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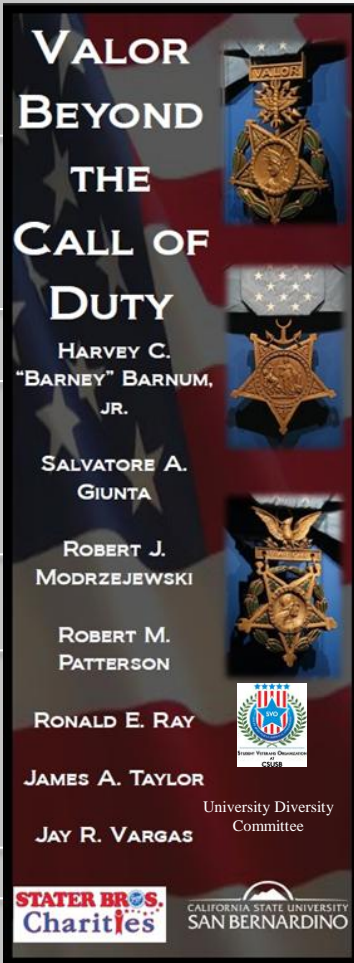
Welcome to the Fourth Edition of the Reveille!

VSC To Host Seven Medal of Honor Recipients at CSUSB

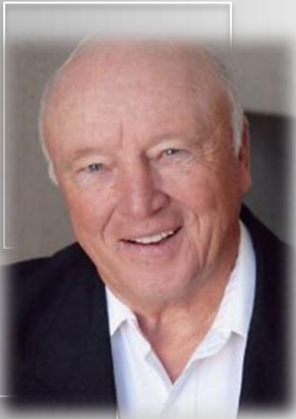
The Medal of Honor is the highest medal that can be awarded to members of the armed forces for personal acts of valor above and beyond the call of duty. Since the first Medal of Honor was given in 1863, more than 3,476 have been awarded. There are three versions of the medal—Army, Navy and Air Force. Marines and Coast Guard members receive the Navy Medal of Honor. Veterans Success Center Coordinator Marci Daniels remarked, “There are only 80 living Medal of Honor recipients so to have seven here on campus at once is phenomenal.” The Medal of Honor event will be held at the SMSU Event Center on March 12, 2013 at 8:15 a.m. (registration begins at 7:30 a.m.). Sponsors include: Stater Bros. Charities, the University Diversity Committee and the Student Veterans Organization. RSVP to Marci Daniels at daniels@csusb.edu or call the Veterans Success Center at (915)346-8861.

First Living Medal of Honor Recipient since the Vietnam War to Visit CSUSB

One of the seven Medal of Honor recipients visiting CSUSB on March 12, 2013 is former Staff Sergeant Salvatore Giunta. During his second deployment on October 25, 2007, Staff Sgt. Giunta's platoon (he was then a specialist serving as a rifle team leader) was ambushed in the Korengal Valley of eastern Afghanistan. For his courage and leadership in action that day, Staff Sgt. Giunta was awarded the Medal of Honor by President Obama in a White House ceremony on November 16, 2010. His Medal of Honor citation reads, “Then Specialist Salvatore A. Giunta distinguished himself by acts of gallantry at the risk of his life above and beyond the call of duty while serving as a rifle team leader with Company B, 2d Battalion (Airborne), 503d Infantry Regiment during combat operations against an armed enemy in the Korengal Valley, Afghanistan. When an insurgent force ambush split Specialist Giunta’s squad into two groups, he exposed himself to enemy fire to pull a comrade back to cover. Later, while engaging the enemy and attempting to link up with the rest of his squad, Specialist Giunta noticed two insurgents carrying away a fellow soldier. He immediately engaged the enemy, killing one and wounding the other, and provided medical aid to his wounded comrade while the rest of his squad caught up and provided security. His courage and leadership while under extreme enemy fire were integral to his platoon’s ability to defeat an enemy ambush and recover a fellow American paratrooper from enemy hands.”



