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Congratulations Fall 2017 Graduates!



Left: Jason Greene receiving his graduation regalia from LCDR Espenship.

On Friday evening, December 1, 2017, twenty-four student veterans were recognized during the fall 2017 Student Veterans Graduation Celebration. Friends and family of the student veterans who attended were also invited to the celebration. CSUSB criminal justice student, Gerald Jara (U.S. Army), acted as emcee and comedic relief.

CSUSB Assistant Vice President of Student Services, Beth Jaworski, gave opening remarks, speaking of the gumption required of her USMC husband while in college. CSUSB cybersecurity student and student veterans organization President, James McGuire (U.S. Army), spoke of adapting and overcoming in school, training that is ingrained in the military. CSUSB employee and Command Sergeant Major Winsome Laos (USAF) spoke of her admiration of the veterans committed to creating a brighter future for themselves. CSUSB alumna Stephanie Reilly (USN) spoke about support during college and opportunities that lie ahead. In a powerful and solemn prayer, Chaplain CAPT Quinn Hawley (USN, retired) provided the benediction and invocation, lauding the accomplishments of all those who were present, and praying for those souls who were left behind.

Following the benediction, student veterans were recognized and praised in a speech by Assemblymember Marc Steinorth (CA-40), who attended with his son, Mason. Field representatives from the offices of Congressman Paul Cook (CA-8), Kimberly Mesen, and Assemblymember Eloise Gómez Reyes (CA-47), Roxanna Gracia, provided additional laudatory remarks.

The celebration continued with the presentation of the graduation stoles. Each stole is embroidered with CSUSB, and has a patch of the U.S. flag and service branch seal of the student veteran. Every student veteran is bedecked with a stole and regalia by an officer of his or her branch of service. Representing the U.S. Army was CPT Tad Kitaguchi, CSUSB Army ROTC Officer in Charge. Representing the U.S. Marine Corps was CSUSB alumnus Capt Terry Herzog '07. Representing the U.S. Navy was Chaplain CAPT Quinn Hawley. Representing the U.S. Air Force was Lt Col Keith Vanderhoeven, CSUSB AFROTC Det. 002 Commander. Representing the U.S. Coast Guard was LCRD Robert Espenship, USCG. Those undergraduates graduating with a 3.0 GPA, and graduates with a 3.5 GPA or above, were provided with a red, white and blue honor chord and a lifetime paid membership to the SALUTE Veterans National Honor Society. Student veterans were also presented with a Certificate of Recognition from the elected officials present. Additionally CSUSB Alumni pins and branch medallions courtesy of Help Hospitalized Veterans, were provided. After the celebration, dinner and desert were served.

"This was a great celebration! I really enjoyed the special recognition of my service and my accomplishments. My family witnessed how all their love and support paid off, and it was exciting to be an example for my children. The food isn't bad either," said Jason Greene, CSUSB criminal justice student and U.S. Coast Guard reservist.

Congratulations, Student Veterans Class of 2017!



United States Air Force Birthday

On Sept. 18, 2017, the U.S. Air Force celebrated its Platinum Jubilee! CSUSB celebrated 70 years of aiming high on Sept. 29, 2017.

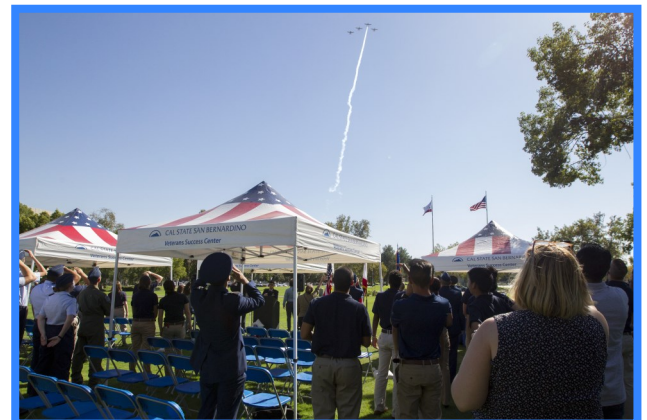
The program was held in the Performing Arts Building, where CSUSB supply chain management student and Det. 002 AFROTC Cadet, Joshua Arnold, provided the emceeing. CSUSB President Tomás Morales joined assistant vice president of Student Affairs Beth Jaworski, Det 002, and the crowd that gathered into the PA Building to stand for the presentation of the colors and the singing of the National Anthem by CSUSB music student, Nicole Perez. After a warm welcoming, Chaplain Col Rick Given (USAF), Wing Chaplain at March Air Reserve Base, CA, offered the invocation, imploring benevolence and swiftness of the Creator for the men and women of our Air Force.

