

**Beyond the Yellow Ribbon – Moorhead
December 12, 2013 Meeting Minutes**

Attendees: Dan Hunt, Mark Sjostrom, Gary Olson, Eric Marts, Brad Hurajt, Tom Figliuzzi, Grant Weyland, Jeri Vaudrin and Les Bakke.

Meeting called to order by President Hunt at 0830.

Secretary's Report Approved as posted.

Treasurer's report

October 1, 2013 to October 30, 2013

Opening Balance	\$6,586.61
Income	\$ 800.00
Expense	\$ 580.00

Ending Balance \$6,806.61

Outstanding transaction \$3,000

Veterans Court donation

Available Balance \$3,806.61

Treasurer's report accepted as presented.

National Guard Christmas Dinners at VFW: Hunt provided an update.

Clay County report: Figliuzzi provided an update and thanked the BTYR committee for its help. December is normally a difficult time for veterans they see in his office. He will provide an update on numbers helped. He reported on a shortage of volunteers. He is working with Erik with information on his radio show. The ROTC will be providing snow removal assistance this winter. He reported a shortage on warm clothing, in particular hats, gloves and socks. His office is moving from paper to electronic. His office is also making progress in integrated with the VA system. He reported on the volunteer appreciation party. Weyland and Sjostrom provided comments on the great event. He talked about his office support options for Veterans and family dental and eye care.

National Guard report: Hurajt reported on their annual holiday event. The American Legion provided funds for the children event and the VFW for the dinner event. Olson asked if he Guard can arrange for a trip to Camp Ripley for interested people.

Veterans Court report: Weyland provided an update, Progress is being made and should be up and running in the near future.

Dicks reported on ID cards for retired service members, including removing SSN and using the VA benefit number instead. His center's clients served are about 30% from MN and the remainder from ND.

Marts provided and update on information his radio show is doing.

Old Business:

New Business:

Weyland/Bakke moved to allocate \$300 toward the purchase of warm clothing for the distribution at the Clay County Veterans Service Office. Motion carried.

Olson/Bakke moved to allocate \$300 to the VFW Ladies Auxiliary. Motion carried.

Bakke reported the local Veterans Oral History project. The group received a grant from the Minnesota Historical Society for transcribing the recordings. We have funds to record veterans stories, contact Bakke.

Meeting adjourned at 0900.

Respectfully submitted,

Les Bakke, Secretary.