

## McLeod County Beyond the Yellow Ribbon (BTYR)

### Meeting Minutes

March 21, 2019

Present: 6 People Present

Next meeting: Tuesday, April 16th, 2019 North Complex, Glencoe

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1. Yellow Ribbon Regional Outreach Coordinator – Mike Windsperger
  - a. Discussed upcoming Joining Community Forces (JCF) Conference, which unites Yellow Ribbon Networks, volunteers, service providers and community leaders. The purpose is to share best practices, build relationships and provide updates on military support initiatives.
  - b. Wednesday, April 24<sup>th</sup> – Mankato  
Wednesday, May 1<sup>st</sup> – Proctor  
Wednesday, May 22<sup>nd</sup> – St. Paul
  - c. To register, visit: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/joining-community-forces-conference-tickets-55039227812>
2. Veterans Day on the Hill Recap: Oather Martin had attended this event on March 20<sup>th</sup>. Over 400 veterans were at the capitol to discuss legislative issues that related to veteran benefits.
3. Senior Recognition Update
  - a. Chris Sonju still working with local high schools to get exact number of pins to present to local seniors who are joining the armed forces.
  - b. DAV Chapter 37 has 25 flag pins for this year's recognition.
4. Annual Veteran Picnic Update
  - a. A few people/ groups are interested in some type of picnic to recognize all McLeod county veterans, but we still do not have anyone willing to help organize the event.
  - b. Time and date undetermined. Discussion on this has been tabled for next meeting.
5. Upcoming Events (See Attached Fliers)
  - a. April 2019 – Month of the Military Child Photo Contest
  - b. April 2019 – Month of the Military Child Art Contest
  - c. April 9, 2019 – MACV Free Drop-In Legal Clinic
  - d. April 11, 2019 – Spring Job Fair at Hutchinson Event Center
  - e. April 12, 2019 – Month of the Military Child Celebration at Mall of America
  - f. April 16, 2019 – MACV Free Drop in Legal Clinic
  - g. April 19, 2019 – Boots to Business Reboot
  - h. April 24, 2019 – Minnesota Veterans Home Job Fair
  - i. June 21, 2019 – 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Ray Wilkens Memorial Golf Scramble