VCNG Newsletter for May 2015

Upcoming Events

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• Monday, May 25, Memorial Day, Dryden VFW parade and lunch. Meet at 10:00 AM at Highland Drive to form up for the parade at 10:30. The parade marches to the Dryden town center for a ceremony around 11:00 AM and then complimentary luncheon about 11:30 at the Dryden Memorial Home where VCNG/Team RWB will have a table set up.

• Saturday, May 30, Hoffman Challenge Course and networking event for Team RWB. The challenge course will run from 9 AM to 1 PM. Challenge Course staff and Team RWB are subsidizing the regular fee, so your cost will be only $14. If you are interested in attending, contact Jase Baese @ jbb23@cornell.edu or 255-7881. Afterward we are planning a cookout at the site 466 Mount Pleasant Road, Ithaca, NY 14850. This is a family friendly event!

• Saturday, June 6, 10 AM VCNG/Team RWB hosted walking tour of the Cornell military memorials. VCNG/Team RWB will host s short presentation and a walking tour for alumni on Reunion weekend.

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".

Next Meeting

May 18, 2015 Noon to 1:30 PM at East Hill Office Building (EHOB) Room 140.
For planning purposes, our next meetings is 15 June, at EHOB 140.


Walking Down Memory Lane: A Tour of Our Military History:
Cornell University Veterans Memorials

The Cornell Veterans Colleague Network Group and the Department of Inclusion and Workforce Diversity will be sponsoring a Veterans Presentation and War Memorials Tour.

Saturday, June 6, 10:00 a.m., meet at Barton Hall on the track level by the central stairs.
Join “Walking Down Memory Lane: A Tour of Our Military History,” with the faculty and staff of the Cornell Veterans Colleague Network Group (VCNG), for a family-friendly walking tour of the various war memorials across campus. The walk will start with a short presentation of the various Cornell initiatives and partnerships that support veterans such as the National Vietnam Veterans Commemorative Partnership; Team Red, White, and Blue; and the many accomplishments of the VCNG. All ages are welcome.

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IHS Soldier Story Day
The Social Studies Department at Ithaca High School is currently planning our 18th Annual “Soldier Story Day” to be held on Friday, May 22nd, 2015.

Our event offers area veterans an opportunity to relate their unique experiences and perspectives on America’s wars from WWII to the current War on Terror with our high school students. History is brought to life in our classrooms as veteran speakers educate students about the important contributions made by members of our military organizations.

VCNG Leadership roles available
It is that time when we begin to think about new leadership for the VCNG, as our current members will complete their commitments in June. If you are interested in taking on a leadership role within the VCNG, please let co-chair Emily Franco know prior to April 20, when we will discuss this topic at our monthly meeting. The various positions are described in our Charter and any one of our officers will be happy to talk with you more about their duties if you have questions.

We have accomplished many of our original goals and are starting to plan the future direction of our group. We want your input! Please take a few minutes to share how the VCNG can better serve your needs.

Minutes for 2015 Apr 20

Elimination of Net Worth Determinations
The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) currently collects income and net worth (asset) information from Veterans who apply for enrollment in VA health care to determine eligibility and/or copay responsibility. To align VA’s health care program with other federal health care programs’ financial assessment requirements, effective January 1, 2015, VA will no longer collect Veterans’ net worth information for purposes of financial assessment for health benefits.
For more details see the [Net Worth Fact Sheet](#).

**7th Annual Vietnam Veterans Memorial Highway of Valor Tribute Ride**

The 7th Annual Vietnam Veterans Memorial Highway of Valor Tribute Ride will take place on N.Y. State Route 38 and is to draw attention to the highway that was named to honor Vietnam Veterans.

This ride is sponsored by Vietnam Veterans of America Chapters #377, 480, and 704 and by Chapter 17 of the Blue Knights.

The 7th Annual Ride begins at the Owego Free Academy School on Sheldon Guile Blvd., in Owego, NY on Saturday July 11, 2015.

The 100 mile ride kicks off at 10am from Owego and then will stop in Groton, NY for gas and food, before it continues on to the American Legion in Hannibal, NY, where there will once again be food and entertainment. The ride is free and is open to the public.

Please register between 8:00 & 9:30am the day of the ride.

For more information about the ride, call Dan @ (607) 229-8153, or Harvey @ (607) 898-3507 or Bill @ (607)222-6357.

See the [2015 Tribute Ride flier](#).

**First REC Signature Lecture**

The [Recruitment & Employment Center (REC)](#) first signature lecture featuring James Schmeling, Co-Founder and Managing Director of the [Institute for Veterans and Military Families (IVMF), Syracuse University](#) was held on 26 March 2015. The presentation, packed with useful information, is available here [Cornell-HR-IVMF-McKinsey-100000Jobs](#).

If you have any questions, need assistance, or simply want to share ideas for consideration regarding recruiting and hiring veterans, feel free to contact our office.

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Binghamton Vet Center Garden Club
Whether you are an avid gardener or are just looking to learn more about growing fruits, vegetables or flowers the Garden Club is a great place to get your hands in the dirt and get grounded. We are looking for veterans interested in helping us maintain a “VINES” garden plot a few blocks away on Pine St. This should be a good opportunity to get outdoors and enjoy what Mother Nature has to offer. If you are interested call at (607)722-2393.

Garden Club

Team Red, White and Blue Ithaca

Recent Events
We put a team in the 3rd Annual Mud, Sweat and Cheers (Chris Bordoni Challenge) at Island Health and Fitness.

Weekly events
Team RWB is getting together to exercise @ 12:15 PM every Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Join us for a workout at Barton Hall (until the weather improves!) Check Facebook www.facebook.com/groups/TeamRWBITHACA/ 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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