Lt Col Keith Vanderhoeven, Commander of CSUSB AFROTC Det 002, delivered motivating remarks on his experience through the enlisted and officer ranks of the U.S. Air Force, and the pride he instills in the cadets who are the future of the USAF. Following his remarks, Chief Master Sergeant Hugh Wagner (USAF, ret.), weapons systems maintenance chief at March Air Reserve Base, CA, provided an inspirational account of his journey through the Air Force. CMSGT Wagner enlisted in 1964, and his career has spanned almost the entire life of the USAF! His account on mission readiness in the early hours of the 9/11 terrorist attack were riveting, and a grim reminder of the purpose of our Air Force and national defense. CSUSB criminal justice student, 2d Lt William Lewis, recently commissioned in the USAF out of CSUSB Det 002, gave advice and encouragement to his fellow cadets of Det 002.

Outside, to ohs and ahs, a formation of four T-34 Mentors, courtesy of the Mentor Heritage Foundation, flew two flying formations for the crowd: Standard combat Fingertip formation and Parade Formation. Concluding the ceremony was the traditional cake cutting with AFROTC Det 002 Cadet and UCR student Dalaney Doyle, CSUSB director of accounting and USAF veteran Deletta Anderson, and CMSGT Wagner. Aim High, Fly-Fight-Win, USAF!



U.S. Air Force veteran Del Anderson (Left), CMSGT Wagner (Center), and AFROTC Det 002 Cadet Dalaney Doyle (Right).



Fingertip Formation performed by the T-34s of the Mentor Heritage Foundation.



CMSGT Wagner receives a certificate of appreciation for his inspirational remarks, presented by CSUSB AFROTC Det 002 Commander Lt Col Keith Vanderhoeven.

United States Navy Birthday

The Veterans Success Center's Navy Birthday Celebration was on Oct. 12, 2017, on the Coyote Bookstore lawn. This was the 242nd birthday of the U.S. Navy, and marked the fifth year that the Veterans Success Center has celebrated the world's finest Navy! Hooyah!

Introductory remarks and emceeing were provided by CSUSB employee and U.S. Navy veteran, Marc Mallos (MM3, USN). Navy JROTC cadets from Chaffey High School, under the command of CMDR Martin Jones, presented the colors to a beautiful rendition of the National Anthem sung by CSUSB's very own Nicole Perez. Longtime friend of the Veterans Success Center, Chaplain CAPT Quinn Hawley (USN, ret.), provided an invocation asking all, and the power above, to recognize and protect our sailors ashore and abroad. CMDR Sean Stockwell (USN, ret) gave a riveting keynote address about leadership in our Navy and the bright future. Annually, the Chief of Naval Operations (CNO) provides a statement of encouragement to the sailors of the U.S. Navy and to all Americans, expressing the readiness and swiftness of the U.S. Navy, safety at home and overseas, and of course a happy birthday. U.S. Navy veteran Agustin Ramirez (AT3, USN), interim director of the Veterans Success Center, read the CNO's message.

Following the CNO's message, the ceremony proceeded to the ringing of the Navy Bell. Reminiscent of the brass ship's bells used by sailors to signal the beginning and end of duty watch, the bell was rung nine times to commemorate the changing of the Old Year into the New Year. Bell ringers included Chief Cockrell (SHC, USN) from San Bernardino Recruiting Station, for all active duty; NJROTC Cadets from Chaffey High School for the Navy's bright future; CSUSB communication studies major, Sophie Postle (IS3, USN), for all Navy reservist students at CSUSB; CSUSB MBA student, Nieser Dizon (OS1, USN), for all Navy veteran students at CSUSB; WWII veteran, Don Troy (RM3, USN), for all WWII U.S. Navy veterans; senior athletics director, Morgan Walker (LTJG, USN), for all Navy veteran employees at CSUSB; Lily and Abby Ramirez, daughters of Agustin Ramirez, for all U.S. Navy dependents; and Workability IV employee, Elizabeth Perez, whose son is currently serving in the U.S. Navy, for all Navy moms. The Veterans Success Center was particularly honored to host Don Troy, who at 91 years old, served in the Pacific Theater during WWII.

