

McLeod County Beyond the Yellow Ribbon

Meeting Minutes

March 16, 2016

Present: 14 at meeting, 2 on WebEx

Next meeting: 19 April, 2016 North Complex, Glencoe

I. Last Meetings Minutes

1. Cassandra gave an overview of BTYR
 - a. Two Main goals for this year:
 1. Resource List
 2. Recognition event at the McLeod County Fair for Soldiers returning in the past year.
2. Speaker Tammy Estes FRSA Representative
 - a. Tammy is the FRSA-Family Readiness Support Assistance rep.
 - b. Tammy's role is to work with commanders, and to help train FRG, Family Readiness Group, volunteers.
 - c. Family Readiness Groups exist all the time, not just during a deployment. Soldiers come from all areas of Minnesota, even some from out of state, not just locally. The FRSA, along with the FRG, helps to keep families and soldiers in each unit informed.
3. Resources Update-Chris Sonju
 - a. Students continue to add to and update the resource list
 - b. One more name has been added to the resource list.
4. Winstock Volunteers
 - a. The Winsted Legion is in need of volunteers for the breakfast they serve during Winstock 6/10-6/12. Any help is appreciated.
5. BTYR Highway Signs
 - a. Are now installed
6. McLeod County Fair
 - a. Discussion continued on recognition events for the McLeod County Fair in August. Jerry Schimelpfenig will now be our Fair Board Rep. It was decided to continue to have the program before the Demolition Derby. Suggestions for the program included:
 1. Add Color Guard
 2. Give an explanation of the McLeod County Beyond the Yellow Ribbon
 3. Have Guard or Reserve Band perform the National Anthem
 4. Extend the length of the program to be 15 minutes
 - b. The Fair Board will help promote the event in their flyers and mailers
 - c. The Beyond the Yellow Ribbon Committee will finalize all plans
7. Questions and Suggestions:
 - a. Have a Resource Fair where all Resource List participants have a booth and explain their contributions to the BTYR and Soldiers/Veterans. Plus have breakout sessions, kid's activities, etc.
 - b. Minnesota State Fair-Our group is invited to the Military Appreciation Day Parade at the MN State Fair on Tuesday, 8/30/16. Two people in our group would be in attendance to carry a McLeod County sign. The BTYR will be highlighted at this

parade. Volunteers must be in place by March 30, 2016. It appears the needed volunteers will be in place and we will be participating in this event.

II. Next Meeting Date

- a. Next Meeting Tuesday April 19th at North Complex in Glencoe at 3:30 p.m.

Submitted by Becky and Dale Koktan, co-secretaries