

## MILITARY AND VETERANS LAW SECTION

Executive Committee

April 18, 2017 Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 12:30 p.m. by the Chair, Daniel Zene Crowe, at the OSB. Present were Jaimie Fender (Secretary), Mark John Holady (Treasurer), Troy Wood (OSB liaison), Mark Ronning (Chair-Elect), David Kramer (Immediate Past-Chair) Executive Committee Members: David Shawcross, Ross Neher, Paul Sundermier, Brian Scott Wayson, Jim Rice; Jennifer Sackett. Section Visitors: Chris Griffin, Tony Garcia, Trevor Caldwell, Dani Deurmier; Joe Miller. Law School Liaisons: None.

**Minutes.** The minutes of March 21, 2017 were approved with 3 typographical errors changed.

**Judicial Conference.** Judge Paul De Muniz has agreed to present at the judicial conference. The OJD will be in touch on logistics.

**Bar Book.** All but 2 chapters are currently with editors. We are on track to publish this summer. The criminal law author has been required to quit the project but has left a very detailed chapter outline. Daniel will reach out to military court judges for replacement author volunteers.

**Veteran & Military Law Class.** No update.

**Willamette OVL Clinic.** No update.

**Lewis & Clarke MVLS Section.** The section had their first meeting in early April. Andrew Futerman could not attend the April 18<sup>th</sup> meeting but emailed the following update:

In early April, the L&C Military and Veterans Law Society met for the first time to discuss our vision for future of this student group, and of veteran-advocacy on and off campus. Everyone agreed that while there has certainly been some progress made over the past few years, concerns about how the Lewis & Clark administration approaches Veterans and veteran issues remain. One of the main topics that we discussed was Veterans Day. In general, the group felt that Veterans day was largely ignored by our administration and faculty. For the past 2 years, mostly thanks to the efforts of Chris Griffin, Dean Johnson has sent our a campus-wide e-mail thanking veterans, but that is pretty much the extent of Lewis & Clark's recognition of Veterans day or really of veterans in general.

Therefore, we had the idea to host a large Veterans day rally / BBQ this November 11th. In the near future, I intend to approach Dean Johnson and other L&C Administrators, in order to raise these concerns with them and to propose that the School host this event. It is our plan to invite notable Oregonians to come, give some remarks, and generally join in the festivities. Among those individuals that we have identified to invite are Governor Brown, Senators Merkley and Wyden, Congresspersons Bonamici, Walden, Blumenauer, Defazio and Schrader, and other notable Oregonian public figures. This is where we are hoping that the OSB MVLS can help. First, if anyone knows other notable Oregonians that we should be inviting, perhaps specifically veterans, we would love to hear suggestions. Second, if possible, we would love to see as much support in getting these individuals to our event and in putting on our event as the MVLS is able to give. I am not directly talking about funding, yet, my hope is that the school will be willing to foot a large portion of the bill. Really, I am more speaking about advice, guidance, attendance, and advocacy. Ultimately, I envision the OSB section drafting a letter encouraging the invitees to attend, which

can be sent once the students send out the official invitation. While I certainly don't know for sure, I imagine that many of the members of this section might have some pull with these and other folks, and would be willing to help out this cause.

**ONLD / MVLS CLE.** The CLE & Social: Defending Veterans from Financial Peril will be held immediately following the April Section meeting. The CLE Committee will provide a budget and all upcoming series dates and location at the May Executive Meeting.

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

**Governor's advisory council on veteran's affairs.** Guest Tony Garcia presented on the 9 member panel. The group meets quarterly and provides feedback on ODVA. Mr. Garcia is looking to increase the counsel's activity. Currently working on a family law pilot program. Seeking interested attorneys to apply to join council. Jennifer Sackett stated interest.

**Veteran court updates.** Dan to provide updates at future meetings.

*The next meeting will be held on May 16, 2017 at the OSB*

The meeting was adjourned at 1:35 p.m.