase brochure racks, liability insurance for Task Force and BOD, purchase of ICBYR name badges, food and items for 84TRC/HHD Family Day Picnic</p>	Motion: A motion was made by Arlene and seconded by Ronda to accept the Treasurer's report and set it aside for audit
Chair's Report Adam F	<p><u>CVSO Updates, and Requests for Veterans:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Request for assistance with Veteran mortgage. Current and past due = \$8,277.83. Board recommends payment of \$5000. CVSO to contact ICBYR if other funds not found to assist veteran. Board also suggests \$200 Walmart gift card to assist veteran. New Assistant CVSO hired. Will attend an October ICBYR meeting Phone call for assistance with roof – referred to Hennepin County CVSO <p><u>S&FS Updates and Requests for Soldiers:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Follow-up 84TRC/HHD Family Day Picnic 850th ECC Holiday Party – December 6th <p><u>Misc:</u> Request from Invisible Wounds Project for assistance for an Isanti County Veteran. Email just received, Board will discuss request.</p> <p><u>September Board Meeting:</u> Storage space discussion – exploring purchase of a utility trailer Upcoming Board Meetings: October 13, November 10, December 8</p>	Information accepted
Committee Reports:	<p><u>Website/Social Media Committee:</u></p> <p>Website Report: Scott F – website has had 2,880 website visits since the August meeting. (160,535 + total visitors). The website is up to date with minutes, but needs to add recent pictures</p>	Information accepted
Committee Reports:	<p><u>Twitter/X:</u> Scott F</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Meeting notice not sent today <p><u>FaceBook Report:</u> Susan M</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chair absent but has posted on recent events such as the parades and Braham Pie Day <p><u>Resource/Brochure Committee Report:</u> Gail G</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> See Gail if you need brochures, magnets, or Annual Reports 	Information Accepted.

	<p>Billboard Committee: Brad B – No report, chair absent.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Gil sent an email that he has repaired the wood on the billboard by the AFRCC. He is donating his time and the materials <p>Community Service Resource Coordinator: Carol Ann S.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> North 65 Chamber of Commerce meeting was a networking event to celebrate the 10th birthday of the combined Chamber <p>BYR Friends Coordinator: Arlene</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nothing new to report <p>Packages for the Deployed Community Liaison: Adam F</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> No known deployed soldiers at this time Changes to Ship Thrifty <p>Congregational Committee: Ronda</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ronda does not have an update tonight <p>Law Enforcement Liaison: Jesse</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nothing new to report <p>School Liaison: Bruce</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bruce summarized the referendum up for vote in November to fund repairs to CI Schools and build a fieldhouse Refer to North 65 Chamber of Commerce or school websites for details. Also series done by the Isanti-Chisago County Star <p>Scholarship Committee: Bruce</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nothing new to report. Will reconvene committee in November Thanking the Golf Tournament in advance for monies to fund the scholarships 	<p>Information accepted</p> <p>Information accepted</p>
Committee Reports:	<p>Fundraising: Gail G</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ICBYR 2025 Dinner Dance – Final tally not available as yet. City Center Market Round Up Promotion. Have not received a total. Golf Tournament September 19 (tomorrow!) at The Purple Hawk. There are 23 teams registered. Will meet at the new clubhouse. Supper and silent auction at the Hawk's Nest 	<p>Information accepted</p> <p>Thank you to our donors!</p>
Upcoming Events	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ICBYR Golf Tournament – September 19 850th ECC Holiday Dinner – December 6 	
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"> Mortgage assistance - \$5000 with \$200 Walmart gift card New request from IWP will be reviewed by the Board after more information is obtained 	<p>Motion made by Ronda and seconded by Jesse to pay for</p>

		this bill & gift card. Motion approved
Open Agenda	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>PICK’M Up 5K Suicide Coalition:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – September is National Suicide Prevention Month – September 8 is 988 Day – Fundraiser held September 13th in Pine City at Robinson Park. Jesse said it went well and there were several volunteers from Isanti County. Plans on being an annual event 	Information accepted
Open Agenda	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Invisible Wounds Project:</u> • Officer Shawn Silvera Memorial 5K – September 21 @ 0930 • Cruise for Heroes – September 27 1000-1530 • Freedom Fest with Clay Walker – September 27 Doors open at 1700 • Jesse is volunteering 	
Open Agenda	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Mile in My Shoes</u> • 10 mile run in the Twin Cities on October 4th • A non-profit that uses the power of running to promote wellness, community, and transformation. They partner with individuals who have experienced homelessness, substance abuse challenges, mental health struggles, and the reintegration process following military service • Dallas Z present to talk about the event and share his story • Dallas a veteran who served in the Army and was deployed to Iraq. He is a CIHS graduate and currently works for Isanti County Child Protection <p><u>To sponsor Dallas in the run visit:</u> https://secure.givelively.org/donate/mile-in-my-shoes/2025-tcm-fundracing-team/dallas-zoerb</p>	Information accepted
Open Agenda	<p><u>VFW Voice of Democracy</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • VFW sponsored audio-essay program provides high school students grades 9-12 with the unique opportunity to express themselves in-regards-to a democratic and patriotic-themed recorded essay. This year’s theme: "How Are You Showing Patriotism and Support for Our Country?" • For more information and application forms contact Gail, the Isanti VFW or Voice of Democracy – • Due to the Post October 31 	Information accepted
Open Agenda	<p><u>VFW Patriot’s Pen</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • VFW-sponsored youth essay competition encourages students to use their minds and knowledge of America’s history and their experience of today’s American society to write essays expressing their views on an annual patriotic theme. This year’s theme: "How Are You Showing Patriotism and Support for Our Country?" This is for students grades 6-8 • Contact Gail, the Isanti VFW or Patriot's Pen - for more information and application forms • Due to the Post October 31 	Information accepted

Open Agenda	<p><u>VFW Teacher of the Year</u></p> <p>Each year, the Veterans of Foreign Wars selects elementary, middle, and high school teachers to participate in the Smart/Maher VFW National Citizenship Education Teacher program.</p> <p>Please review the new rules and eligibility requirements and download the 2025 entry form to nominate a teacher you know.</p> <p>Teacher nomination entries must be received at a local participating VFW Post by the Oct. 31 deadline.</p>	
Open Agenda	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Zimmerman American Legion Riders Post 560</u> • Purse Bingo • November 15th • Register online – tables sold out – may be individual tickets available 	Information accepted
Adjournment		<p>Motion: A motion was made by Gail seconded by Arlene to adjourn meeting.</p> <p>Motion approved & meeting adjourned at 2044</p>

Submitted by: Carol Ann Smith, Secretary

Next Meeting: October 16, 2025 7:00 pm

<p>BTYR Coffee Talk</p> <p>Second Wednesday of each Month at 0815</p>	<p><u>BTYR Coffee Talk:</u></p> <p>Join Zoom Meeting https://state-mn-us.zoom.us/j/84282677037?pwd=bTNuS3FaQ2dWQUZUdlBuMUozRERwdz09 Meeting ID: 842 8267 7037 Passcode: 040053</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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>
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Important Dates in Military History	<p><u>September 2</u> – Victory over Japan Day</p> <p><u>September 11th</u> – A national day of remembrance for the victims of the 9/11 terrorist attacks</p> <p><u>Third Friday in September</u> – National POW/MIA Recognition Day – honors prisoners of war and those missing in action</p> <p><u>Last Sunday in September: Gold Star Mother's and Family Day</u> – to recognize mothers and families who have lost a loved one serving in the military</p>
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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