

## Minutes of February 28, 2013 Executive Committee of the Military and Veterans Law Section

Attending live: Mark Ronning  
Jerry Tipton  
Jess Barton  
Charlie Williamson  
Rich Spier  
Kimball Ferris  
Mark Holiday  
Amy Lammers  
Chris Kent

By phone: Kyle Abraham  
Amrit Sidhu

1. **Legislative Update:** Jess Barton (sub-committee chair of legislative affairs) provided update on SB 124 (mandates Judicial consideration of criminal defendant's status as a service member in sentencing): going to Senate Judiciary on March 6. No opposition is currently known; committee referral to the floor for vote is expected. SB 125 (providing SCRA rights notice in contested case proceedings) is meeting some financial impact resistance; no referral out of committee yet.
2. **Section Website:** Charlie Williamson is working with bar staff to develop our section website. Chris Kent will also assist.  
ACTION FOR NEXT MEETING: Get time commitment to get website up and running.
3. **CLE:** Jess Barton will contact NOVA folks who made previous CLE presentation (Ted, Katrina, Ken) to see if they are available for a CLE in the fall. Amrit will also assist in lobbying these folks to come to Oregon to put on a CLE. Chris Kent to check with Bar staff (Karen Lee) on Bar's availability.

Amrit reviewed list of topics for possible separate mini-CLEs, which would be more in-depth. The committee approved of this concept. For next meeting: consider a couple of the topics to have a CLE on after the big CLE.

Mark Ronning will investigate the kinds of issues that military personnel face when deploying and when returning. The concept is to anticipate what the CLE training needs may be based on Oregon soldiers' deployment schedules. Mark Holiday will use his contacts to develop information re same.

ACTION FOR NEXT MEETING: set the CLE schedule.

4. **Outreach Committee:** Mark H. advanced idea to form an outreach committee, includes lawyer referral service, MAP, and figuring out ways to get service members to the right person or service. He will brainstorm for more structure to be defined next meeting.
  
5. **NEXT MEETING: APRIL 10<sup>TH</sup> , NOON AT THE BAR.**