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## 3rd Annual Military Appreciation Night a Success



The Veterans Success Center, in partnership with university athletics, honored those who have served, or are still serving, in all branches of the U.S. Armed Forces on “Military Appreciation Night” at the CSUSB Coyotes vs. UCSD Tritons basketball game on Saturday, Feb. 6. Throughout the night, tributes and thanks were given to the men and women of the military for their dedication and the sacrifices made for our country.

Prior to the game, military members, veterans, and students feasted at a BBQ tailgate party. Directly following the tailgate, those in attendance used their free tickets to watch the CSUSB women’s and men’s basketball games. Beginning at tipoff at the Women’s game, the CSUSB Army ROTC Color Guard posted the colors, followed by the future soldiers who took their ceremonial oath at half-time. The CSUSB Air Force ROTC Color Guard posted the colors for the men’s game. followed by JROTC cadets representing several high schools and four branches of service, who majestically unfurled a giant American flag across the basketball court. CSUSB student Nicole Perez sung the national anthem and “America the Beautiful.” Inland Sound, an acapella group, performed a medley of patriotic songs at halftime.

Throughout the game, there were opportunity drawings, and military items were given out to the fans. Over 800 service members, veterans, and students attended and enjoyed the event.

If your organization wishes to sponsor next year’s Military Appreciation Night, please call Jaime Espinoza, Veterans Success Center, at (909) 537-5195 or email him at [jespinoza@csusb.edu](mailto:jespinoza@csusb.edu).

A special thank you to our sponsors: Crest Chevrolet, Golden Valley Medical and Oxygen Service, Help Hospitalized Veterans, San Bernardino County Department of Veterans Affairs, Tello’s Tailor’s & Menswear and Jim & Darcie Tossetti.



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# BLACK HISTORY MONTH

*Focus on Goals, Anything is Possible.*



“Aaron Hughes is a top Defense Department official who says he found success by staying focused on his goals, pursuing education, working hard, and remaining positive when challenges popped up along the way.

His advice for young people: "Focus on your goals, and anything is possible."

Hughes, the deputy assistant secretary of defense for cyber policy, spoke to DoD News in support of National Black History Month. Congress and the president have designated February as a time to celebrate the contributions and honor the sacrifices of generations of African-Americans who fought for

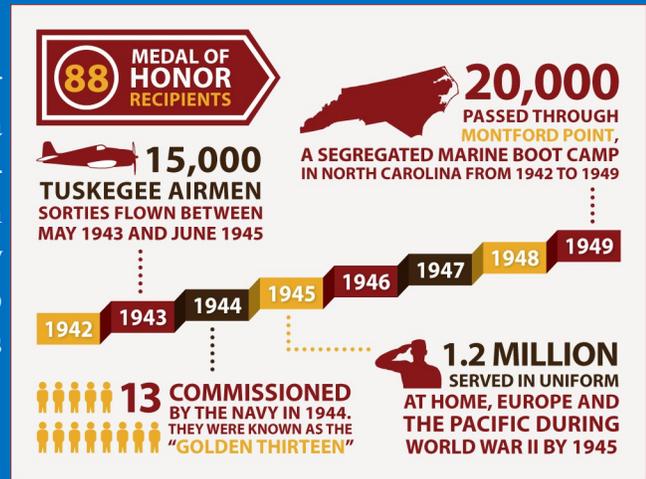
freedom and equality.

The path to success, Hughes said, can include education, hard work, taking high and low points in stride, and not being afraid to be the first in your family to try something new.

"I was blessed that my parents reinforced education with me, but no one in my family had served in the military before," said Hughes, a member of the Maryland Air National Guard.

He is the Director of Mission Integration for the 175th Cyber Operations Group in the Maryland Air National Guard. He is also a mission commander in one of three Air National Guard Squadrons-tasked to support the National Mission Teams in the Cyber Mission Force. Hughes said he is proud of his nearly two-decades of military service, saying the military instilled in him the discipline, leadership perspective and focus needed to achieve great things throughout his career.”

(Source: Lisa Ferdinando, DoD News, Defense Media Activity)



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Inland Empire Veterans Education Collaborative

## Economic Initiatives for Veterans

<b>Date:</b>	February 25, 2016
<b>Time:</b>	9 a.m. - 12 p.m.
<b>Location:</b>	Employment Development Department Office 658 East Brier Drive, Suite 100 San Bernardino, CA 92408
<b>RSVP:</b>	Contact Linda Umberg, CalVET, at (909) 387-5986 or e-mail Linda.Umberg@calvet.ca.gov

The Inland Empire Veterans Education Collaborative is a network of public and private organizations that share ideas, knowledge and resources to improve the access to and quality of education services for veterans, military personnel and their families, and to increase public awareness of the unique needs of this special segment of our population.



