

Isanti County Beyond the Yellow Ribbon Task Force

Cambridge Armed Forces Reserve & Community Center

Meeting Minutes November 20, 2025

Member Attendance:

x	Adam F	x	Scott F	x	Ronda F		
x	Susan M		Lois F	x	Jessica K		
	Jim R	x	John W	x	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	x	Rick D		Amy N-M		
	Jesse P		Cathy B		Tim M		
	Brad B	x	Bruce D			x	Guest: John D
	Jamie H (cvso)	x	Sean W			x	Guest: Bri H
	Erin Y (cvso office)		Brent L			x	Guest: Jonathan H
	Troy G – S&FRS		Heather A			x	Guest: Kayla U

Agenda Item	Discussion	Motions/Action Taken
Call to Order		Meeting Called to Order by Chair Adam F at 1900
Pledge of Allegiance	The Pledge of Allegiance Visitors were welcomed and introductions made	Meeting opened with Pledge of Allegiance
Secretary Report	Minutes of the October meeting were distributed by mail and email	Motion: A motion was made by (Susan) seconded by (Rick) to approve the minutes. Minutes approved.
Treasurer Report Kathy R	Income and expenses were reviewed for October: Income: Monthly donors, Thrivent, golf tournament sponsors and donations Expenses: golf tournament, purchase of ICBYR trailer, Veterans Day dinner support, direct support (\$5.847.37)	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> Request from surviving spouse for assistance with assisted living bill for veteran (now deceased) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - approved by BOD (\$5,503.24) Request from veteran for assistance with repair of car transmission <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - approved by BOD (\$3,560.95) Request for 25 Cub Foods and 25 Kwik Trip gift cards at \$50 each for CVSO <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - approved by BOD (\$2,500 minus discount) Discussion about gift cards for veterans in need during the Holidays <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - BOD recommends cap of \$3000 for veterans in need through CVSO <p><u>S&FS Updates and Requests for Soldiers:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Request from soldier for assistance with car license tabs (\$319.50) and credit card bill (\$1086.40) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - approved by BOD (\$1,405.90) 850th ECC Holiday Party – December 6th HHD/84th Troop Command Holiday Lunch – December 7th - requesting help serving meal and with cost of soldier meals - \$550 Request for S&FRS at Cambridge AFRCC will be submitted 2nd Q 2026 	Motion: A motion was made by Susan and seconded by Rick to accept the Chair's report as presented
	<p><u>Misc:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <u>Invisible Wounds Project Request:</u> Chateau Recovery Program (Utah) out of network cost \$2000 and airfare \$1317 Daughter emailed to donate medical items from death of veteran father – referred to DAV and Metropolitan Center for Independent Living Discussion about support for Veterans Day dinners <p><u>Misc:</u></p> Follow-up purchase of ICBR storage trailer – lifetime license tabs – ICBYR logo wrap November Board Meeting: Post Office Box rental paid Updating of CVSO request for assistance form Increase cap of BOD approval and criteria for BOD versus Task Force votes (limits /hardships) <p><u>Thank You Notes:</u></p> Two thank you notes received from grateful veteran and service member <p><u>Upcoming Board Meetings:</u></p> December 8, January 12, February 9	Note: credit card bill was not paid as it was in collections. Car license tabs paid Information accepted
Committee Reports:	<p><u>Website/Social Media Committee:</u></p> <p><u>Website Report:</u> Scott F</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> All minutes updated 1,785 visitors since last report. A 15% increase. 155,840+ total visitors Photos updated 	Information accepted

