

Isanti County Beyond the Yellow Ribbon: Task Force Meeting Minutes

June 18, 2026 at 7:00 pm

Armed Forces and Reserve Center - Cambridge

Member Attendance	☐	Adam F	☒	Susan M	☒	Gail G	☐	Ronda F
	☒	Jessica K	☒	Arelene K	☒	Kathy R	☒	Richard N
	☒	Carl Ann S	☒	Bruce D.	☒	Rick D	☒	Cathy B

Agenda Item	Discussion / Action
Call to Order	Meeting called to order by Susan at 7:02pm.
Pledge of Allegiance	The Pledge of Allegiance.
Presentation	Rum River Outdoor Foundation presentation: The foundation presented a donation raised through its third annual veterans' ride. • A fall memorial ride is planned for September. • Event shirts are available for \$20, with \$10 benefiting veterans. • The foundation emphasized continued community partnerships and volunteer opportunities.
Secretary's Report	Minutes from the previous meeting were reviewed and approved. Action: Approve minutes. Motion: Rick Second: Cathy Vote taken: all in favor; motion carried.
Treasurer Report	Beginning balance May 1: \$39,986.35. Total deposits: \$14,957.02. Total expenses: \$11,065.82. Ending balance: \$43,877.55. Restricted scholarship savings balance: \$22,516.87 Action: Approve the treasurer's report. Motion: Cathy Second: Richar Vote taken: all in favor; motion carried.
Chair's Report	• Recent support included a \$651.82 vehicle repair • \$500 in gift cards for a displaced family following an arson fire. • Assistance with a veteran's medical bill for \$470.71

Committee Reports	Website/Social Media Committee: Website Report (Scott F): 1,184 website visitors were reported. May task force minutes and June minutes still need to be added. Dinner dance photos were provided. A social media post was sent about the meeting. Facebook reported 3,389 views for the month. Resource/Brochure Committee (Gail G): No new referrals were reported. Billboard Committee (Brad B): No report. Community Service Resources Coordinator (Carol Ann): Assisted a young veteran who was referred through Habitat for Humanity. Provided resources and encouraged contact with Jamie High; the veteran did follow up. BYR Friends Coordinator (Arlene): No report. Congregational Committee (Ronda): No report. Packages for the Deployed Community Liaison (Kathy): Waiting for an address for a local deployed service member. Stephanie Hurt may be contacted for deployment information by county. Law Enforcement Liaison (Jesse): No report. School Liaison (Bruce): Reported on the school silent dismissal - event was held indoors due to weather. Scholarship Committee (Bruce and Carol Ann): Scholarship program is currently in its off season. Fundraising (Gail G): City Center Market is doing a round-up campaign for ICBYR in July. A graphic will be provided for Facebook promotion.
Upcoming Events	• Isanti Jubilee/Rodeo Days (Parade) – July 9th (Registered) • Isanti County Fair – July 15–19th • Freedom Fest – July 15th; booth staffing approximately 1:00–6:00 pm • Braham Pie Days – August 7th (Registered) • 84th TRC Family Day – August 16th • MN State Fair Military Appreciation Day – September 1st • ICBYR Golf Tournament – September 18th • Pick'm Up Coalition – Suicide Prevention Community Awareness Run & Walk – September 19th at 9:00 am

Old Business	Grant (All the Way Home Program) CenterPoint Energy grant application submitted requesting \$25,000 for veteran mental health support. The proposal is intended to provide a comprehensive mental health/trauma support resource, with funds allocated specifically for mental health needs.
New Business	The Wayfinders program is seeking individuals to be trained to stand alongside veterans and emergency service personnel who are experiencing difficult periods and provide peer/friend support.
Open Agenda	Request for assistance: \$1,600 in rent assistance for a veteran who had received an eviction notice. Action: Approve past due rent for \$1,600. Motion: Cathy Second: Bruce Vote taken: all in favor; motion carried. Wolf River Electric: ICBYR was invited to a proclamation ceremony recognizing Wolf River Electric as a Beyond the Yellow Ribbon company/friend. The ceremony is July 10 at 10:00 am; members are encouraged to attend and wear red shirts or patriotic clothing. Parade: The group discussed candy distribution during the Isanti parade. Candy may not be thrown from the vehicle; it may be handed out by people walking alongside. Grant/mental health: The group discussed the importance of having dedicated funds available for mental health and trauma-related needs.
Adjourn	Meeting adjourned at 7:47pm. Action: Adjourn Motion: Cathy Second: Rick Vote taken: all in favor; motion carried.

Upcoming Task Force meetings: (third Thursday 7pm)

- August 20, 2026
- September 17, 2026
- October 15, 2026