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Veterans Action Committee

February 9, 2015, 3:00 – 4:00 pm

Sunset

Attendees: Barb Conner, Jeff Pardy, Tyler Pinson, Steve Schultz, Rob Shaffer, Nellie Stewart, David Thaemert, Whitney Witherspoon

Absent: Carl Thomas

Updates

- 1) Veteran web pages: Marketing has reached out to Rob Shaffer to address the multiple veteran websites on oit.edu. Currently, there are four individual pages and links through and to all of them. Rob will read through all of the information to determine how to create one veteran webpage that links to all appropriate places.
- 2) Recognition for President Maples: The group would like to formally thank President Maples for his continued sponsorship of the Veteran's Day breakfast. He has hosted and coordinated the event every year since he has been here. Jeff will purchase a thank you card and a Dutch Bros. gift certificate.
- 3) Laser Tag event: February 28, 1:00 – 8:00 pm, Crater Lake Complex. Event registration is low, spread the word. All marketing efforts have gone out. Also, Laser Tag event has now been added to be a part of Engineer Week! Planning for 32 teams. Players will be given a free t-shirt. This year there will be blow up barricades and CAB will offer an X-box tournament for down time. The OVA is looking for more volunteers to help with this event.
- 4) Wilsonville Campus Veterans Club: The club is functioning with 30 active students. It must run as a successful club before it can become a program. Currently, the club does not have an interest to participate with the Klamath Falls program. There have been many efforts from Klamath Falls program to collaborate, meet or plan for events, but Wilsonville does not have an interest to do so.
- 5) Military Courses and experience applying toward credits at Oregon Tech: Other colleges are accepting military course work and experience for credit at their University that apply toward their degree. Oregon Tech transfers military courses as only lower division credits that do not apply toward any degree. PSU and Colorado models have been reviewed and have great examples for us to look at. Jeff will set up a meeting with Marla Edge to ask her thoughts about articulations. He will also meet with Wendy in the Registrar's Office to inquire about transferring credits from Military transcripts.

- 6) Yellow Ribbon event: On a good note, there are no more scheduled yellow ribbon events, and we hope there aren't any in the future. There are fewer deployments and no longer big groups that return home that need this resource. This event will more than likely become a local event.
- 7) ACAD course progress: Rob has edited the letter and Jeff has given it to President Maples for signature and approval to send to Congress.

Written by: Nellie Stewart

Next Meeting: Monday, March 2, 3:00 – 4:00 pm, Sunset