MEDAL OF HONOR
3,476 Medals of Honor have been awarded for 3,471 different acts of heroism that were performed by 3,457 different individuals.... Of whom 3,448 are identified by name in the Roll of Honor. The remaining 9 are awards to the Unknown Soldiers.



Retired Chief Warrant Officer and CSUSB Graduate Student Makes Directorial Debut

Tom Finnegan, CSUSB graduate student majoring in Theater Arts and a retired U.S. Army Chief Warrant Officer, recently directed three one-act plays, which debuted January 17-20, at the CSUSB Black Box Theater. His brilliant direction allowed theatergoers to experience Tony and Pulitzer prize-winning author Edward Albee's absurdist play writing. Tom chose the plays, "The American Dream," "The Box," and "The Sandbox" for his directorial debut. Chief Finnegan recently recounted an unusual story from his military career, "My first airplane ride was when I was in jump school and had to jump out of the plane and my first five airplane rides, I didn't land in the plane." Movie buffs can check out Chief's acting chops in "Ghost," "Repo Man," "Die Hard 2," and "Naked Gun 33 1/3: The Final Insult"



Vice President of Student Affairs to Retire

After 19 years of service at Cal State San Bernardino, Dr. Frank Rincón has decided to retire later this summer. Dr. Rincón is a U.S. Air Force veteran and was instrumental in establishing the Veterans Success Center. His extraordinary commitment and passion for our student veterans will be sorely missed. In the coming weeks, CSUSB will begin a national search to identify new leadership in the Division of Student Affairs. Please join the VSC in expressing our appreciation to Vice President Rincón on his legacy of service to Cal State San Bernardino.



CSUSB Ranks 6th in Military Friendliness

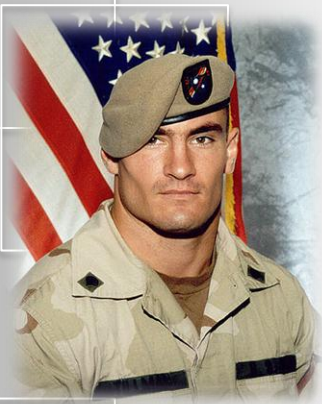
Military Advanced Education (MAE) has published its 2013 Guide to Military-Friendly Colleges & Universities online at <http://www.mae-kmi.com>. More than 300 U.S. institutions were evaluated in-depth on four military-friendly categories and CSUSB ranked as the top public university and 6th overall among all California Colleges and Universities. Institutions were evaluated in four areas:

- Support: including on-campus child care, on-campus veterans' center, faculty trained in veteran reintegration issues, full-time counselors trained in veteran-specific mental health concerns;
- Financial: including in-state tuition for active duty service members, Yellow Ribbon program, veteran work-study program, military student-specific scholarships, tuition discounts/scholarships for dependents;
- Military Culture: including on-campus ROTC, MyCAA approved, membership in Service members Opportunity Colleges; and,
- Flexibility: including online learning options, extent of transfer credits accepted by degree level, presence on military installations.



Free Tutoring & Lunch Available for Final Exams

We are halfway through winter quarter and finals are approaching fast. During the two weeks prior to finals, the Veterans Success Center will be offering free tutoring in subjects such as Mathematics, English and Science. A schedule of tutoring will be e-mailed and a free lunch will be served as well.



Scholarship Opportunity: Pat Tillman Scholarship Fund

When Pat Tillman enlisted in the U.S. Army on 31 May 2002, he gave up a promising career in professional football with the Arizona Cardinals. In September 2002, he completed basic training and went on to the Ranger Indoctrination Program. In late 2002, he was assigned to the 2nd Ranger Battalion in Fort Lewis, Washington. After participating in the initial invasion of Operation Iraqi Freedom, in September 2003, he entered Ranger School at Fort Benning, Georgia, and graduated on November 28, 2003.

Tillman was subsequently redeployed to Afghanistan. On April 22, 2004, where he was reported to have been killed by friendly fire. The specific details of his death and its aftermath were investigated by the US Congress. Family and friends created the foundation in 2004 to honor his legacy and pay tribute to his commitment to leadership and service.

