

4/25/17

Veterans Cannabis Conference Calls

CONFERENCE CALL AGENDA AND SCHEDULE

VCG Conference Call Updates Schedule:

- 2nd Tuesday of the month @ 6pm PST
- Last Tuesday of the month @ 6pm PST

- speaking members;
 - Aaron Augustis -
Founder of the Veterans Cannabis Group
US Army Veteran of Operation Iraqi Freedom,
<http://veteranscannabisgroup.com/#founder>

 - Michael Krawitz -
Sergeant, disabled-retired USAF
Executive Director VMCA
<http://www.veteransformedicalcannabis.org/>

 - Jeff Staker - Indiana
Hoosier Veterans
<http://www.hvafofindiana.org/>

 - Sean Kiernan
Weed For Warriors
<http://www.wfwproject.org/>

- Firearms and medical cannabis users -

- Veterans living in States that do not have a state medical cannabis program
 - What do they do?
 - Where do they go for advice/info on cannabis
 - NORML Chapters
 - American Legion Posts
 - Reach out to other veteran organizations that can connect you with veterans in your state

- Implementation of medical marijuana in Florida - Robert Jordan
- Colorado and New York - still struggling to add PTSD as a qualified medical condition for medical cannabis recommendations
- Dr. Sue Sisley - PTSD Research study

- <http://www.wfwproject.org/2017/04/weed-warriors-sends-urgent-plea-united-states-attorney-general-honorable-jeff-sessions/>
- Cannabis Caucus Links:
 - <https://blumenauer.house.gov/cannabis-caucus>
 - <http://www.thirdway.org/events/marijuana-101>
 - <http://blog.norml.org/2017/04/19/faces-of-marijuana-prohibition-event-held-on-capitol-hill/>
- Hard Car Security - job postings
 - <http://www.hardcarsecurity.com/>
- Operation Surf
 - Next Operation Surf event
 - Huntington Beach, CA
 - June 6-12th, 2017
 - Apply online - <http://amazingsurfadventures.org/programs/operation-surf/>
 - Starting a Marin/SF surf club
- Operation EVAC, Educating Veterans About Cannabis
 - <http://www.opevac.org/>
 - Connect Dr. Straz with Ryan Miller, referrals. Doctors and veterans
 - Job Posting for Hard Car Security
 - Looking for Marin County Operation EVAC Facilitator
 - Description of duties: Facilitate recurring 90-minute peer-led social support groups.
 - Procure, track, and report, complimentary cannabis redistribution.
 - Train dispensary staff about communication approaches that incentivize participation.
 - Contact Aaron Augustis and Ryan Miller
 - Date to start the training
 - Interested in facilitating - must go to Operation EVAC meetings
- 420 Games
 - The 420 Games are sponsoring a VCG Team! Free tickets to all VCG veteran members!
 - Weblink to follow to access the free tickets

THE 420 GAMES SAN FRANCISCO

Where: Golden Gate Park

When: Saturday, August 26th, 2017 | 8am – 2pm at The Spreckles Temple of Music Bandshell

Come join The 420 Games as we hold our FOURTH ANNUAL SAN FRANCISCO 420 GAMES!

This is a great event for all who want to exercise, listen to some beats, and partake in one of the fastest growing industries in the world!

<https://420games.org/events/san-francisco-2017/>

- VA health care - Acupuncture and Chiropractor visits through Tri-West
- IRS Veteran Service Classification - 501(c) (19)
- Constitutional Amendment - veterans requesting access from the VA

- Veterans Equal Access Amendment
 - Definition of amendment and the significance of needing it to pass this year. **“Language that would have allowed Veterans Administration doctors to recommend medical marijuana to patients has been stripped from a spending bill.”**
<http://www.benefitspro.com/2016/10/04/congress-still-denies-vets-access-to-medical-marij>
 - Action Plan - contact members of the Veterans House Oversight Committee
 - Objective - We want them to co-sponsor the Veterans Equal Access Amendment

- **Announcements Next Call - May 9th, 2017 6pm, PST.**
 - next meeting date/time and topic - Advocacy Action Steps, Organizing new Posts, networking with your local cannabis businesses and how to create partnerships

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- Patients Out of Time will be holding The Eleventh National Clinical Conference on Cannabis Therapeutics that will be held in Berkeley on May 18 -20.
- May 8th, D.C. meeting at the capitol, also at the Oakland VA at 12pm
- There will be a Veterans support group on Wed., May 21st (all Vets welcome, hosted by local Weed for Warriors group) and a Veteran Activist meeting on

Sunday, May 21 with Michael Krawitz and Jeff Staker (IL) will be leading it. More info at www.patientsoutoftime.org. POT was started by 2 Veterans)