1. Attendees
   1. Dennis Shaw, Kevin Justian, Jase Baese, Emily Franco, Sue Withers, Rob Morris, Steve Headrick, Brian Watson, Cassie Joseph, Lynette Chappell-Williams

2. Highlights
   1. July meeting cancelled
   2. Dennis is hosting the next meeting @ East Hill Office Building (EHOB) on 18 August

3. Alumni weekend update - Emily and Cassie
   1. Table setup looked great, location and time could be tweaked next year for better reception
   2. '93 Army ROTC Grad and a friend attended the walking tour
   3. Discussed additional promotional opportunities (Facebook and AA&D)
   4. Recap of the Saturday event @ Library. It would be worthwhile to do again.

4. VVCP Program - Emily
   1. Date is pending guest speaker

5. Team RWB Update - Jase
   1. Recent events (Attendance)
      a. Bowling Social - (2)
      b. Memorial Day Parade in Dryden - (2)
      c. Ithaca Fest Mile - (9)
      d. Reunion Walking Tour - (5)
      e. Reunion Running Tour - (5)
      f. Twilight 5K - (5)
      g. PLT 5K - (4)
   2. Next up:
      a. Fillmore 5K - 26 July
      b. Lighthouse 5K - 9 Aug (now tentative…) we are considering another August event if this one falls through

6. Event Planning - Rick
   1. speakers will be on hold over the summer (due to vacations, etc.)
   2. The group decided to cancel the July 21 meeting due to low summer attendance, vacations, etc.

7. PR - Cassie
   1. Once we have the year of activities we'll be able to share more about VCNG via that outlet
   2. We are getting 1-2 emails / week to Veterans@Cornell.edu address asking about studying at Cornell, employment or vet-related research.

8. Dedicated staff member - Emily and Cassie
   1. Emily has a 1/2 hour meeting with Mary Opperman next Monday.
   2. They will discuss where this person would be assigned / funded.
   3. This issue will be driven by alumni support.
   4. We discussed that the position would be for support of staff. Seamus and Kamillah are working on a student club to advocate for a student rep. The challenge there is that Cornell Vets don’t necessarily have the numbers to support a full-time position. Kevin will try to collect student names/email addresses and make connections with Kamillah for an undergraduate student club.
9. There was a discussion of minutes and updates from ad hoc committees
   1. Can we rotate this responsibility?
   2. We want to communicate opportunities, issues and priorities.
   3. We will do it on a volunteer basis each month.
   4. We'll have agendas with more space for notes and the final notes will be due by noon
      on the Monday following the meeting (one week turnaround).

10. Communications - Jase
    1. No updates at this time

11. Mentoring - Dennis
    1. Dennis suggested a survey to find out if students feel they'd benefit from a mentor
       relationship with a Veteran employee. The committee will work on that.
    2. Edgar has had great support for vet hires that he is bringing in.

12. Annual Report - Emily
    1. Comments from several folks
    2. If you haven't, take a few minutes to review it and comment to Emily (especially if
       something is missing).
    3. Reformatted a bit from the original version. Press mentions were combined into one
       section.
    4. Challenges that we face:
       a. Hiring a dedicated vet representative
       b. Internal communications
       c. Meeting details
          i. Poll members M-F AM, Noon, PM
          ii. Meetings hosted by Vets in a specific building
          iii. Dennis is hosting August 21 meeting at EHOB
          iv. Jase (in conjunction with the Communication Committee) will survey the
             membership re: locations and times.
             1) Should we stick with the 3rd Monday at the Block House or do
                something else?
             2) If we change will you commit to attending?
             3) We will also survey about adopt-a-building by VCNG members for
                poster hanging purposes

13. Women Veterans Challenges - Lynette
    1. There has been a lot of media attention lately about women Vet issues.
    2. Sep 29 8:30 - noon presenters and roundtable (more details to come)
       a. Recruitment, retention and climate
       b. Becky Hallstead will be delivering the Keynote at the end of the event
    3. Dr. Lorraine Maxwell in Human Ecology is conducting research about creating a
       workplace that is "accessible" for employees with Disabilities and Veterans.
       Presentation in December 2014. VCNG membership will be invited as soon as details
       are ironed out.

14. Kevin Justian
    1. SUNY presentation on Best Practices for (supporting) Veterans
       a. Most Important thing on campus for student Vets is a Single Point of Contact for
          ALL services and student vet center
       b. Examples of quality programs in the area include:
          i. Institute for Veterans and Military Families (IVMF) @ Syracuse Univ
          ii. Entrepreneurship Bootcamp for Veterans (EBV) @ Cornell School of Hotel
              Administration
    2. NYS Vet Affairs Annual Training
       a. They will be issuing vouchers for farmers markets will be issued to reps to pass
          out (Kevin will get us details about this as they become available)
3. Kevin’s office hours are now Tuesday and Wednesday from 8 to 4:30 in Humphreys Service Building 127A

15. Other items
   1. Edgar’s signature includes "US Army Veteran"
      We should all consider adding this to our email signatures.

16. Minutes taken by Jase Baese
    Please send comments or corrections to jbb23@cornell.edu