

Isanti County Beyond the Yellow Ribbon Task Force

Cambridge Armed Forces Reserve & Community Center

Meeting Minutes December 18, 2025

Member Attendance:

x	Adam F		Scott F	x	Ronda F		
	Susan M		Lois F	x	Jessi K		
x	Jim R		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		Bruce D	x	Kayla U		Guest:
x	Jamie H (CVSO)	x	Sean W				Guest:
	Erin Y (CVSO office)		Brent L				Guest:
	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 1900
Pledge of Allegiance	The Pledge of Allegiance	Meeting opened with Pledge of Allegiance
Presentation	<p>Jamie High, Veterans Services Officer and Director of Isanti County Veterans Services gave a presentation on the roles and duties of the veterans services officers.</p> <p>In his role as Director he runs the office, does the scheduling, creates policies and procedures, does the budget, works with County administration, and reports to the County Commissioners in addition to working with veterans on issues and claims.</p> <p>Stacey Brown and Emily Herbert are Assistant Veterans Services Officers and Erin Yerigan is the Veterans Services Specialist</p> <p>Jamie gave example of the types of claims they assist veterans with. How they collaborate with other organizations such as ICBYR, Support the Troops, the VFW, etc... and how they work with homeless veterans.</p> <p>Jamie hopes to expand the CVSO community outreach by scheduling question and answer events in the community on Wednesdays. Examples would be going to meetings such as the VFW and American Legion, going to local nursing homes and schools.</p>	Information received Thank you Jamie!

	Jamie also announced that Cambridge has been selected as the site for the next VA community based outpatient clinic!! Estimated to open in 2029. It will be located on the East edge of town near Fleet Farm	
	<p>Isanti County Veterans Services Office Oakview Office Complex 1700 E Rum River Drive South, Suite H Cambridge, MN 55008 Phone: (763) 689-1711 Direct: (763) 689-8304 Fax: (763) 689-8307 Email: Jamie.high@co.isanti.mn.us Website: www.co.isanti.mn.us</p> <p>Hours of work: Monday-Friday, 8:00 AM – 4:30 PM</p>	
Secretary Report Secretary Report	Minutes of the November meeting were distributed by mail and email	Motion: A motion was made by (Arlene) seconded by (Gail) to approve the minutes. Minutes approved.
Treasurer Report Treasurer Report Kathy R	<p>Income and expenses were reviewed for November:</p> <p>Income: Monthly donors, Shalom donation of \$3000</p> <p>Expenses: golf tournament printing, Veterans Day dinner support, ordered check blanks, Cub Foods gift cards for CVSO, 2024 ICBYR tax preparation, PO Box rent, direct support (\$3,560.95 for car transmission)</p>	Motion: A motion was made by Ronda and seconded by Richard to accept the Treasurer's report and set it aside for audit
Chair's Report Chair's Report Adam F	<p>CVSO Updates, and Requests for Veterans:</p> <p>Request for assistance to declutter veteran's home \$960 - approved by BOD (\$900) – (request cancelled)</p> <p>Request for placement of handicap ramp for Christmas - denied by BOD as not at veteran's primary home</p> <p>Request for assistance in snow shoveling for the winter - In progress - Jamie mentioned there are college students looking for community service hours</p> <p>Request for driveway to be plowed (x1) from surviving spouse - completed and looking for long-term solution</p> <p>S&FS Updates and Requests for Soldiers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 84th TRC/HHD Holiday Party – December 7th went very well. Seven ICBYR volunteers set up food and staffed a resource table. Drawing for American flag. • 850th ECC Holiday Party – December 6th went well. Two ICBYR volunteers staffed the resource table. Drawing for American flag 	Motion: A motion was made by Ronda and seconded by Jim to accept the Chair's report as presented