Who is eligible to apply to become a Tillman Military Scholar?

- Veterans, active duty military, reserve and National Guard service members
- Spouses of active or veteran service members including surviving spouses
- Service member or spouse seeking assistance to pursue an undergraduate (Bachelor's or above), graduate or post-graduate degree as a full-time student at a public or private, U.S.-based accredited institution

Criteria

Members of each class of Tillman Military Scholars represent a rich and diverse set of backgrounds, experiences and ambitions, and were selected based on strong leadership potential and a drive to make a positive impact on others through service.

What specific criteria will be considered for selecting Tillman Military Scholars?

- Educational and career ambitions
- Record of military service (or service as a spouse); motivation for serving
- Record of personal achievement
- Demonstration of service to others in the community
- Desire to continue to serve others and make a positive impact on your community
- Leadership potential
- Compelling, thoughtful, genuine and thorough essay question responses

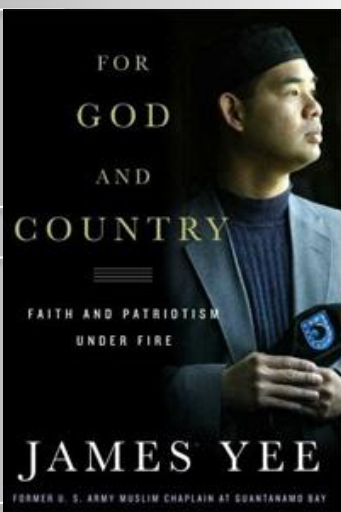
Necessary Preparation and Required Documents

Before starting the application, visit the Scholar Map and take a careful look at the other benefits and expectations. Reprinted from www.pattillmanfoundation.org.

Conversations on Diversity with Former U.S. Army Chaplain James Yee

On February 7, 2013, James Yee, a former U.S. Army Chaplain spoke at the Student Union about his time in Guantanamo Bay and the adversities he faced there. In 2003, Yee was accused of serious crimes such as spying, espionage and aiding the Taliban and Al Qaeda prisoners while ministering to them. In September, he was arrested for possessing classified documents and was kept in solitary confinement in a Navy Brig for 76 days while the investigation took place. Although the charges were ultimately dropped, the publicity that this event received destroyed Yee's personal and professional reputation, leaving him devastated. He left the Army in January 2005, stating that he was no longer able to advance and wanted to change the course of his life.

Since then, Yee has kept busy telling his story to audiences worldwide. He has also written a book, *For God and Country: Faith and Patriotism Under Fire*, which was published in 2005. In the book, he explains many controversial issues, of which, he has a first-hand account. He has also been involved in many of what some call "controversial" events, such as being detained at a border crossing for 75 minutes after returning home from a trip to Canada. Yee believes that this is evidence that he's still not completely cleared from the repercussions of his time at Guantanamo. He describes his time at Guantanamo as "eye-opening" and he plans to continue traveling the world speaking to audiences. His story is one that can only be thought to happen in movies, but it unfortunately happened to him.



Now Hiring!

Application Deadline: March 1, 2013 5:00 pm

The office of Advising and Academic Services is working to build a staff of Student Success Peer Advisors who will assist undeclared students and offer support during SOAR, Coyote Advising Week and serve as guest speakers for USTD 100A courses. If you have strong public speaking skills and are looking for the opportunity to serve as a resource for CSUSB students. We need you.

(Mandatory training is scheduled for March 25th—29th)

\$9.00 per hour / Maximum 20 hours a week

Required: 3.0 GPA, completed 90 quarter units (Junior standing) Pick up your application in UH 380

For questions please contact:

Ebony Staten (estaten@csusb.edu) or Qiana Wallace (qwallace@csusb.edu)

We are looking for a few good veterans interested in an on-campus job!

CSUSB has been granted VA work study and wants veterans applying today.