## *PDC VSC Valentine's Day*



Valentine's Day is thought of as a holiday for love birds, but the origins are steeped in the military. Most scholars believe that St. Valentine was a bishop who lived in Rome around 270 AD and violated Roman emperor Claudius II's edict prohibiting marriage by secretly marrying young lovers. During the time of his reign, the Roman Empire was involved in internal and external conflict. Claudius II believed that married men would not make good soldiers because they would be attached to their families. In light of the ongoing conflicts, the empire needed more young men to serve as soldiers in order to protect the empire from takeover.

Valentine felt the decree was unjust and secretly joined young lovers in matrimony. Upon learning of his activities, Claudius ordered Valentine's arrest. Once in prison, Valentine, known for having healing powers, restored the sight of his jailor's blind daughter. According to legend, the emperor ordered Valentine to be executed on Feb. 14,

This Valentine's Day, the PDC showed their gratitude for those that have sacrificed for our great country. With that in mind, the PDC Veterans Success Center provided a booth in the Rogers Gateway lobby. They invited students and staff to make Valentine's Day cards for those that have served.

Two types of cards were filled out: Heart shaped cards were dedicated to PDC student veterans and posted on the staircase in the Roger's Gateway building, and square Valentine's Day cards were delivered to troops stationed at the Marine Corps Base in 29 Palms. This wonderful activity brought the CSUSB Palm Desert community together to continue to increase awareness of our men and women in the military, and remind us that every day is the perfect day to recognize the service of a veteran.

## *Meet our New PDC VSC Student Assistant!*



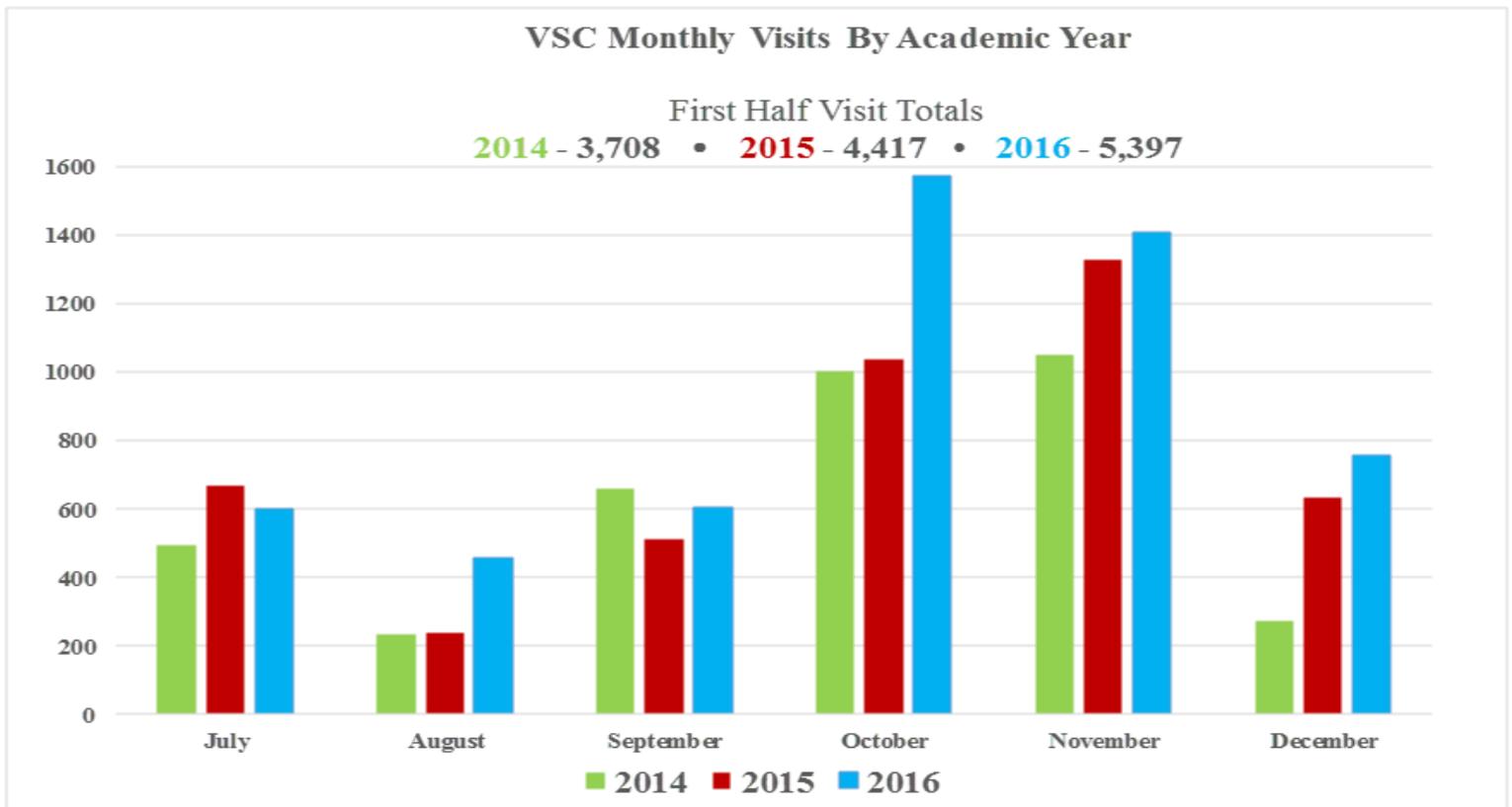
Tim Castro is studying Business Management at CSUSB. He served 15 years as a firefighter in the United States Marine Corps and recently transitioned to the reserves in order to pursue his education. Tim was previously the Human Resources Supervisor at the Palm Springs Riviera, and the Executive Administrator of a biotechnology corporation. He is now a Student Assistant in the Veterans Success Center at the Palm Desert Campus, President of the Alpha Omega Business Association, former president of the PHI Theta Kappa Honor Society, and former president of the Student Veterans Organization at College of the Desert. Tim will be starting the CSUSB MBA program in April and intends on continuing his education until he receives his doctorate. Ultimately, he would like to start his own consulting agency and become a university professor.

