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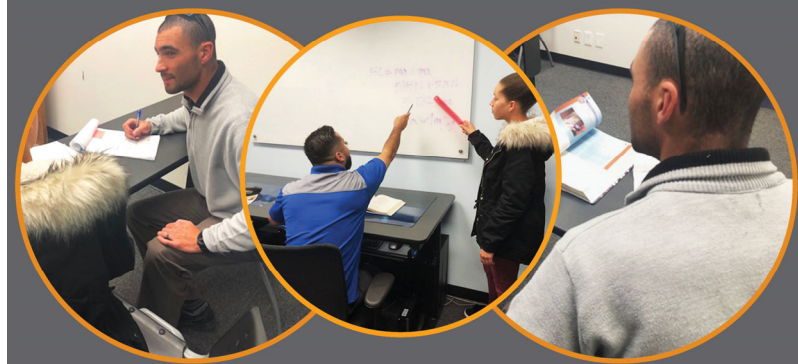
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Welcome Back CSUSB Veterans!

Welcome back, CSUSB veterans! We hope that winter break served you all well and that your holidays were blissful. This winter be sure to stop by the Veterans Success Center as we are now offering free tutoring in the following subjects: math, English, biological Sciences and physical Sciences.

Free Tutoring Available at the VSC



Tutoring available for different subjects on select days



Guadalupe Cambero

Tutor for Biochemistry and Biology

Guadalupe Cambero is a dual major in biochemistry and biology. She is a proud U.S. Navy Veteran who tutors for the following subjects; math, chemistry and English.

Availability

Monday/Wednesday 2:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.
Friday 7:30 a.m. - noon

Course Specialities

MATH 70 - 120, 211, 212, 213
CHEM 100, 205, 215, 216 and 345
ENG 102 - 107



Diamond Rushing

Tutor for English and Public Administration

Diamond Rushing is a health science major with a concentration in public health education. She is a proud U.S. Army military dependent. She tutors in the following subjects; English, biology and chemistry.

Availability

Tuesday/Thursday noon - 5:30 p.m.

Course Specialities

ENG 102 - 107
BIOL 100, 200, 201, 202, 217, 220, 223, 224 and 300
CHEM 100



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Military Appreciation Night

The CSUSB Veterans Success Center, in partnership with Associated Students Inc. and CSUSB Athletics, will honor those who have served, or are still serving, in all branches of the United States Armed Forces on Military Appreciation Night at the CSUSB Coyotes vs. CSU Dominguez Hills basketball game on Saturday, Jan. 20, 2018, from 5:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. Throughout the night, tributes and thanks will be 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 will feast at a BBQ tailgate party sponsored by the Student Veterans Organization through an ASI Howl grant. Directly following the tailgate, those in attendance will get free tickets to watch the CSUSB women's and men's basketball games. Beginning at tip-off, a joint color guard comprised of cadets from the CSUSB Air Force ROTC, Det. 002, and the Army ROTC, Coyote Battalion, will post the colors. followed by JROTC cadets who represent several high schools and four branches of service, will majestically unfurl a giant American flag across the basketball court. Natasha Bolden will sing the national anthem and "America the Beautiful."

Throughout the game, there will be opportunity drawings, and military items will be given out to the fans. At halftime, Wounded Warriors and disabled veterans will be honored, and future soldiers and warriors will take the ceremonial oath.

MILITARY APPRECIATION
***** Saluting Those Who Serve.

**Saturday,
January 20, 2018**
Coussouls Arena
5500 University Pwky
San Bernardino, CA 92407

Tailgate
4:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Women's tip-off: 5:30 p.m.
Men's tip-off: 7:30 p.m.

FREE EVENT
with Student Coyote ID or Event Voucher

- Active Duty Service Members
- Reservists
- National Guard Members
- Veterans
- ROTC Cadets
- CSUSB Students

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CSUSB VS. CAL STATE DOMINGUEZ HILLS

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S.T.A.R.S Seminar

Come join us at the Veterans Success Center, located by the Coyote Bookstore, lower level, Room 006 on January 30, 2018 for the first S.T.A.R.S Seminar this year. The seminar will cover topics such as financial planning, time management, academic success, responsibility, self-discovery and social skills. The seminar will also include open discussion. And of course, lunch will be provided by CSUSB Sodexo Dining Services. So be sure to mark your calendar because you don't want to miss it!



AMRDEC: Intern Program Opens for STEM Students



The U.S. Army Aviation and Missile Research, Development, and Engineering Center uses the Scientific, Technical, Engineering, or Mathematics Student Employment Program as a tool to select interns in STEM fields to fill available positions within the center. AMRDEC is a science and technology laboratory that is eligible to participate in the program with authorization from the National Defense Authorization Act. According to Amanda Compton, the center support directorate, college students age 18 and older can apply by submitting their resume either through the AMRDEC website, a manager or a human resource representative at a publically announced recruiting event. If you are interested but unable to attend a recruiting event, submit your resume through the center's website. Students can also email their resumes to usarmy.redstone.rdecom-amrdec.mbx.human-resources@mail.mil. To be eligible for the program, individuals must maintain an overall GPA of 3.0. Further eligibility requirements can be accessed on the center's website as each calendar year requirements change.

