

## **Beyond the Yellow Ribbon Moorhead Minutes**

Vice President Goehring called the meeting to order at 8:30 am, 31 May 2012

Pledge of Allegiance

Members present: Les Bakke, Tom Figliuzzi, Mike Obach, Annette Kuyper, Col. Wiens, Mark Sjostrom, Brad Hurajt, Dave Bellefeuille, Julie Goehring, Lisa Roesch and Chuck Chadwick.

Obach introduced the committee members to Col. Wiens and Annette Kuyper

We have to add 501c3 status to the action plan.

Col. Wiens talked about the support we are giving to service members and returning veterans. He talked about a survey showing about 12% underemployment within the Guard. There is a need for career fairs and other employment opportunities. He talked about the changes in the past five years and the experience of deployments. He encouraged us to continue with the good work done so far, talking about making sure our returning veterans/soldiers get the help needed. He thanked us for volunteering on this project. Discussion followed on the availability of legal assistance from the military and our committee. Figliuzzi reported the increase in need for legal assistance locally.

Obach provided an update on the State proclamation which will be held at the Pavlion in Detroit Lakes. We should develop a slide show for the event which will be held at 3:00 pm on 22 August 2012. We need to identify five individuals to be on stage to accept the award. The event will be open to the general public. We discussed the program and invited guests.

Annette talked about the process on our Action Plan. We need the Plan done by June 27 for submission to the State.

We will need to complete the cover page for the action plan.

We reviewed and revised our Action Plan.

Bakke was asked to contact Lynne Kovash about veterans/military activities at Moorhead HS.

Hunt was asked to make sure that Ebinger and Dysen have a plan to make sure all police and fire know about the plan.

Meeting adjourned at 10:30 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Les Bakke, Secretary