Committee Reports:	<p>Twitter/X: Scott F</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tweet sent about this meeting and the parade <p>FaceBook Report: Susan M</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Town & Country Insurance contest – ICBYR third place • Susan was interviewed on the Happy Trucker show on Veterans Day <p>Resource/Brochure Committee Report: Gail G</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • See Gail if you need brochures, magnets, or Annual Reports <p>Billboard Committee: Brad B</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No report – Chair absent <p>Community Service Resource Coordinator: Carol Ann S.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • November North 65 Chamber of Commerce meeting attended by Bruce D. summary of presentation given. See Chamber website for slides • Operation Homefront begins November 1 to collect Holiday toys for the children of military service members • Carol Ann presented about ICBYR at the SACS Veterans Day dinner. Jamie H presented on the CVSO <p>BYR Friends Coordinator: Arlene</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No update 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 <p>Congregational Committee: Ronda</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No update to report <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"> • Veterans Day breakfast well attended. ICBYR paying for part of the treats and the paper goods • Kylie attended and said she enjoyed listening to the stories the veterans told <p>Scholarship Committee: Bruce</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scholarship Committee to meet in December • Awaiting final decision from Golf Tournament committee on how many scholarships will be funded this year. Probably two. Golf tournament proceeds down due to rain cancellation and modified tournament 	Information Accepted.
	<p>Fundraising: Adam Gail G</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Golf Tournament – final tally pending 	Information accepted

Committee Reports:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2026 ICBYR Dinner Dance to be May 2nd – theme Kentucky Derby 	Thank you to our donors!
Upcoming Events	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cambridge Lighted Snowflake Parade – November 22 – float committee has made lighting improvements – meet Sean in ARCC parking lot between 4:30-5:00 pm. Float #53. Parade begins at 5:30. Dress warm and bring a lighted necklace or hat if you have them. No chili feed this year. 850th ECC Holiday Dinner – December 6 – volunteers Susan & Carol Ann 84TRC/HHD Holiday Lunch – December 7 – volunteers Adam, Ronda, Kylie, Jessi, Carol Ann & Susan ICBYR Dinner Dance – May 2, 2026 – Kentucky Derby theme 	Information accepted
Old Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> None at this time 	
New Business:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Gift cards for veterans in need during the Holidays. BOD recommends cap of \$3000 Soldier meals for 84th TRC/HHD holiday party \$550 BOD recommends cap of \$550 	Motion made by Kathy and seconded by Ronda to pay for the gift cards and soldier meals Motion approved
New Business:	Chair opened floor to nominations for 2026 ICBYR Office of Chair	Adam F nominated by Susan with a second by Kathy. Nominations closed
New Business:	Chair opened floor to nominations for 2026 ICBYR Office of Vice Chair	Susan M. nominated by Kathy with a second by Adam. Nominations closed
New Business:	Chair opened floor to nominations for 2026 ICBYR Office of Secretary	Carol Ann S. nominated by Susan with a second by Kathy. Nomination respectfully declined. Nominations closed

New Business:	Chair opened floor to nominations for 2026 ICBYR Office of Treasurer	Kathy R. nominated by Gail with a second by Susan Nominations closed
Open Agenda	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PICK'M Up 5K Suicide Coalition: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Summary of their recent walk fundraiser – Strategic Plan document – Secretary will email documents if you are interested 	Information accepted
Open Agenda	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Beyond the Yellow Ribbon Hero Meals program is a statewide initiative designed to provide holiday meal kits to military service members, veterans, and their families in need. • • Sign up as soon as possible – deadline Dec 5th • • <u>Sign up!</u> https://form.jotform.com/253156953494164 	Information accepted
Open Agenda	<p>Invisible Wounds Project Wellness Summit</p> <p>November 17 & 18 IWP Support Center in Forest Lake</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cost is \$99 for a single day, or \$150 for 2 days, and includes lunch and an after hours networking event as well. • Ask Secretary to send you instructions on how to register 	Information accepted
Open Agenda	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MN Suicide Prevention Conference • May 6-8 • Duluth • Registration now open • 	Information accepted
Adjournment	Happy Thanksgiving!	Motion: A motion was made by Rick seconded by Scott to adjourn meeting. Motion approved & meeting adjourned at 1957

Submitted by: Carol Ann Smith, Secretary

Next Meeting: December 18, 2025 7:00 pm

BTYR Coffee Talk Second Wednesday of each Month at 0815	<p>BTYR Coffee Talk:</p> <p>Join Zoom Meeting https://state-mn-us.zoom.us/j/84282677037?pwd=bTNuS3FaQ2dWQUZUdlBuMUozRERwdz09</p> <p>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>
Viewable Link for ICBYR Goggle Sign Map:	https://www.google.com/maps/d/viewer?mid=19P7VjNkq81qUQQF281XcPCLhvf91gk1O&ll=45.58600856114631%2C-93.2951827499999&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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