The ceremony concluded with that crowd-pleasing Navy song "Anchors Aweigh" and the cutting of the cake by the youngest sailor, CSUSB student Lupe Cambero, and the oldest sailor, WWII veteran Don Troy. Certificates of appreciation were provided by Congressman Pete Aguilar (CA-31) field representative, Jared Bosman, and Assemblymember Eloise Gómez Reyes (CA-47).



Left: Cadets from Rialto High School NJROTC present the Navy Birthday cake, featuring *Old Ironsides* herself, the USS Constitution.



Right: Assemblymember Eloise Gómez-Reyes and field representative for the honorable Pete Aguilar, Jared Bosman, present Certificates of Appreciation to Don Troy.



Above (left to right): CSUSB biochemistry student and U.S. Navy veteran Guadalupe Cambero, CAPT Hawley, Don Troy, and CMDR Stockwell enjoy the first slices of cake.

9/11 National Day of Service and Remembrance

On Sept. 11, 2017, the Office of Community Engagement, the Veterans Success Center and Chapter 12 of the Disabled American Veterans (DAV) gathered with volunteers to remember the victims, survivors, and those who responded to the 9/11 terrorist attacks. 9/11 has been branded not only a day of remembrance, but also a national day of volunteer service.

Thirty-nine volunteers from the CSUSB community, including students, faculty and staff, as well as community volunteers, arrived at the DAV Exploration Garden in San Bernardino for a day of volunteer service. After a solemn prayer, Chapter 12 Commander, U.S. Army veteran and CSUSB alumnus, Joseph Moseley '13, guided volunteers to various projects at the DAV Exploration Garden, including cleaning, weeding, bricklaying and heavy lifting. The Veterans Success Center hosted a special guest, U.S. Army veteran Patrick O'Rourke, director of CSU Active Duty and Veterans Affairs at the Chancellor's Office. O'Rourke assisted with wheelbarrowing sand and bricklaying. By lunchtime, the DAV Exploration Garden was in top shape! To wind down the busy morning, the DAV offered hamburgers, hot dogs, chips and soft drinks to volunteers.

Join the VSC this year for another opportunity to honor 9/11 with a national day of service.



CSUSB staff and students assemble a brick walkway at the DAV Garden.



CSUSB student Eddlynn Mangaoang shovels up debris.



DAV member (right) and SVO President James McGuire (center) join Dr. Patrick O'Rourke (left) in planning the brick walkway.

242nd Marine Corps Birthday Ball

November is the time most Americans celebrate Thanksgiving. To a very select few, however, November means something much more. It means the celebration of the United States Marine Corps birthday!

On Nov. 3, 2017, CSUSB marked its sixth Marine Corps Birthday Celebration, commemorating a youthful 242 years of grunting Devil Dogs. CSUSB criminal justice student and USMC veteran, Andrew Kancel provided the emceeing and opening remarks. Welcoming remarks by Beth Jaworski, assistant vice president of Student Services, and USMC spouse, praised the USMC for its commitment, and reinforced the campus's commitment to our USMC veterans. USMC veteran and CSUSB alumnus, Jordan Gallinger '17, gave a passionate speech recalling two U.S. Marines who fought unremittingly against a relentless enemy, through their final moments on Earth. Following Mr. Gallinger's remarks, the audience watched a video of the USMC birthday message from the Commandant of the Marine Corps, Gen Robert B. Nellen. Chaplain CAPT Quinn Hawley (USN) gave the invocation and narrated the meaning of the Table of the Fallen.

After a fine dinner, the procession of the USMC birthday cake was initiated with a sword detail provided by the Riverside Marines Officer Selection Office, and the presenting of the colors by Fontana High School Marine Corps JROTC honor guard, under the command of SgtMaj Michael Nicolía (USMC, ret.). CSUSB AFROTC Det 002 cadet Dalaney Doyle sang the National Anthem, and the ceremonial birthday cake was marched in. The cake detail, comprised of CSUSB student veterans from the U.S. Navy, U.S. Army, U.S. Air force, and U.S. Coast Guard, marched the cake forward to the Marine Corps Hymn. The cake was cut and offered to the youngest Marine, CSUSB political science student, PFC Alexandra Janiskee, and the oldest Marine, Sgt Richard Valdez. The celebration continued with the traditional reading of General Lejeune's Message by SgtMaj Nicolía.

