



Veterans Empowerment Team

Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, February 12, 2019

12:00 – 13:00

Lovejoy Room, City Hall

1. More opportunities for leadership as VET establishes new committees:
 - a. Management
 - b. Human Resources
 - c. Events
 - d. Community Relations
 - e. Finance
2. Committee information and registration will be posted to the VET website as well as emailed to the Veterans mailing list via City Outlook
3. BHR is planning to launch their affinity group participation pilot, which includes a billable SAP code to account for affinity group time.
 - a. Three types of participants: leaders, members, and volunteers.
 - b. VET will distribute the information once it is finalized by BHR.
 - c. Will require coordination with supervisors as well as mechanisms of accountability, including a sign-in sheet.
4. Upcoming Events:
 - a. Social VETworking:
 - i. Networking activities will be hosted at four different workplaces
 - ii. Quarterly format for 2019, with a goal to move to a monthly format
 - iii. Informal setting, to be refined as an iterative process.
 - iv. Food?
 - v. Tentative dates and locations for 2019:
 1. March: PBOT Maintenance Yard (Kerby Building)
 2. June: Congress Center
 3. September: 1900 Building
 4. December: East Precinct

- b. Black History Month in partnership with City African-American Network (CAAN)
 - i. Tabling at the Black Family Festival with the Portland chapter of the National Association of Black Veterans (NABVETS)
 - ii. Will need volunteers
 - c. Women's History Month in partnership with Women's Empowerment (WE)
 - i. Will need volunteers to lead effort
 - ii. Lunch & Learn Panel on women veterans?
 - d. National Rebuilding Day in April
 - i. Registration deadline: February 25.
 - ii. First meeting of "house captains" on March 7.
 - iii. Identify leads and partners.
 - iv. Will Morita stated that the work is a significant commitment for the leads.
5. Mayor's Office is interviewing a veteran in the community (Portland resident) for a monthly video profile series.
- a. If you want to recommend a veteran to be interviewed, please contact Khanh Tran in the Mayor's Office.
 - b. The Mayor is particularly interested in veterans who own businesses or work in the community as well as women and minority veterans.

In attendance:

Christopher Sun
Greg Isaacson
Edward VanBuren
Joey Sato
Will Morita
Khanh Tran
Terrol Johnson
Henry Quach
Nicholas Carroll
Sean Bjornstrom

Statistical data:

Branch of Service

7	USA
2	USMC
1	USN
0	USAF
0	USCG
0	Allies

City Bureaus & Offices

1	Mayor & Commissioners Offices
0	City Attorney's Office
0	City Auditor's Office
0	City Budget Office
3	Bureau of Development Services
0	Bureau of Emergency Communications
0	Portland Bureau of Emergency Management
0	Bureau of Environmental Services
0	Office of Equity & Human Rights
0	Portland Fire & Rescue
0	Fire & Police Disability & Retirement
0	Office of Government Relations
0	Portland Housing Bureau
1	Office of Community & Civic Life
0	Office of Management & Finance
1	Portland Parks & Recreation
0	Bureau of Planning & Sustainability
0	Portland Police Bureau
3	Portland Bureau of Transportation
0	Portland Water Bureau