VCNG Newsletter for October 2014

Upcoming VCNG Events

From Military Boots to Civilian Shoes
“Save the Date” for “From Military Boots to Civilian Shoes”. The event will include a keynote speaker, panel discussion, and break-out sessions to exploring the challenges women veterans face as they enter the workforce or institutions of higher education and develop (or build on) best practices for encouraging this population.

The event will be held November 3, 2014 from 11:15 to 4:15 at the Cornell ILR Conference Center.

Entrepreneurship Bootcamp for Veterans
Save the Date! For the Entrepreneurship Bootcamp for Veterans…each year the School of Hotel Administration, as part of a national consortium of colleges, hosts a group of disabled veterans for a weeklong entrepreneurship bootcamp. The veterans all have concepts ready to be developed and the EBV program is designed to kick-start their projects.

The VCNG is supporting EBV in two ways:

- Co-hosting (with ROTC) a Thursday night (October 2, 2014) mixer with the the EBV group, from 5:00 to 7:00 PM on the Arts Quad for Dinosaur BBQ
- Two workout sessions, Tuesday September 30 and Thursday October 2, both at 7:30 AM, the group meets at Schoellkopf Stadium

In Honor of our Veterans
A Cornell University Veterans Day celebration featuring keynote speaker US Navy Admiral Michelle J. Howard - November 11 at 10:00am-11:30am; 423 Kings Shaw Hall (formerly ILR Conference Center).

Next Meeting
October 20, 2014 in the Barton Hall Navy Blockhouse from noon to 1:30 PM
Meeting Minutes

15 September 2014
See the minutes @ http://vcng.cornell.edu/files/2014/09/VCNGminutes20140915-1p0og0t.docx

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Digital War Memorial
The Cornell Library has begun a Cornell digital war memorial project. They are working with Computer Science graduate students and have now developed a feasibility study for the proposed website which will store and display the historical veteran information available in the library and make it available to the public.

If you are interested in seeing the feasibility study or being involved in the project, please contact Evan Earle (efe4@cornell.edu) with your interest.

Welcome
The following veterans and military personnel recently joined the workforce at Cornell University and the Veterans Colleague Network Group (VCNG):

Colonel William “Bill” Sitzabee, U.S. Air Force, Retired, recently accepted the position of Senior Director of Facilities & Project Administration in the department of Facilities Services. He is the former Commander of the Air Force ROTC, Detachment 520 at Cornell serving from 2012 – 2014, and continues to be a member of VCNG. During his 21 years of service in the U.S. Air Force, he toured 37 countries and was involved in 12 deployments to include Afghanistan, Saudi Arabia, Kuwait and Bosnia. He holds a B.S degree in Civil Engineering, Norwich University, Northfield, VT; M.S. degree in Engineering Management, Air Force Institute of Technology, WPAFB, OH; and a PhD in Civil Engineering, North Carolina State University. His rich professional career included Commander 406th Civil Engineer Squadron, Tzar Hungary; Deputy Commander, 379th Civil Engineer Squadron, Al Udied AB, Qatar; Air Force Civil Engineer Doctoral Fellowship, North Carolina State University, NC; and Executive Officer, US Central Command Air Forces, Sumter SC. “Bill” enjoys spending time with his family and his hobbies include fitness (run, swim, bike, etc.), fishing, hiking and hunting. He can be reached at wes228@cornell.edu.
Commander Joshua “Josh” LaPenna, U.S. Navy, Retired, recently relocated from Virginia to the area to start his civilian career at Cornell as the university’s Central Energy Plant (CEP) Manager in the Utilities Department of Facilities Services. His 20 years of military service includes most recently Professor of Engineering and Naval Architecture at the U.S. Naval Academy; Deputy Director of Infrastructure Construction for the U.S. Forces Iraq; and Program Manager for Underwater Ship Husbandry at the Navy Sea Systems Command (NAVSEA), Washington, DC. His military tours include Hawaii & Guam, Japan, Korea, and Iraq. He has extensive experience in construction and program management, and over 15 years of experience leading highly specialized technicians, engineers and business professionals in the development and execution of large projects and complex evolutions. He earned his M.S. degree from Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) and a MBA from the University of Hawaii. Josh enjoys skiing, camping, painting, poetry, and travel. He can be reached at jjl334@cornell.edu, 607-255-9968.

Lieutenant Colonel David M. Schrader, U.S. Air Force, is the new commander for Cornell’s Air Force ROTC Detachment 520 and professor of Aerospace Studies. His 21 years with the Air Force include assignments at Maxwell AFB, AL; Offutt AFB, NE; Scott AFB, IL; Schriever AFB, CO; F.E. Warren AFB, WY; and Minot AFB, ND. During these assignments he held operational positions as an Inter-Continental Ballistic Missile launch officer, satellite vehicle officer, satellite crew commander, flight planner, nuclear strike advisor, squadron operations officer, chief of wing safety, squadron commander, and deputy group commander as well as positions on Numbered Air Force, Major Command and Joint staffs as an action officer and section chief. He holds a B.S. degree in Political Science, Syracuse University; MBA degree, Regis University, Denver, CO; and a Master of Military Operational Art and Science, Air University, Maxwell AFB, AL. Lieutenant Colonel Schrader enjoys running and reading. He can be reached at david.schrader@cornell.edu, 607-255-4004.
Team Red, White and Blue Ithaca

Recent Events
We had four participants in Greek Peak’s Tuff eNuff Obstacle Course Challenge. It was cold that morning but after swimming through the pond our team got to run to the top of Greek Peak (over 700 feet of vertical climb) in order to warm up! It was the second year for Tuff eNuff and this year they had a course for kids as well, and we had one junior Eagle who got to do the mini-course.

Upcoming Events - Register Now!
Our next events will be:

- The Finger Lakes Mud Run @ Everest Park 27 September (10 AM heat - Team RWB Ithaca is our team name) fingerlakesmudrun.com

- Ithaca Glows - Saturday, October 11th at Stewart Park. We are in the 7 PM 3K Family Fun Run. All runs start at the large pavilion. http://www.ithacaglows.com/

- Veterans Day weekend (details to come soon) look for our first WOD with Warriors event!

Be sure to wear your Team RWB shirt so we can find you. If you don't have one just look for all the folks with the red Eagle shirts. You can go to http://teamrwb.org/ and click on "Join the Team" to get a shirt or to buy another shirt click on "Wear the Eagle".

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 your own workout at Schoellkopf Stadium and Friday in front of Day Hall for a 2 mile run around campus.

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

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