The keynote address was a special opportunity for the audience to hear the compelling story of a young Marine Corps veteran in the Redlands Police Department, Nicholas Koahou. Mr. Koahou was on the San Bernardino Police Department during the December 2nd attacks, and engaged in direct fire with the terrorist who attacked our fair city. He was injured, but continued to fight, and continued to serve on the police force. Mr. Koahou attributes his steadfastness to his Marine Corps MP training. For his role, he was awarded a Congressional Badge of Bravery.

After words of appreciation, Assemblymember Eloise Gómez Reyes supplied Certificates of Recognition to Mr. Koahou and the many USMC veterans who participated as guests of the celebration.



Left: CSUSB Professor Brian Janiskee, with his daughter, CSUSB student PFC Alexandra Janiskee, and his wife Jennifer Janiskee.



Right: Fontana High MCIJROTC present the colors.

Officer Nicholas Koahou receives a Certificate of Recognition from Assemblymember Eloise Gómez Reyes.



Sgt Richard Valdez (USMC) cuts the Marine Corps birthday cake with precision.

Thanksgiving Feast

Thanksgiving Day is a national holiday celebrated on the last Thursday of the month of November. This past Thanksgiving, for those who were unable to celebrate the holiday with loved ones on Nov. 22, 2017, the Veterans Success Center offered a Thanksgiving feast with gift baskets, courtesy of the Rotary North San Bernardino, AMVETS, and kind donations from CSUSB students, faculty and staff. Each gift basket included a turkey and the all sides for a family of one to eight people. Gift baskets were available for students to pick up at the Veterans Success Center.

Such a successful and rewarding event is long in planning. During the month of October, Rotary North San Bernardino headed by Dee Williams and Arlene Zombos initiated a canned food collection and donation drive to provide for the gift baskets. Later, the Veterans Success Center hosted the Rotary members for their monthly meeting, at which time members enjoyed a tour of the center and displayed their generous donations. Chaplain Major David Sarmiento (USAF) provided a benediction over the food and members of Rotary.

The days preceding Thanksgiving, an amazing outpouring of support came from AMVETS and the campus community as turkeys and other donations arrived at the Veterans Success Center.

On the eve of Thanksgiving, members of Rotary North San Bernardino volunteered to serve students at the Veterans Success Center, handing out gift baskets and plates of food. Chaplain Major Terry McCaffrey (USAFVR, USV- JSC Chaplain Corps) recited a thanksgiving benediction over the feast. Students enjoyed sweet honey roasted turkey, baked mashed potatoes, gourmet cranberry stuffing, green beans, sweet pumpkin pie, and much more.



VSC Director Agustin Ramirez honoring Chaplain Major Terry McCaffrey for an outstanding invocation.



VSC staff and student veterans enjoying Thanksgiving at the Veterans Success Center



Rotary North San Bernardino President
Dee Williams.



Students eating Thanksgiving lunch while enjoying the fresh air and cool weather.



Rotary North San Bernardino
members pose proudly near their donations.



CSUSB students and Arlene Zombos of Rotary
North San Bernardino serve plates.

'Tis the Season of Giving Back

Christmas is a time of giving and spending time with family and friends. For many veteran students, this is a time for them to enjoy their winter break with their families. On Dec. 6 and 7, 2017, CSUSB alumnus and U.S. Navy veteran Victor Quezada, and his wife and children, blessed two families with beautiful pine Christmas trees and Christmas presents. The Nnamchi Family and the Morales Family were grateful for the thoughtfulness, and the warmth it inspired. For the Morales Family, the gifts played double duty, as it was the son's birthday! Mr. Quezada and his family touched the lives of student veterans and their families with love, joy, compassion, and most importantly, their generosity.

This type of selfless giving is always paid forward. In the spirit of giving, the Quezada family has inspired a lifetime of acts of kindness from all whose lives they have touched. The Veterans Success Center thanks them for their big-heartedness, and wishes them the best.



