



Student Veterans Group Newsletter September 12-27, 2016

Either you're hopelessly lost on Orgsync, taking a break from stalking your ex on Facebook, or you're waiting for a parking spot to open up at Sykes. Either way you've unfortunately stumbled upon the first edition of the WCU SVG biweekly newsletter. This was written, submitted, and edited by a professional staff with the least amount of literary patience and ambition. Every other week, unless we don't feel like it, a new issue will drop prior to the SVG meetings.

Want to be heard? Want to remain anonymous? Send your submissions to our award winning Graduate Assistant Mandi Resnick at mr855196@wcupa.edu. She said you can trust her to keep a secret ;)

Writing skills? Editing skills? Really good at Pictionary? Know somebody who knows somebody? Call in your favors and let Mandi know you'd like to help make this newsletter better.

My intent is to reach the one who wants to be involved in the SVG but doesn't have the time to live at the Veteran Center. I mean, do some of those people even have classes? Seriously...

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Local Veteran ceremony at Medal of Honor Grove

At 10:00 a.m. September 24th, PA Senator Andy Dinnimen (office on Gay st.) is hosting a ceremony to recognize the service of all veterans. This will be located at the Medal of Honor Grove outside Valley Forge. He has personally invited the WCU SVG to attend the ceremony. It will commemorate the 100th Anniversary of WWI, 75th Anniversary of WWII, and 50th Anniversary of the Vietnam War. Special guests include PA's only surviving MOH recipient COL Walter J. Marm, current Lt. Governor Mike Stack, and PA National Guard Adjutant General BG Tony Carrelli. Separately there will be a community service volunteer opportunity Saturday the 17th to help clean up the Grove. Follow the link provided for details.



Information on the MOH Grove can be found here:

<http://www.friendsmohgrove.org/home.html>

We can organize a car-pool closer to the event.

Look for a Facebook post soon from Event Coordinator Preston MacIntosh or contact Co-Coordinator Kelby Hershey at kh835979@wcupa.edu

1st Ever WCU SVG-ROTC Explorers Program



Long term service opportunity to build an educational group focusing on young adults looking to learn more about careers in Government, Law Enforcement, and the Military. The WCU Explorers Program will stand up in Fall 2016 and will be a collaboration effort between WCU SVG and ROTC.

This would immediately become the flagship service project the SVG can point to every time someone asks, "What does the SVG do for the community?"

Anyone who is interested in getting involved is encouraged to join us. Young Anakin here was the first Explorer a long time ago in a galaxy far far away.

Look for a Facebook post soon from Project Manager Matt Ditmar or contact him at md806314@wcupa.edu

Westtown AME cemetery, veteran graves left unmarked

Dr. Kodosky has brought to our attention a local service project that has yet to be completed. The bottom line up front is there used to be a local African Methodist Episcopal Church founded in Westtown, 2 miles from here, in 1807. The building was abandoned and eventually burned in a fire leaving a large plot of unmarked graves. Within the cemetery is supposed to be buried at least five local Civil War veterans and perhaps a Revolutionary War veteran. The property was sold to private ownership and the current owner will not allow people enter to investigate under threat of trespassing.

It is the opinion of this SVG member that we are currently failing our local heroes, American Veterans who have been laid to rest in our back yards without receiving proper honors.

Follow the links below to learn more.

This project is in the planning phase, please submit any ideas or legitimate offers of support.

<http://www.unionvilletimes.com/?p=23357>

<http://static1.squarespace.com/static/5776ca76d2b8573a1eb3d822/t/579a2fde6a4963659201297b/1469722592033/14+Echoes+of+Shiloh+AME+Church.pdf>

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Soldiers to Scholars/Dr. Kodosky Veterans interviews

Soldiers to Scholars is an initiative of the Military History Club at West Chester University in Pennsylvania. The program, orchestrated by students, collects and preserves the memories of military veterans who have served in America's Armed Service; in both war and peace. By eliciting discussion between veterans and students on campus, this effort encourages candid conversations about reasons for service, military life, wartime experience, transitioning from the Armed Forces to the college campus and veteran's issues.

https://www.facebook.com/Soldiers-To-Scholars-139112966126320/?hc_ref=PAGES_TIMELINE&fref=nf

<http://www.soldierstoscholars.com/>

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American Helicopter Museum Veterans Ceremony

Our student-faculty advisor, Dr. Kodosky, is also a board member at the American Helicopter Museum and would like to invite the SVG to a veterans tribute/BBQ the National Helicopter Museum is putting on Oct 29.

Military guest speakers, free BBQ, newly renovated helicopter museum, and COBRA simulator.

Event Coordinator needed. In the meantime, contact SVG President Sarah Tolley at st787991@wcupa.edu or SVG Vice-President Rich Simpson at rs838475@wcupa.edu



Dodgeball Tournament

Fall 2014 the WCU SVG Dodgeball team lost on the field of battle to the ROTC Cadets. #Neverforget. It was an impressive event that saw over 11 teams pay to play in the tournament. A good time by all. The coordinator for this fundraiser graduated and this is an opportunity to take back our honor and challenge the Cadets to a rematch. Also of equal importance, a good opportunity to make some money fundraising for a charity of our choice. November 5th, 2pm to 5pm, Ehinger Gym, \$15 per team, 5 to 8 players a team.

Look for a Facebook post soon from Event Coordinator Jonathan Herman or contact him at jh830829@wcup.edu

Veterans Day Parade

Brigadier General (Ret.) Merion, for whom the Merion Science Center is named and the man who brings us free coffee, has personally invited the SVG to participate in the West Chester city Veterans Day Parade. November 6th, 2016

Chester County Veterans and their friends are cordially invited to participate with the West Chester area veterans in the Veterans Day Parade to be held on Sunday, 6 November 2016, and to attend the Memorial Ceremony on the Old Courthouse steps at the end of the parade. The parade will marshal starting at 1 pm at Henderson High School. Step off for the parade will be at 2 pm and proceed south on Penn Street to Gay Street then west to the Old Court House. The memorial ceremony will begin approximately at 2:30 pm.

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Veterans Breakfast

The WCU Alumni is hosting a Chester County Veterans Breakfast on Saturday, November 18th from 8-10 at the WCU Foundation Building on Carter Drive near Swope Parking lot.

Free event where several hundred local veterans come along with local veteran service organizations. Free food.

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Lessons Learned: Guest Speakers on campus in Spring 2015



12 April, 19 April, 21 April, and 28 April 2015 Dr. Kodosky, organized the unique privilege for the SVG to attend multiple high profile guest speakers on campus including authors Dr. Stanely Weintraub, Mark Bowden author of Black Hawk Down, a panel of Vietnam War veterans, and current high ranked military officers from the Carlisle War College.

Check out their profiles below.

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Stanley_Weintraub

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Duffleblog of the issue:

“Platoon Sergeant Claims 38 Soldiers on his Tax Return”

<http://www.duffelblog.com/2015/04/tax-day-platoon-sergeant-army/>

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24	25 SVG Meeting 3:30; Adopt-a-Block post meeting	26	27	28	29 30
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DECEMBER 2016

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