

The McLeod County Beyond the Yellow Ribbon meeting was held on Tuesday, January 17, 2017 at the North Complex in Glencoe. The following is a summary of that meeting:

- **Speaker:** Ron Kellen-Veteran's Employment Representative. Ron works for DEED, Department of Employment and Economic Development, helping veterans seeking employment. Ron helps disabled vets in 18 counties and 6 work force centers. He works with qualifying veterans for his services. He worked with 122 cases in the past year. Ron can be reached at 507-295-5022 or toll free 888-GET-JOBS.
- **Events:** Discussed were the 8th annual Winsted VFW Chili Feed at the Winsted American Legion on January 21, the Military Hiring Fair at the Xcel Energy Center in St. Paul on Monday February 27, and the Beyond the Yellow Ribbon Joining Community Forces events. See the attachments on all these for complete information.
- **Website-**Cassandra showed everyone our new and updated website and it's features. We also discussed creating an events tab with pictures, and putting success stories online for those using services from the resource list. An employment opportunities tab was also discussed. We also discussed the future usage of more social media to reach even more people. All ideas are welcomed to be considered for the website.
- **Future Meetings-**the February speaker will be Neil Krenz of the Brooklyn Park Vet's Center and a health counselor that deals with helping veteran's in crisis, counseling, etc.
- **Next Meeting-**The next meeting of the McLeod County Beyond the Yellow Ribbon will be held on Wednesday, February 15, 2017 at 3:30 at the North Complex in Glencoe. We hope to see you then!