

McLeod County Beyond the Yellow Ribbon (BTYR)

Meeting Minutes

January 16, 2019

Present: 8 People

Next meeting: Tuesday, February 19, 2019 North Complex, Glencoe

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1. Survey Results
 - a. 15 people responded to the survey – thank you!
 - b. Meeting location/date/time will remain the same for this year; alternating 3rd Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons from 3:30-4:40 in Glencoe.
2. New initiatives for McLeod County BTYR
 - a. Annual recognition for graduating seniors who have chosen the armed forces as their career path. McLeod BTYR will give each senior a flag pin to wear on graduation day and Chris Sonju will connect with each high school to encourage them to include a recognition piece during the graduation ceremony or in their programs.
 - b. Annual veterans' get-together/ picnic for all McLeod County veterans. We discussed organizing an annual picnic at a park that encouraged all veterans to come out and enjoy a day together. Ideas included finding BTYR companies to sponsor an event, having a potluck, yard games, and other outdoor activities. If you have other ideas, please let us know.
3. Upcoming Events (See Attached Fliers)
 - a. 16th Annual Lake Mary VFW Post 9232 & Auxiliary (Winsted) Chili Feed – January 19th
 - b. Holes 4 Heroes Ice Fishing Festival – February 2nd
 - c. Free Drop-In Legal Clinic for Veterans – February 5th
 - d. Women Veteran's Gala – February 9th
 - e. 7th Annual McLeod For Tomorrow Winterfest – February 9th
 - f. Military Youth Ice Fishing Clinic – February 10th
 - g. McLeod County VA Medical Center Enrollment Fair – February 23rd
 - h. Minnesota Veterans Day on the Hill – March 20th
 - i. DAV Chapter 37 will be having buses from the local area available to help transport to the State Capitol. Call 320-587-1000 to reserve a seat.
 - i. MDVA Women Veterans Conference – March 23rd