Guest speaker for March 2016: our local VA outpatient clinic, RN Administrator, Cheryl Wyak.
1. They are a contracted outpatient clinic so you must be eligible to attend currently. In the next six months they anticipate their contract will change to enable them to assist any veteran registered for medical services.
2. To sign up veterans can call the Veterans Service Center for approval.
3. They provide all outpatient services such as primary care, case management, mental health counseling, routine laboratory services, prescriptions, and preventative health care such as flu shots but are not yet contracted to provide VLER services.
4. They do not issue medical identification cards at this location because they are contracted so veteran still need to visit the regional VA centers to get their cards.

Update from Kevin Justian
He will invite Brad Bennett a local vet rep from the Department of Labor to the veteran resource fair. County Clerk asked about supporting our efforts and Kevin will invite her as well. Any County Clerk will hold certified copies of your DD214 in case of fire or other catastrophes so there is a permanent record. The Tompkins County Clerk also maintains the Return the Favor program and the list of veteran discount programs for the county as well. This is available online at: http://www.tompkinscountyny.gov/cclerk/return_the_favor. Kevin will also invite a representative from the VA Regional Medical Service Center.

Business Updates
Veterans Working Group Meeting Updates:
1. Rick spoke about the Sharing Our World Veterans Resource Fair (see below)
2. Web/Student Services Guide - After extensive input to the military community webpage (http://blogs.cornell.edu/militarycommunity/ and student guide, the Office of the Vice Provost, with support from other offices, has offered to help fund a website redesign contingent upon CWD cost estimates. This will be a longer term project. The goals are to:
   a. Reconcile existing site and veterans resource guide information;
   b. Engage CIT’s Custom Web Development (CWD) team to modify the site so it aligns with the university brand identity, has a stronger URL for marketing, and better encompasses student veterans resources;
   c. Work with the CWD team to align site content so it serves prospective students, current students, faculty, staff, and alumni who are active military or veterans, including ROTC.
   This is a long term project so in the meantime the VWG will publish their contact list with names and web links and focus on cross linking pages related to veterans at Cornell.
3. Alumni Affairs will host a Reunion event for Cornell Veterans, Saturday, June 11, 2016 from 3:00 to 5:00 PM, WSH Art Gallery
   a. Event will include a walking tour of the Cornell War Memorials hosted by the VCNG (with pdf handout and poster of tour route)
   b. There will be a slideshow showcasing veteran interaction on campus. The VCNG group suggested using veteran videos from Facilities and HR recruitment.
   c. We are asking units for veteran related information and materials to display.
   d. The VWG will meet again to discuss how to present our past/present/future goals at the event.

Committee updates:
1. Team RWB (Jase) – Regular M/W/F workouts, gearing up for Tough Turtle, worked out with Army ROTC cadets 3/21 and looking to do the same with AF and Navy to increase connection with ROTC.
2. Event Planning (Rick) – Sharing Our World Veterans Resource Fair (see below)
3. Public Relations (Cassie) – Nancy Doolittle with cover the event for Chronicle, CNG nominated for Perkins Prize, won honorable mention and $500 stipend

Next meeting date – 4/18/16 – EHOB 140, Executive Meeting April 12 at noon
Group Share:
Edgar Johnson –
- Recruitment and Employment Center has finished a list of resources for hiring supervisors and resources and it is now available at: https://hr.cornell.edu/hrtools/onboarding/veterans_military_personnel_rec_resource_guide.pdf (you will need a Cornell netid and password to view).
- Veterans Job Fair in Trumansburg March 25

Dave Juers - Soldier Story Day at Ithaca High School – May 20th

Ben Magolius –
- Clearpath for Veterans Vietnam Veteran Day March 29, 2016, Syracuse
- MOA (Military Officers Assc of America) will go to Capitol Hill with different veteran agenda items, two in particular, rejecting Tri-Care fees hikes and program changes and eliminating the “widow’s tax”
- March 29 – Welcome home for Vietnam Veterans at the Mets Stadium in Binghamton
- July 30 Wounded Warrior Amputee Softball team will be playing, with food and fireworks afterwards
- Tioga Downs – August 13 and 14 Veterans Appreciation Day with Grand Funk Railroad
- September 16 American Legion Post 17 in Endicott POW/MIA submarine memorial service

Upcoming events and guest speakers

1. Team RWB Ithaca –
   a. April, Sat 16 Run as One (FF)
   b. April, Sat 16 Tough Turtle (5K OCR) (FF)
   c. May, Sat 8 Tri for the Y (Sprint distance Triathlon)
   d. May, Sat 14 Mud, Sweat & Cheers (5K OCR)
   e. May, Mon 30 Memorial Day Parade (FF)
   f. TBA Memorial Day WOD for Warriors

2. Sharing Our World, Veterans’ Resource Fair details:
   What: Veterans’ Resource Fair/ Sharing Our World event
   Where: Biotech G10 and atrium
   When: May 16th, 2016, 11:00 am thru 1:00 pm
   Keynote: Kevin Justian, NYS Division of Veterans’ Affairs

Sharing Our World, Veterans’ Resource Fair

Here is a brief summary of the Veterans’ Resource Fair/ Sharing Our World event. The Cornell Veteran’s Colleague Network Group is very excited to be hosting this event, and we are very much hoping that the members/units of the Veteran’s Working Group will be able to participate, or provide information to share with the attendees. The VCNG will provide all logistical support, so if you would like to participate, please let me know, and indicate how many tables/chairs you would need for your information.

Information tables:
- VCNG / Team RWB
- Cornell Recruitment & Employment Center
- NYS Division of Veterans’ Affairs
- Gannet Health
- VA Health Clinic
- Dryden Veterans Home
- Southern Tier Veterans Group
- Local Legions and VFW’s
- Veteran’s Working Group participants

This is a tentative list, and we will be sending out invitations to participants immediately. Several have already confirmed.