# Student Veterans Organization Serving the Local Community



The Student Veterans Veterans Memorial Garden in Organization, lead by CSUSB junior downtown San Bernardino. There are and USMC veteran Jordan Gallinger, countless volunteer opportunities has significantly increased their coming up during the remainder of the contribution to the local San Bernardino year, so if you are interested in serving community this academic year. They the local community with the CSUSB are averaging 2-3 community service Chapter of the Student Veterans events per month, with most of their Organization, please contact Jordan community service focusing on giving Gallinger, president, at back to the veteran organizations in the JordanGallinger@gmail.com, or call the area. They have volunteered their time Veterans Success Center at (909) 537- cleaning and re-painting the local 5195. The Student Veterans Disabled American Veterans (DAV) Organization welcomes service office, as well as gardening at the members, veterans, and patriots.

## The Ever-growing Veterans Success Center



The Veterans Success Center has compiled the sign-in data and created a graph that shows total monthly visits for the first half of the past three academic years. As shown in the graph above, there has been an increase in visits throughout the last three years, resulting in 900+ total more visits in the first half of this academic year compared to the previous year. There are many changes coming in the next year to accommodate the steady growth that the #1 ranked veteran friendly campus in California will continue to see.

## *What did you like about winter and why can't you wait for spring?*

### **William Lewis** **Air Force ROTC Cadet**



What I enjoyed most about winter is that I found a new appreciation for my work in AFROTC; getting the opportunity to help train the next group of cadets for the program is extremely rewarding. Seeing the result of our work as a team has been

something I will never forget and will gladly take with me in the next part of my journey. What I look forward to the most in spring is meeting the new challenges of another quarter. Being only one year away from graduation makes me want to take advantage of as much of the opportunity that I have so that I can make the best of my future.

### **Grace Mundaca** **U.S. Army Veteran**



Winter quarter is always awesome. I came back to classes with a fresh, bright-eyed perspective, and new ideas. I got to see all the friendly faces and catch-up on their life events. Once winter quarter is done, I will be 5 quarters away from graduation for my Bachelor's of Arts in Social Work! I am

stoked! I am looking forward to spring because I will be one step closer to field placement. After all that studying, Jayce (my service dog) and I will probably lounge about the Southern California doggy beaches or head out to Yosemite National Park and let him let loose.

### **Darlene Muñoz** **Army Reserves & ROTC Cadet**



Winter is by far my most favorite season. Some things that I loved about winter is the cold weather and being able to wear comfortable sweaters and being all cuddled

up in blankets. Though winter is my favorite, spring is lovely as well because the sun starts getting warmer and it makes me very excited for summer. During the summer I love going to the beach every day and having fun with my friends. Another thing I look forward to in spring is that I want to finish this year strong academically with good grades so I can completely unwind this summer.

### **Rheanna Brown** **U.S. Army Retired**



What I absolutely loved about this winter was the weather. It reminded me of fall weather in North Carolina and I was able to wear some of my favorite winter clothes that I haven't been able to wear since I moved out here because of the natural warm temperatures here in California. I also

enjoyed being able to wrap up in some of the winter blankets that I have and just read a book or watch a show with my son. For the spring I am hoping for a lot of rain. Not only because California needs the water, but because it's also another one of my favorite types of weather.