

**Beyond the Yellow Ribbon Committee Meeting
October 20, 2011**

Meeting called to order by Obach at 7:35.

Member present: Julie Goehring, Les Bakke, Mike Obach, Mark Hintermeyer, Tom Dubbels, Dave Bellefeuille, Tom Figliuzzi, Mark Sjostrom, Eric Marts, Dan Hunt, Chuck Chadwick, Vern Nolting and Warren Wiese.

Obach provided a commander's update. Obach reported on the Company Christmas Party; our committee is encouraged to attend. It will be at the Ramada Inn in Fargo on Saturday December 3, social at 5:00 pm, dinner at 6:00 pm followed by entertainment. Obach reported on drill weekend.

Goehring reported on Lauri Johnson's work on volunteers and how to get help for families in need. The November 17 meeting will be at 8:30 am at VFW so Johnson can attend and provide the committee with an update from the Volunteer committee.

Chadwick reported finding help for a family needing roof work.

Hunt reported on a Rebuilding Together program that helps people remodeling and rebuilding. The organization received a \$50,000 grant for local projects for Veterans. The FM Extra is willing to run a story on the Beyond the Yellow Ribbon committee. Goehring will be the contact person from our steering committee.

Sjostrom briefly reported on activities.

Bellefeuille reported on the November 9 11:00 am dedication of the MSUM Veterans Resources Center. Check our website calendar for more details.

Figliuzzi reported on a NDSU ROTC pilot snow removal project for disabled veterans and families of deployed service members.

Minnesota Council of Veterans received a grant and are able to assist recently separated and homeless veterans. They will have an office in Becker county.

A Cass/Clay Veterans Gap Fund has been formed locally and the FM Area Foundation is the donation organization and will be used to assist local veterans.

Hintermeyer reported on Moorhead city council and suggested that a representative come to a meeting and provide an update.

Bakke reported on attending the Moorhead Business Association where he gave an update report on our activities.

Nolting offer a suggestion to encourage contact people to join the VFW and/or the American Legion.

Marts reported on his WDAY radio program.

Discussion was held on the FM Area Foundation as a vehicle for our fund raising option. In order to do this, we will need a treasurer.

Hunt/ Bellefeuille moved to adopt the proposal from the FM Area Foundation proposal. Motion

carried. Bakke volunteered to act as treasurer, will contact the FM Area Foundation and set up a checking account.

Obach reported on a trip to Grand Rapids and the activities of their committee. Grand Rapids will create a Yellow Ribbon flag and it will be flown at city hall and county courthouse.

Discussion followed on our next Career Fair.

Obach requested a short bio of each committee member be sent to Les Bakke.

Our next meeting, 3 November 2011 at the VFW will be dedicated to finalizing our key area goals.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 am.