

# 2013 STEVE WRIGHT BRIDGE

ROB MORRIS, RICK ROPER & BOB STUNDTNER



The winners of the Steve Wright Bridge Award are **Rob Morris, FM; Rick Roper, FM; and Bob Stundtner, FS CPP. Nominated by Wendy Franzese**

This trio had been active in the annual meetings of the former PDC veterans and helped create grassroots networks amongst veterans and military families on campus and in the community. They recognized that there was a community in need of support in and around Cornell, and when the Office of Workforce Diversity and Inclusion created a formal networking opportunity for this community, called Veteran's Colleague Network Group VCNG, this trio jumped right in to make it work.

Bob, Rob and Rick are currently active in the VCNG, a university sponsored employee resource group for military veterans and their allies.

In general, the basic purpose, mission, goals, and objectives of the VCNG remain consistent across the organization. They provide:

- A safe place for military veterans that are Cornell faculty, staff, students, or retirees and allies of those groups to discuss problems and solutions for issues faced by individuals of the particular demographic.
- An avenue for communication with executive leadership both internally and externally to address issues of inequity.
- An opportunity to participate in recruitment activities of potential military veterans.
- Series of supportive retention activities that include social, civic, cultural, and professional development opportunities.

Bob Stundtner serves as chair of this group. He helped guide them through the creation of its mission, refinement of its purpose, and the formation of an executive committee to work with one another and beyond their VCNG to advance the mission of the VCNG.

Participating in campus community activities builds relationships and partnerships with colleagues and peers all over campus. Relationships to support active military men and women in the field or at home, and assisting families in times of need while their loved ones are away.

Congratulations and thank you! Bob, Rob and Rick

