

Minutes
Veterans Action Committee Meeting
September 14, 2012, 10:00 – 11:00 am, Sunset

Attendees: Chris Dalla, Jennie Spencer, Stephen Schultz, Casey Coulson, Joe Miranda, AJ Davila, Carl Thomas, Nellie Stewart

Absent: Kristin Sayles

Website – Casey is continuing to work on changes.

Student Orientation event – No rock wall this year, already booked for Friday, Sept. 21. Joe will look into booking it for 2013 student orientation. OVA will be a part of the non-traditional student session of student orientation on Friday, Sept. 21 1:30 – 3:30 pm in the CU union peak lounge.

Iron Owl – The OVA is working to develop a mission statement to focus on fallen and wounded soldiers. They will also be working on fundraising this year for the event because they will have fewer funds provided. A date for 2012-13 year has not been chosen yet; waiting to hear back from West Point for their schedule. This year we would like more teams, 8 is the max, with 4/team with 2 alternates.

The Marine Corps Ball will be at the Club this year.

Veteran's Day – The President's lunch in the past years has been held during the lunch hour of the day after or before Veteran's day depending on which weekday it falls on. This year Veteran's day is on Sunday, November 11. The campus will be closed on Monday the 12th to observe the holiday. The group would like to ask President Maples if he has chosen a date, and if not, will recommend having the event on Monday the 12th or Tuesday the 13th during the college union hour of 2:00 – 3:00 pm. Chris Dalla will coordinate with Adria.

The parade downtown for Veteran's day will be Sunday, November 11th around 11:00 am. The OVA club will be in the parade this year just as they were last year.

Veterans Memorial Committee – Joe received an e-mail from President Maples with information regarding bricks available to purchase for \$50 to engrave and have placed downtown. Kristin Sayles can notify the veterans on campus via e-mail.

Yellow Ribbon event – The June event got great feedback and reviews. August was good, however, only Carl was able to attend and he would prefer if students always went along because that is what the crowd is most interested in. He also mentioned that it is hard on the Admissions budget to provide travel for more of a connecting event than a recruiting event. Kristin, in the Registrar's office, does have some funds available to help cover travel expense to these events. We will reach out to other veterans to attend these events and admissions will donate some Oregon Tech swag to give out.

Jennie brought up the idea of looking for grant money for any part of veterans support. Chris and Jennie will check with Erik Jorgensen.

There was discussion about OIT contacting military bases for communication with active duty personnel for classes and exiting personnel for recruitment.

Steve Schultz provided Yellow Ribbon Dates:

Feb 22-24

April 27-28

June 29-30

Aug 24-25

Reminders

Next Meeting – November 1, 11:00 AM

Bring topic suggestions.

Written by Nellie Stewart