

Portland Town Hall Meeting Minutes

Mike Burton provided the Task Force overview. Burton stated that the evening should be dedicated to listening to the input of veterans and urged that veterans self-identify in introductions.

Many students of Portland State University were present at the meeting. Each discussed positives and negatives with regards to educational program. Some students were using GI Bill and some were using VA Vocational Rehabilitation funding. None were aware that Oregon has an Educational Aid program of \$150 a month.

Family members talked about the challenges of returning war veterans. Burton explained how very few families are impacted by the war and less than 2% of American families have a stake in the care of recently returning war veterans.