Contact Marci Daniels at (909)-537-5195 or visit the Veterans Success Center for more information.

SVO Corner

Scholarship Workshop

The SVO will be hosting a full day Saturday Scholarship Workshop on February 24, facilitated by Eve-Marie Andrews, professor, author and lecturer of *The Search for Scholarship-Finding Money for College and the Andrews System of Success*.

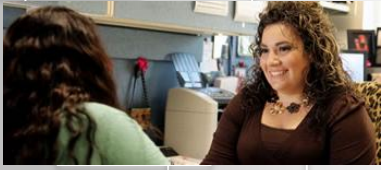
Personalized attention will be given to those who attend. Several veterans were awarded scholarships after attending her workshop last year. Participants will be charged a \$10.00 material fee. Lunch is included. E-mail Dee Boyd at deethedesert@msn.com for more information.

CSUSB SVO Chapter Receives Grant

The CSUSB SVO chapter received a \$1,500 grant from the Student Veterans of America in December. The chapter was able to send one representative, SVO President Joe Moseley, to the National Conference. Moseley commented, "I have a much greater respect for the value of this conference as a result of the networking I accomplished and the team building that happened as a result. I believe I met a couple of future congressmen or senators there!"

Stand Up for San Bernardino

On March 23, 2013, the CSUSB SVO will be hosting a regional Student Veteran Organization's "Stand Up for San Bernardino" spring cleanup and fix up day at the Speicher Park community center and the Veterans Exploration Garden. Richard Valdez of the Disabled American Veterans and CSUSB SVO Community Advisor stated, "In the military, we believe in 'nation-building' and that duty begins here at home." As SVO members we believe it is our duty to tend to the park and garden, which is in desperate need of maintenance. Join us for a day of food, fun and music to keep us motivated. The event is open to all and families are invited.



We are looking for a
FEW GOOD VETS



CSUSB has been granted VA work study and need you to
apply TODAY!!



Tutorial Assistance Program: You May be Eligible for up to \$1200 of Tutoring per Year

(Reprinted from the VA website

http://www.gibill.va.gov/resources/education_resources/programs/tutorial_assistance_program.html)

Tutorial assistance helps the student pay for necessary tutoring and is a supplement to the student's regular education benefit. Tutorial assistance is available if you are receiving VA educational assistance at the half-time or greater rate and have a deficiency in a subject making tutoring necessary. This program is not available under REAP.

Overview

The monthly rate of tutorial assistance may not exceed the cost of tutoring or \$100. The maximum amount payable is \$1200. You must pay the tutor and you will be reimbursed the expense. There is no entitlement charge for the first \$600 under the Montgomery GI Bill (Chapters 30 or 1606), there is no entitlement charge under the Post-9/11 GI Bill or DEA.

Eligibility

All of the following criteria must be met for a student to be eligible for tutorial assistance.

- The student must be in a post-secondary program ½-time or more. For Chapter 33, rate of pursuit must be "at least 50%."
- The student must have a deficiency in a course that is part of his or her approved program.
- The student must be enrolled in the course during the quarter, semester, or term in which the tutoring is received for the course. Tutoring may not occur between quarters or semesters.

How to Apply

The student, tutor, and certifying official must complete an Application and Enrollment Certification for Individualized Tutorial Assistance (VA Form 22-1990t). The application may be submitted at the end of each month or combination of months. The application must be signed and dated on or after the date of the last tutoring session certified.

Information for Schools

When a certifying official signs an Application and Enrollment Certification for Individualized Tutorial Assistance, he or she certifies that:

- Tutoring is essential to correct a deficiency - A letter from the course instructor should be put in the student's VA file stating that the student is deficient in the course and that individual tutoring is required to correct the deficiency.
- The tutor meets the college's qualifications - Ideally, the school maintains a list of approved tutors. The list should indicate the subjects a tutor is qualified to tutor and the hourly charge. Students should be assigned a tutor from the approved list. A tutor may not be a close relative of the student.
- The charges do not exceed the usual charges for tutoring.