The Quezada family and the Nnamchi family



Left to right: Caroline Quezada and Sarah Nnamchi

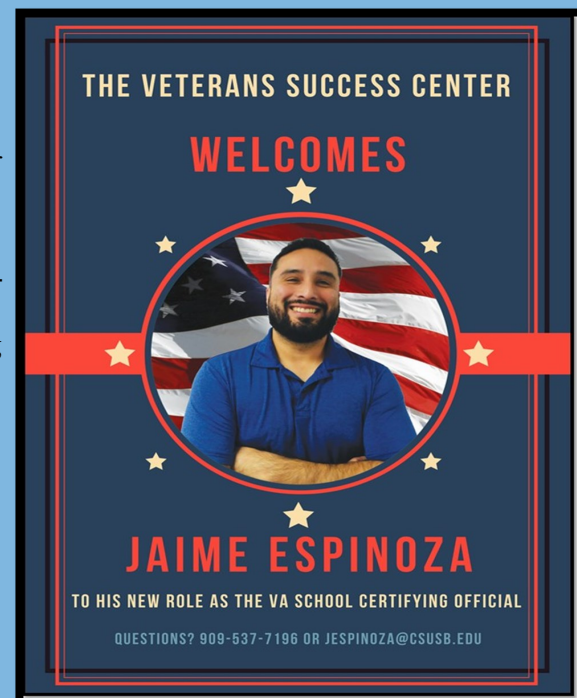
Our New Certifying Official!

Jaime Espinoza is a native of Ventura, Calif., and a first-generation American. After receiving an Associate of Arts in business administration from Oxnard Community College, he transferred to California State University, San Bernardino and received two Bachelor of Arts degrees in administration - international business, and in administration - marketing, with a minor in finance. Mr. Espinoza was a member of the first recognized Latino fraternity in the nation, Lambda Theta Phi Latin Fraternity Inc. As a student assistant, he worked as a campus tour guide for the Office of Admissions and Student Recruitment, where he learned about CSUSB in detail.

Mr. Espinoza joined the Veterans Success Center in 2013. He has been the Veterans Success adviser for the past three years and is very enthusiastic about working with our military-affiliated student population. He is passionate about helping others. Mr. Espinoza attributes this passion to the many educators that have been there for him. He would like to do the same for our military-affiliated population. Mr. Espinoza is proud to say that he owes his academic success to his family, friends, and colleagues here at CSUSB.

After extensive training, Mr. Espinoza has assumed the role of the VA school certifying official at CSUSB. He is located in the Veterans Success Center.

Please join the Veterans Success Center in welcoming Mr. Espinoza to his new role!



How Are You Leaving Your Boot Print?

We queried some of our campus veterans regarding how they are leaving their mark on the world and the following are excerpts of what they had to say:



James McGilberry

Airborne All the Way!

James McGilberry served in the U.S. Army as a paratrooper for the 82nd Airborne Division and retired after serving 21 years in the Army. Mr. McGilberry has received an associate degree in fine arts and an associates degree in science. He is now pursuing his bachelor's degree here at CSUSB, as a pre-med biology student pursuing a career in emergency medicine. Mr. McGilberry believes there is no greater joy in life than being a blessing to others and being able to help those in their time of need. Mr. McGilberry believes in saving lives and giving back to the community.

Veteran Alumni

Kevin Alsina, BA Sociology

Q1. What advice would you give to incoming student veterans?

A. I advise students to remain positive and stay dedicated to their academics. Some quarters are tougher than others but it's all worth it in the end.

Q2. What resources and centers would you recommend for students to use, if they aren't currently?

A. I recommend the Veterans Success Center, Project Rebound, MAC, and CPR training with Moses.

Q3. What is one thing that has made your experience here at CSUSB great?

A. The veterans here on campus have made my experience at CSUSB great! Being a veteran myself, I can relate to other veterans and we can help each other adjust and transition to college and civilian life.



Martin Flores, BS Cyber Security

Q1. What advice would you give to incoming student veterans?

A. I would tell veteran students to study a lot. Be sure that you stay on top of your studies, especially if you're taking a lot of classes.

Q2. What resources and centers would you recommend for students to use, if they aren't currently?

A. I would suggest using the VSC. The VSC offers so many resources for veterans to use such as printing, tutoring and a refrigerator.

Q3. What is one thing that has made your experience here at CSUSB great?

A. The atmosphere! The university has a really great atmosphere that motivates you and the campus is really nice.