Trump signs FY18 Defense Authorization Bill into Law



Above: President Donald Trump shakes hands with Secretary of Defense Jim Mattis after signing the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2018, in the Roosevelt Room of the White House Dec. 12

On December 13, 2017, President Donald Trump signed the annual defense policy bill into law, officially establishing the 2018 military pay raise at 2.4 percent and setting the stage for increased Pentagon spending in the next upcoming months. The 2.4 percent pay raise is the largest the military has received in eight years. Initially the White House and Pentagon intended for a smaller paycheck boost; however, the raise matches the expected growth in private-sector wages for next year. According to the officials, the raise “translates into about a \$680 dollar annual boost from 2017 pay for younger enlisted ranks, and about \$1,080 a year for more senior enlisted and junior officers. A mid-career officer will see almost \$2,000 a year extra under the plan.” The \$700 billion authorization bill also calls for a large purchase of ground combat vehicles, new aircraft, ships and an upgraded missile defense system. It also includes about \$66 billion for overseas operations, which Trump states service members “need to fight and win.”

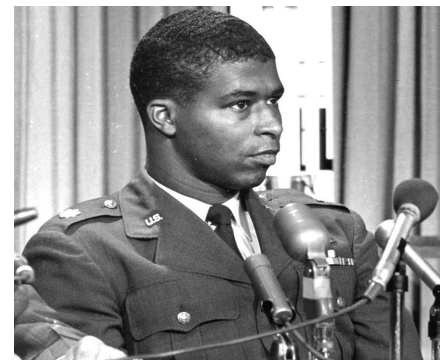
According to the Air force Times, “while the authorization bill sets annual critical benefits authorities for the force and outlines military spending priorities, defense officials won’t be able to move ahead. The new purchases and program won’t start until lawmakers sort out a fiscal 2018 appropriations measure.” The conversation is currently underway with a deadline of Dec. 22 for a new budget measure. If a deal hasn’t been agreed upon by then, either for a short-term fix or a full-year appropriations bill, funding authorities would lapse, causing a partial government shutdown.

First African-American Astronaut Honored on 50th Anniversary

America's first African-American astronaut, Air Force Maj. Robert Lawrence Jr., finally received full honors Friday on the 50th anniversary of his death. Several hundred people gathered at Kennedy Space Center to commemorate Maj. Robert Lawrence, who would have most certainly flown to space had he not died in a plane crash on Dec. 8, 1967. The crowd included NASA dignitaries, astronauts, fellow Omega Psi Phi fraternity members, children and relatives of Robert Lawrence.

Lawrence was part of a classified military space program in the 1960s called the Manned Orbiting Laboratory. The Manned Orbiting Laboratory was used to spy on the Soviet Union. Lawrence died when his F-104 Starfighter crashed at Edwards Air Force Base in California. He was only 32 years old.

Lawrence was a scholar. Lawrence had a doctoral degree in physical chemistry — a rarity among test pilots. He graduated from high school at age 16 and college at 20 years old. Lawrence paved the way for Guy Bluford, who became the first African-American in space in 1983, Dr. Mae Jemison, the first African-American woman in space in 1992, Charles Bolden Jr., a space shuttle commander who became NASA's first black administrator in 2009, and many other African-Americans today. Air Force Maj. Robert Lawrence, we salute you!



On June 30, 1967, Maj. Robert H. Lawrence Jr., the first African –American astronaut in the U.S. space program, is introduced at a news conference in El Segundo, Calif.

Holiday Traditions

Jason Greene , U.S. Coast Guard

I don't really have a favorite holiday tradition but I enjoy playing Santa Claus for the children. I also like eggnog , peppermint mocha, Christmas cookies, fruit cake and ice skating around this time of the year. My second favorite holiday would be Halloween. I usually crave a few pumpkins for Halloween. I'll put a light inside



Sue Trapp, U.S. Army Dependent

One of our favorite things to do is decorate our house with festive lights, putting up a Christmas tree and setting up an advent wreath. Also we can't miss a Christmas Eve service—that's a tradition. I like to watch "It's a Wonderful Life" and "The Santa Claus" around this time.



It's hard to say what my favorite food is. German Blau Kraut with potato dumplings are great with a Christmas roast. A dessert I love around this time is called "Stollen," a type of fruit bread (similar to fruitcake). I especially enjoy making it with candied orange peels and other types of zitronat, raisins and almonds also make it into the dough mix, as well as cardamom and cinnamon spices. As a family we like to play "Apples to Apples," "Cranium" and "Clue."

We've had two ways in the past that we revealed the Christmas presents in a fun way. One was when we had a scavenger hunt that everybody had to use clues to find and another when we had Santa come hand out the gifts!

Sunday Nnamanci, U.S. Navy Veteran

My favorite tradition is travelling to Nigeria (West Africa) to visit my family. This year my family came to visit me so I didn't have to travel. I don't have any seasonal movies that I really enjoy, but I do love one dish from Nigeria made with fish and goat, as well as a Cantina di Castegio Moscato (made specially in Lombardy, Italy). We actually don't hide our presents; it's pretty simple—we wrap them and exchange. I don't have a favorite game right now, but I'm currently working on selecting one with my family.



Diamond Rushing, U.S. Army Dependent

My favorite Christmas tradition is building a gingerbread house with my family on Christmas Eve. After we build the gingerbread house we usually watch a Christmas movie. Every year we watch a movie called "A Christmas Story." It's one of my favorite Christmas movies to watch. We also play games such as charades and exchange one gift before the big day (Christmas). Every other year my family from Louisiana will come and stay a whole week which is really nice. I don't get to see them often.

