

Here is a summary of our stakeholder meeting of October 19, 2016:

- Guest Speaker: SFC Saara Loch was introduced as the new unit representative for the Hutchinson unit. She talked about how the BTYR assisted her during her deployment. And how the resource list helped her find someone to mow her lawn, and to move items from her storage unit home while she was deployed.
- Guest Speaker Linda Krueger of Minnesota Nice: Spoke on her efforts of sending shoe boxes of items to deployed soldiers since 2003. First year she send 5 packages, in 2015 she sent 265 packages in flat rate boxes. Organizations/groups pick up the postage cost. Attached is more on MN Nice including how you can donate. Call Linda at 320-864-5944 for more information.
- Al Schochenmaier discussed his attendance at BTYR day at the MN State Fair in August, and his interaction with other BTYR groups in the area. At the State Fair there was a parade at 9, 14 BTYR committees were represented, many vendors were promoting the BTYR, dignitaries spoke, and two soldiers who were brothers in their 90's were honored. Al mentioned many other BTYR groups are fund raisers where they send fruit baskets and they have picnics.
- Open Discussion: where is this group heading and expectations for the future. ideas included going through parades using our banner and handing out flyers; recognizing high school seniors entering the military, getting schools to ask students if they have parents in the military and for schools to track this information.
- Future meetings: November 15 Dave Sebesta will speak on the Oddfellows and Lions, December no meeting, January 17 an employment rep from DEED will be at the meeting.
- Attachments include Hutchinson DAV food pack event, Brownton Legion Fun Night and Raffle, and Minnesota Nice.

We hope to see you all at our next meeting at 3:30 on Tuesday November 15, 2017 at the north complex in Glencoe,