The Cornell Veterans Colleague Network Group (VCNG) Newsletter

Save the Date-Vietnam Veterans Commemorative Partnership lecture
Gus Kaplan, a medic during the Vietnam War, will be speaking on Tuesday, September 23, 2014 from 4:30 to 6:00 PM. More details to follow.

Next VCNG Meeting
VCNG Co-Chair Dennis Shaw is hosting the next meeting @ East Hill Office Building (EHOB) on 18 August from noon to 1:30 PM-Location TBA.

Farewell
VCNG Member at large, Dr. Luz Semeah left Cornell in early July to accept a position with the University of Florida. Insights from her research involving veterans and their post service experiences contributed significantly to both the VCNG efforts and the Employment and Disability Institute. The VCNG team wishes her the best of luck in her new role; she will be missed.

Welcome
Please welcome Sarah Anderson, the new Program Coordinator for Community Development and Social Justice Programming within the Office of Academic Diversity Initiatives (OADI). She shared the following with us about her new position.
“Within my role as the Program Coordinator for Community Development and Social Justice Programming, one of our programs, “Trailblazers”, focuses on non-traditional student support. Within the non-traditional student support programs, we focus specifically on veteran and military students across campus. We are hoping to grow this program over the next academic year to provide a more collaborative, extensive, and individualized service to veteran and military students. Through collaboration with organizations and individuals across campus, we hope to understand the efforts and supports currently in place for recruitment and retention of military and veteran students. If we find that there are areas in which we could grow and support students more holistically through our programs, we hope to do so.”
Meeting Location Survey
The Cornell Veterans Colleague Network Group (VCNG) currently meets on the third Monday of the month from 12 PM (Noon) to 1:15 PM at the Block House in Barton Hall. These details haven't changed for several years and we are considering moving the meeting to a different location / day / time. We have posted a survey in an attempt to find out what would work best to facilitate attendance by all interested veterans and affiliates. Please take 5 minutes to take the survey at: https://cornell.qualtrics.com/SE/?SID=SV_9TziwIwVUALcNsp

Kellie Pickler performance to benefit area veterans
Country music star Kellie Pickler is scheduled to perform at 8 p.m. on Friday, Aug. 8, on the summer stage at Tioga Downs, located in Nichols, N.Y. Proceeds from the concert benefit the Southern Tier Veterans Support Group (STVSG). More info @ thedailyreview.com/news/kellie-pickler-performance-to-benefit-area-veterans-1.1727273

POW/MIA Watch Fire
The Dryden chapter of the Vietnam Veterans of America (#377) is hosting the 24th Annual POW/MIA Watch Fire on Friday 19 September at 7 PM in Myers Park, Lansing.

Team RWB Ithaca-Fillmore 5K
Team RWB Ithaca fielded a very competitive team at the 18th Fillmore 5K in Moravia on 26 July. With almost 100 runners, our team of seven took five awards; two age group 1st places, two age group 2nd places and one age group 3rd place.

Team RWB Ithaca-Next event-Register Now!
Our next event will be the Time To Sperr Memorial 3K, 5K or 10K at Sperr Memorial Park in Big Flats on Saturday, August 23 at 9:00am. This event is in memory of NYS Trooper Andrew J. Sperr. Details and registration @ http://www.sperrmemorialpark.org/Time-To-Sperr.html Be sure to wear your RWB shirt so we can find you, it sounds like they'll have a crowd! If you don't have one just look for all the folks in RWB gear, we hope to have a good turnout. You can go to http://teamrwb.org/ and click on "join the team" or if you need another shirt click on "wear the eagle".
Team RWB Upcoming events (save the date and register now!):
Tuff eNuff @ Greek Peak on 14 September  tuffenuff.greekpeak.net
Finger Lakes Mud Run @ Everest Park 27 September  fingerlakesmudrun.com

Team RWB weekly events
Team RWB is getting together to exercise @ 12:15 PM every Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Join us on Monday and Wednesday for sprints, stairs or you own workout at Schoellkopf Stadium and Friday in front of Day Hall for a 2 mile run around campus.

Returning Veterans Turn To Agriculture
Military veterans are one group of individuals, returning from active duty and looking to re-enter civilian life. Many of these veterans are from rural areas. They have a broad amount of experience and background that their service provided. And often they really prefer and enjoy working with their hands and they like those active types of employment.

— Anu Rangarajan, director of the Cornell Small Farms Program, describes why many returning veterans are attracted to programs at Cornell designed to help them build careers in agriculture.

Read the full article @  http://wamc.org/post/returning-veterans-turn-agriculture

For more information about the VCNG or local Veterans events see:
The Cornell Veterans Colleague Network Group website | Cornell Military Resources | Cornell's Military Community | Team Red, White and Blue Ithaca

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