	<p>December Board Meeting: Strategic Planning will begin with the new fiscal year. Please see draft of ICBYR policy on requesting assistance from ICBYR – feedback given. Final policy to be brought to January meetings Increase of Request for Assistance cap for BOD Discussion of logo wrap for ICBYR trailer – logo options discussed, will add 988*1</p> <p>Upcoming Board Meetings: January 12, February 9, March 9 6:00 pm Habitat for Humanity Cambridge</p>	Information accepted
<p>Committee Reports:</p> <p>Committee Reports:</p>	<p>Website/Social Media Committee: Website Report: Scott F via email <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2,172 website visits since last meeting. 158,012 + total visitors • All agendas and minutes are online • Snowflake parade photo online • “Save the Date” note placed on the calendar page for the dinner dance <p>Twitter/X: Scott F <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tweet sent about this meeting </p> <p>FaceBook Report: Susan M <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> <p>Resource/Brochure Committee Report: Gail G <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • See Gail if you need brochures, magnets, or Annual Reports </p> <p>Billboard Committee: Brad B <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No report – Chair absent </p> <p>Community Service Resource Coordinator: Carol Ann S. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • xxxx </p> <p>BYR Friends Coordinator: Arlene <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No update to report </p> <p>Packages for the Deployed Community Liaison: Adam F <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No known deployed soldiers at this time • Addresses were found for two deployed soldiers, but they were Anoka County </p> <p>Congregational Committee: Ronda <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No update to report </p> <p>Law Enforcement Liaison: Jesse <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No report, Chair absent </p> </p>	Information accepted Information Accepted. Information accepted

	<p>School Liaison: Bruce</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nothing new to report <p>Scholarship Committee: Carol Ann for Bruce</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Scholarship Committee to meet in December Golf Tournament can fund 3 scholarships for 2026 	Information accepted
Committee Reports:	<p>Fundraising: Gail G</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Golf Tournament – final tally over \$17,000! Donations received from Give to the Max Day 2026 ICBYR Dinner Dance to be May 2nd – theme Kentucky Derby. First meeting January 7th 	Information accepted Thank you to our donors!
Upcoming Events	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ICBYR Dinner Dance – May 2, 2026 – Kentucky Derby theme 	Information accepted
Old Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nominations re-opened for ICBYR 2026 Officers: Chair – Adam Fussy (nominated in November) – no new nominations tonight Vice Chair – Susan Morris (nominated in November) – no new nominations tonight Secretary – Jessi Kluck – nominated by Adam and seconded by Carol Ann Treasurer – Kathy Rostberg (nominated in November) and Ronda Fenlon – nominated tonight by Adam and seconded by Kathy Nominations closed 	
New Business:	Request from Board of Directors to spend up to \$550 on the logo wrap for the ICBYR trailer	Motion made by Ronda and seconded by Rick. Motion approved
New Business:	Discussion held on increasing the approval cap for the Board of Directors and approve new policy. Motion to table this until January meetings	Motion made by Gail and seconded by Carol Ann to table. Motion approved
New Business:	<p>Election of ICYR 2026 Officers: White ballot vote for the offices of Chair, Vice Chair, and Secretary</p>	Vote final for Chair – Adam Fussy Vice Chair – Susan Morris Secretary – Jessi Kluck
New Business:	<p>Election of ICBYR 2026 Officers – Office of the Treasurer: Vote held with majority voting for Ronda Fenlon</p>	Vote final for new Treasurer Ronda Fenlon

Open Agenda	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PICK'M Up 5K Suicide Coalition: The holiday season can be joyful, but it can also bring stress, loneliness, and overwhelming emotions. As we move through the coming weeks, we encourage you to help raise awareness of 988 as a vital resource for anyone in need of emotional or mental health support. 	Information accepted
Open Agenda	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MN Suicide Prevention Conference • May 6-8 • Duluth • Registration now open – contact the secretary for details 	Information accepted
Open Agenda	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Invitation • ICBYR Task Force members are invited to the high school graduation open house of our member Kylie Kluck! May 30, 2026 – ask Secretary for details 	
Adjournment	Happy Holidays!	Motion: A motion was made by Kathy seconded by Rick to adjourn meeting. Motion approved & meeting adjourned at 2018

Submitted by: Carol Ann Smith, Secretary

Next Meeting: January 15, 2026 7:00 pm

BTYR Coffee Talk Second Wednesday of each Month at 0815	BTYR Coffee Talk: 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
Viewable Link for ICBYR Goggle Sign Map:	https://www.google.com/maps/d/viewer?mid=19P7VjNkq81qUQQF281XcPCLhvf91gk1O&ll=45.58600856114631%2C-93.2951827499998&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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