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Have a question for the Veterans Success Center?

Email them to daniels@csusb.edu, call (909)537-5195/6 or visit the center located on the lower level of the Coyote Bookstore.

Welcome to the First Edition of the Reveille!

On behalf of the CSUSB's Veterans Success Center, we want to welcome you to the first edition of the *Reveille* monthly newsletter. My name is Rangel Zarate, the proud son of a retired U.S. Army veteran. As a student here at CSUSB, I am a dual major in English/creative writing and political science with the goal of becoming a lawyer in the future. Being the editor-in-chief of the *Reveille* is an honor and I look forward to providing you with up-to-date information on all veteran affairs, community events, changes to procedures and special interest stories on what veterans and service member students are up to. We profoundly appreciate the service that our veterans and service member students provide for our country and hope that you will find this newsletter valuable.

“How many times in battle have we snatched victory from the jaws of defeat?

Outnumbered, outflanked, but still we triumph? With you at my side, we can do so again.

What other purpose do we serve if not for such a cause?”

-King Arthur



Military Roundtable

On Aug. 30, 2012, military and Inland Empire college professionals joined forces at California State University, San Bernardino to explore strategies to more effectively deliver education programs and streamline processes to enhance service members' capacity to pursue higher education. All area major bases/posts and their education centers participated as well as service members from local units. Sessions included: “Understanding the Military: The Difference between Military and Civilian Worlds;” “Bridging the Gap: Incorporating the Needs of the Military into the College System;” and “Student and Service Member Panels.” Appropriately, the theme for the conference was King Arthur's Knights of the Roundtable. Kenny Jacobs, USMCR, CSUSB junior and lead conference coordinator, explained, “The theme was chosen to signify that no stakeholder at the table has higher authority than the other. King Arthur created the roundtable as a sign of peace and equality between anyone who was seated at it.”

The Road Home, From Combat to College II: Symposium



The Road Home Symposium is geared toward increasing awareness and providing insight into many of the challenges returning veterans may experience in an education system. The transition from combat to college may not always be easy for our veterans; therefore, faculty and staff must understand how to deal with these challenges head on. The symposium is free of charge and a continental breakfast will be served.

Date: Tuesday, Oct. 16, 2012

Location: San Bernardino Valley Community College, Building LA100

Time: 8 a.m. – Noon

Space is limited so register by phone at 909-648-1607 no later than Sept. 28, 2012.

Your Voice Counts - Inland Empire Student Veterans Needs Assessment

CSUSB, the University of California, Riverside and several public community colleges have joined forces to conduct a comprehensive student veterans' center needs assessment. By investigating the needs of veterans on a regional scale, Inland Empire public universities and colleges will collectively understand the challenges faced by student veterans, active duty service members and reserves, ROTC cadets and family members residing in the area and be better able to plan comprehensive and cohesive programs to address these concerns. Furthermore, assessing needs will contribute significantly to the effectiveness of Inland Empire student veterans' success centers by enabling them to provide the right complement of services.



The proposed needs assessment will evaluate from the student perspective whether the services offered at Inland Empire public universities and colleges are meeting their unique needs and what additional services should be established to address their unmet needs.

The survey will take approximately 10-15 minutes to complete. Students will receive an e-mail with the survey link. **Your feedback about student veterans' center services and your military and campus experiences will help to improve and possibly expand student veterans' center services for students - thus enhancing the collegiate experience, so please participate!**

Wall of Honor

The Veterans Success Center needs your help! Staff are creating a permanent display of photos – a Wall of Honor - to acknowledge the selfless service of our campus (staff, faculty and student) veterans, active duty service members, reservists and their family members who are veterans or currently serving. We need your pictures to make this permanent display a reality. Please bring your printed pictures (preferably 4" x 6") to the Veterans Success Center, located on the lower floor of the Coyote Bookstore, or e-mail the picture with a description of the veteran, active duty service member, reservist, his or her name, the location where he/she is in the picture, military branch, if family, what relation he/she is to you, and a brief back story, if possible, to jacok301@coyote.csusb.edu.



Father of Bryant Fairley,
associate director of
CSUSB's Community -
University Partnerships
USMC, circa 1960's.



