

# Veterans Colleague Network Group

October 17th, 2016

Day Hall 163 conference room

12:00 to 1:30 p.m.

## Meeting Summary

Attendees: Rick Roper (rmr43), Emily Franco (eaf11), Dave Juers(dwj36), Jase Baese (jbb23), Glenn Larratt (gl89), Kevin Justian (kej45), Rob Morris (rkm56), Cassie Joseph (cpj25), Jan Allen ([jan.allen@cornell.edu](mailto:jan.allen@cornell.edu)), Ruth McCoy (rmm32, WebEx), Denise from Clearpath (WebEx), Steve Headrick ([steven.headrick@morganstanley.com](mailto:steven.headrick@morganstanley.com), WebEx)

### 1. VA Update from Kevin Justian

- Exterior signage for Humphreys Service Building for Kevin's office is in progress.
- Kevin's office is authorizing one additional day on campus bringing the total to three days: Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday. Hours will shift to 8:30 to 4:30.
- **Cassie will update the new days and hours on their brochures and publications. Jase will update the web site.**

### 2. EA Update from Rob Morris, EA Rep.

- Per President's annual address to staff, lean management will continue so EA won't pursue additional veterans coordinator until other initiatives become clearer.
- VP Lombardi is working on a proposal for a part time, three year veteran coordinator focused on undergraduate veterans.

### 3. Old Business/New Business

#### VETERANS WEEK

- Veterans Day – Rick Roper is coordinating a "moving" tribute with ROTC – run/walk the flag around campus from 10am to 4pm. A Google docs link is available for sign-up: <https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1wy9mDUDeTkHGZ6wNqDO6e56tNsOkwLlu8JTjMWR72s/edit#gid=0>
  - **Rick confirmed that his contact Eva from ROTC has completed the UUP (request for event to Cornell police so they are aware and to have a point of contact).** The event starts and stops at Ho Plaza where a table will be set up.
  - VCNG leadership and ROTC leadership will man the information tables.
- The Ithaca College Veteran Day Commemoration is on Thursday, November 10 at noon at Ford Hall. **David Juers will announce the guest speaker to the list once it is confirmed.**
- The Innocent Souls event is scheduled for Wednesday, November 9 from 3:00 to 5:00 PM in the Williard Straight Art Gallery with a reception to follow from 5:00 to 7:00 PM. **Cassie to publicize and arrange refreshments. Emily to engage the Southeast Asia to attend and help promote.** This event is part of our Vietnam Veterans Commemorative Partnership.

#### OLD BUSINESS

- **There will be no November meeting.** The Executive Committee will meet to discuss December plans (networking versus holiday event)
- For the "adopt a soldier" initiative:

**Rick Roper to finalize locations for boxes for set up by Tuesday, October 18, 2016.**

**Jase Baese to put up a locator map. Rob Morris will supply boxes. Steve Headrick to see if there is a spot for a box at Seneca Place.**

**Cassie Joseph to promote through PawPrint, listserv, web site, etc.**

- **Cassie Joseph will reach out to the Southern Tier Veterans Group and the Salvation Army** to identify a veteran family that may need extra support at the holidays. The VCNG has tentatively agreed to support this effort. No response yet.
- Emily Franco met with Bill Huling and ascertained that current veteran students are not being captured as veteran alumni so we are working with Matt Carcella at alumni affairs to find out why and correct. **Emily to follow up.**
- Edgar asked if we have membership list and if we know the division between faculty and staff. We do not currently have this list but Cassie will get this information and **Glenn Larratt will figure out which are faculty and which are staff.** 55% of our veterans participate in our listserv.
- The executive leadership no longer requires an Annual report but we agreed that the VCNG should publish one anyway for our members. It may be more informal than in previous years. **Rick Roper is in the process of preparing a draft for review by the executive committee.**
- We agreed to support volunteering efforts at Loaves and Fishes or to work with them to sponsor an event. **Rick Roper to follow up with L&F for coordination, ideally after the holidays.**

#### NEW BUSINESS

- Steve H. recommended a guest speaker, Dr. Ammitai Worob, a chiropractor, to talk about his services and how he can help veterans. He is part of the Return the Favor program. **Steve will coordinate for after the new year.**

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#### 4. Announcement of upcoming events or updates

Jan Allen from the Graduate school has invited the VCNG to an event Tuesday October 18<sup>th</sup>, 4:30pm, at the Big Red Barn for student veterans and their friends and families. RSVP is appreciated.

VCNG – 2 guest speakers for the Fall in progress (now for after the new year)

#### **Team RWB Ithaca updates:**

Upcoming events:

Good turn-out for the Wednesday Wellness Runs around Beebe Lake – 6-8 people every week.

At the Danby Down and Dirty on October 8<sup>th</sup> five members ran and/or volunteered

UPCOMING:

- **NOVEMBER**  
**Fri 11 Veterans Day WOD for Warriors - TBD @ TBD**  
**Thurs 24 Thanksgiving Day Turkey Trot (FF) - 9 AM @ Ithaca High**
- **DECEMBER**  
**Sat Date-TBD Its a Wonderful Run (FF) - 4 PM @ Seneca Falls**