

McLeod County Beyond the Yellow Ribbon Meeting Minutes

June 21, 2016

Present: 7 at meeting, 1 on WebEx

Next meeting: 20 July, 2016 Meeting by Memo

I. Last Meetings Minutes

1. Speaker Frank Ourada FAC Representative
 - a. Family Assistance Centers-8 in Minnesota
 - b. Open 24/7 365 days a year to help Veteran's with a crisis.
 - c. Provides information, referral and outreach to service members and family.
 - d. BTYR is a huge part of this program.
2. Resources Update-Chris Sonju
 - a. Students continue to add to and update the resource list
3. McLeod County Fair
 - a. Discussion continued on recognition events for the McLeod County Fair in August. Jerry Schimelpfenig is our Fair Board Rep. It was decided to continue to have the program before the Demolition Derby. Suggestions for the program included:
 1. Color Guard, The Glencoe VFW Post 5102 will present the colors at our event at the McLeod County Fair. They agreed to present 4 flags, 2 color guards, and Honor Guard leader, total of 7.
 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.
 - d. Dave Heidebrink, Dale Koktan, and Helen Lester will be in charge of the County fair details, but welcome help and suggestions from any BTYR member.
 - e. "Goodie" bags with certificates will be given to all veteran's in attendance. Donations are from various local businesses and fair vendors.
4. Questions and Suggestions:
 - a. Minnesota State Fair-Our group is signed up to appear in the Military Appreciation Day Parade at the MN State Fair on Tuesday, 8/30/16. Two people in our group will be in attendance to carry a McLeod County sign. The BTYR will be highlighted at this parade. It appears the needed volunteers will be in place and we will be participating in this event.

II. Next Meeting Date

- a. Next Meeting will be by memo.

Submitted by Becky and Dale Koktan, co-secretaries