VCNG Newsletter for January 2015

Upcoming Events

Next Meeting
January 26, 2015 in the Barton Hall Navy Blockhouse from noon to 1:30 PM. Guest Speaker Erica Mims will talk about “Earning the Right to Serve”.

The Harlem Globetrotters
The Harlem Globetrotters will be in Binghamton at the Floyd L. Maines Veterans Memorial Arena on Thursday, February 5, 2015 at 7:00pm. More information about the event is available here http://www.harlemglobetrotters.com/event/harlem-globetrotters-floyd-l-maines-veterans-memorial-arena

News

Meeting Minutes for November 20, 2014
Minutes posted @ http://vcng.cornell.edu/files/2014/10/VCNGminutes20141020-2hnyhdon.docx

Veterans Burial benefits
Howard R. Orr, Project Manager for Veterans and Nation Cemetery Administration has info about a new benefit in place for the families of those killed in combat, VA covers the burial of the parents so that the family can be together. Howard can be reached at (202) 632-7203

Sgt. Michael James Barra
Sergeant Barra was an Ithaca native and IHS grad who died in Korea, his remains were recently recovered and interred, with full military honors, at Calvary Cemetery in Ithaca. See his obituary at http://www.bangsfuneralhome.com/fh/obituaries/obituary.cfm?o_id=2793410

Veterans Day News coverage

Admiral Howard
Adm. Michelle J. Howard, vice chief of naval operations, recalled the service of Women Airforce Service Pilots (WASP) during WWII and early feminist leaders. See the full article at the Cornell Chronicle
Women veterans face challenges
For Dawn Seymour ’39, her first flight in a yellow Piper Cub with Richard Parmenter ’17, a Cornell research associate and later university coordinator of research, 75 years ago changed her life. See the article Women veterans face challenges, panel says Cornell Chronicle.

Veterans are part of Cornell’s diversity
In the late 1940s and early ’50s, an influx of World War II veterans transformed the campus, bringing their experience and adult insights to classes, sports and activities. It’s happening again, as men and women who served during Middle East and other recent conflicts arrive to join the veterans already here. The university now counts more than 400 veterans among students, faculty and staff. Read the article at Veterans are part of Cornell’s diversity Cornell Chronicle.

Activists, Vietnam veterans share memories at teach-in
Teach-ins were common during the 1960s at Cornell; students gathered to explore volatile issues like the Vietnam War, racial discrimination and gender inequality. A crowd of nearly 400 experienced something similar Nov. 10: a teach-in sponsored by the Department of Government and the College of Arts and Sciences, part of the two-day sesquicentennial event, “Vietnam: The War at Cornell.” Activists, Vietnam veterans share memories at teach-in Cornell Chronicle.

Cornell Women Veterans
In March 1943, Dawn Seymour flipped a nickel. When it landed heads, the Cornell University graduate made the choice to leave her job in Poughkeepsie to join the first all-woman air cadet program in Texas, where Seymour and her fellow female fliers learned to pilot the B-17 flying fortresses that would defend the skies of Europe. Read the rest of the story at the Ithaca Journal Cornell-women-veterans.

Team Red, White and Blue Ithaca

Recent Events
Team RWB Ithaca ran the Selfless Elf 5K in Corning on 6 December and the 42nd Annual Turkey Trot Prediction Run on Thanksgiving morning.

Upcoming Events - Register Now!
Our next events will be: the 2nd Annual Hawaii Five-O, a 5K winter run starting at Island Health & Fitness that takes you through the Cayuga Waterfront Trail and Cass Park. Sign up at http://www.islandhealthfitness.com/SpecialPrograms.cfm#86
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 or Barton Hall and Friday in front of Day Hall for a 2 mile run around campus (check Facebook for details and changes due to weather).

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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