6th Annual DisAbility Sports Festival

Registration for the 6th Annual DisAbility Sports Festival is now open! It will be held at Cal State San Bernardino on Saturday, Oct. 6, 2012, from 9 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. It is free for people with ANY disability and ANY age. Last year, we had 700 participants, ages 8 months to 84 years old, and almost 2,000 total attendees. Participants will be introduced to at least 20 different sports, with most sports being coached by an elite internationally competing athlete with a disability. Free breakfast and lunch will be provided to all the participants and t-shirts to all those who pre-register. We will also have more than 30 information booths about other community programs and services available for people with disabilities and their families. To register online or for more information about the festival, please go to www.disabilitysportsfestival.org. For those military veterans that are coming from out of town, a hotel room can be reserved on your behalf. See you on Oct. 6!



Bonjour from Sergeant Padilla

“I’m very fortunate to have had the opportunity to further and enhance my studies by taking a school trip to France through CSUSB. I was able to participate in many events, including historical and cultural ones. I was in Paris for about a month where I explored just about everything that the Parisian life has to offer, including: wine and fromage; sitting along the river ‘La Seine;’ Notre Dame; museums; French dinners and lots more. Also, I took a trip to Normandy, which I could not miss due to its significance in our military history. As you can see in the pictures, I’m at Pointe du Hoc, where 225 U.S. Army Rangers landed and against all odds took the beach area from the German forces. You can see some craters on the ground, which look like trenches but, in fact, are craters left from the U.S. bombardment and some rubble left from the bunkers that were destroyed. In the picture, I’m standing in front of a monument dedicated to the men of the 2nd Ranger Battalion and the officer who led them into battle. I’m wearing the Student Veterans Organization’s shirt with the SVO logo. On the picture you can see the place where the Germans placed their battery to fire on the U.S. Army Rangers. I was very fortunate to have had this opportunity to enrich my education in my French students. Special thanks to the SVO members and coordinators, CSUSB and the French department who awarded me a very helpful scholarship and lots of support. I can honestly say that I have gained both knowledge and experience during my trip to France.”

Sincerely,
Sgt. Daniel O. Padilla

Happy 65th Birthday U.S. Air Force

The United States Department of the Air Force was created by the National Security Act of 1947. That act became effective Sept. 18, 1947 when the first secretary of the Air Force took office. On Sept. 21, 1947, the Army Air Forces became the United States Air Force - a separate and equal element of the United States Armed Forces. As we celebrate the establishment of the United States Air Force as a separate service, we are reminded of their proud heritage and promising future.

On behalf of the Coyote family, we thank all those who are serving in the Air Force or have served for their sacrifice and commitment to the defense of our nation. Through your daily efforts, you sustain the legacy for future generations of proud airmen.



Advising Week!

Oct. 22 – 29

Although advising is available year round, the campus dedicates one week a quarter to highlight this service. The week before the Priority Registration period, you will see advertisements regarding Advising Week. This is meant to remind students to take the time to arrange an appointment with their adviser. Use this time to ask about internships, career goals, study abroad opportunities as well as course selection. Your adviser is a resource meant to ensure that you are successful in your degree pursuit. Here at CSUSB you can come here, go anywhere and your adviser can help get you there. Take some time to review the following website (<http://advising.csusb.edu>) to find out how your major handles advising. Feel free to call the number or visit the office listed for questions.

California College Fee Waiver Program

The California College Fee Waiver (CFW) program benefits spouses and children of U.S. veterans. Students meeting the eligibility criteria may get their college tuition fees waived if they attend a California Community College, a California State University, or a University of California campus. For more information or if you have any questions please visit www.sbcounty.gov/va, or call (909) 387-5516.

Calling All Marines

Marine Corps Birthday Ball

We are looking for a few, proud Marines (currently serving or veterans of the Corps) to help plan CSUSB's first ever Marine Corps Birthday Ball. If you fit the bill, please call Antonio Silva, Marine Corps veteran, or Kenny Jacobs, USMCR, at (915) 537-5195 for more details.

New Mascot Name!

We are looking to find a name for our eagle mascot to commemorate the beginning of our *Reveille* newsletter!

A few names made the cut: 1. *Blaze* 2. *Thor* 3. *Ranger* 4. *Thunderbolt*
You can submit your vote by Dec. 1 to jacok301@coyote.csusb.edu or even send us an original name!

