

CVA Meeting Notes – 9/27/06 [to be reviewed and approved at the next meeting, October 25, 2006]

6:30 – 4th Quarter Bar & Grill on North Monroe Street

Attendance:

Glen Hallowell

Eric Lundblom

Vincent Harris

Kaarl Brandon

Dan Rosenthal

DJ Causey

Chris Young

Bryon Conley

Kristy Scarpa

Charles Figley

Cheryl Goodson

Eric Lundblom – current president opened the meeting. All current officers were introduced.

The meeting with TK Wetherell, President of FSU was discussed. It was a very positive meeting. We came away with several items addressed (i.e. transfer credit evaluations, deployment issues, identifying all veterans at FSU, more self-paced courses on line for those deployed). Dr. Wetherell left us with a challenge to bring back a portfolio of common requirements that may have been met by veterans, especially those who have been deployed, through military training (i.e. oral comp, computer lit, multicultural, etc.). Cheryl Goodson is working with the university and veteran records to see what can be compiled. She will need assistance such as copies of AARTS, SMARTS and CC College of the Air Force transcripts to put together something. She will also work with her network nationwide to identify how other schools may handle this. Mr. Wetherell will talk to Admissions regarding possible coding on the admin application to identify all veterans not just those using their GI Bill. He will also work on possibly expanding the on line courses that are available and their format. He himself teaches a course on line that he is willing to change slightly to benefit deployed veterans for possible credit toward their degrees.

We still want to put together a handbook to give out at orientation to incoming vets or to send to those who inquire about FSU. The handbook will have resources for vets (i.e. Cheryl Goodson's contact info, CVA information). Input will be taken as to what you think may be good to have in the handbook. There already exists a general veteran handbook for the area but it is not specific to FSU. There are DVD's we can order that may assist recently returning vets who were deployed and how to transition back into the norms of society.

Dan went to the Student Senate Committee meeting for school organization submitting budgets. There did not seem to be any problems. They will be calling back next week to confirm some of the questions such as new officers names, details about line items and bank account info. Our budget was submitted for approximately \$2100. If we do not use our entire budget by the end of the school year we will forfeit it. We will keep this in mind as we plan events. Money should be disbursed in November. The money is to be used for those items specified on the budget and nothing else.

Our first event planned is a Tailgate Party Veteran's Day weekend (November 11th) which is a home game with Wake Forest. At first we discussed where. After much discussion it was suggested we contact the old "Sport's Deli" that was recently sold to someone else to see if we can use their property. We will combine the tailgate with an effort to gather donations for making boxes to send to troops that have been deployed. We might call it "Tailgate for our Troops". We discussed cash donations and how that can be done as we are a not for profit organization. It was made clear that we could do this but it had to be kept completely separate from our sweeps money from the Senate. We will use this money to buy items that are identified as need items and cover the cost of shipping. The tailgate would also be a great recruiting tool for those interested in joining CVA. If we cannot use the Deli for our tailgate we will contact Guest Services who were pointed out as contact to arrange space to hold the tailgate. It was unanimous that we should keep it on campus and in so doing alcohol would not be provided. You can BYOB. Radio/TV advertising was also discussed but not completed. If we will need to provide food, Dan has volunteered to man the grill, Glen will bring a grill and Kristy will take care of getting the food using our budget. Posters, banners and flyers will be produced using Student Publications.

The Purple Heart Bill was also discussed. Dr. Figley was not aware of the bill and he asked that he be provided with the information so that he may help spread the word to as many friends and faculty as he could through his various networks. Cheryl will send him this information and we will try to post it to our website.

The CVA website is currently unmanned as Eui Paek has graduated and now has a government job. He can no longer be responsible for coverage. Cheryl Goodson's husband who is a graphic artist was volunteered to do what he could in the meantime. Another replacement will be recruited.

Elections were held for new officers.

President – Dan Rosenthal

Vice President – Vincent Harris

Treasurer – Kristy Scarpa

Secretary – Eric Lundblom with the possibility that Carmen Steinbach may do it instead. She expressed interest and will be contacted.

Meeting was adjourned.

Next meeting is October 25th at 6:30 at 4th Quarter Bar & Grille.

Minutes taken by Cheryl Goodson