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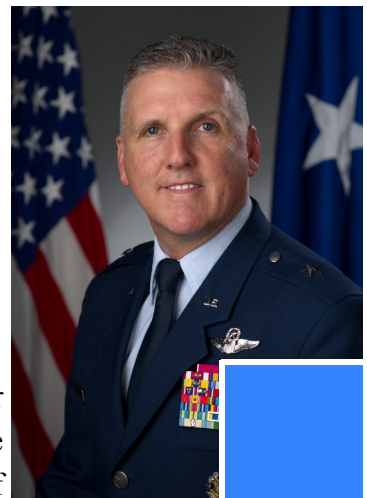


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67th Air Force Birthday on Sept. 26

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 Sept. 26, 2014, from 1:30 - 3 p.m., please join the Veterans Success Center and the CSUSB Air Force ROTC, Det. 002 to celebrate the 67th Air Force Birthday. The festivities will take place in the Recital Hall of the Performing Arts Building where Brig. Gen. Flournoy will provide the keynote address, followed by a reception and fly-over on the Pfau Library Lawn. The Korean War era T-34s from the March Aero Club will be gracing the skies over our campus thanks to the generous support of ASI.



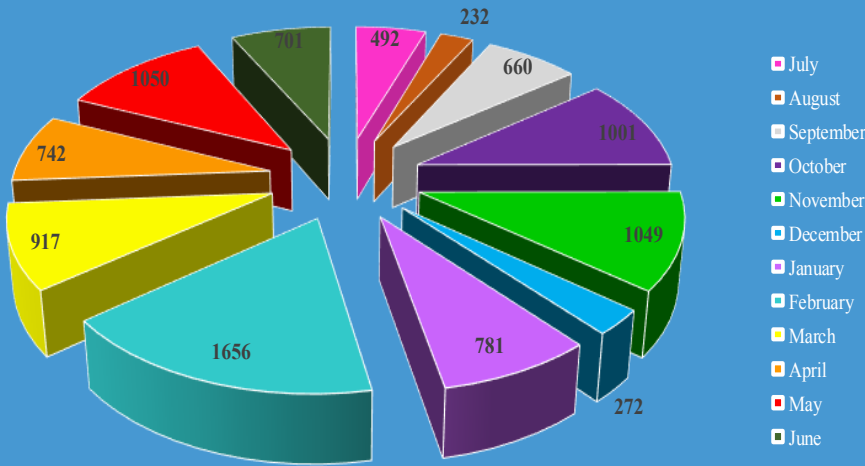
Brig. Gen. John C. Flournoy, Jr.

“Brig. Gen. Flournoy is the Commander of the 4th Air Force, Air Force Reserve Command, March Air Reserve Base, Calif. Fourth Air Force has command supervision of the Reserve's long-range airlift and air-refueling units located throughout the continental U.S., Hawaii and Guam. 4th Air Force is dedicated to ensuring assigned units and personnel are properly organized, trained, equipped and ready to support national security requirements across a full spectrum of operations from war to contingency situations” (www.af.mil).

Model Fighter Jet Competition

The Veterans Success Center invites student clubs and departments on campus to participate in the model fighter jets aircraft decoration, longest flight and best stunts competition. Please visit the VSC or contact us at (909) 537-5195 to sign up and receive your model fighter jet kit. Make sure you sign up by Sept. 16 for a chance to win exciting prizes!

Year 3 Total Visits Near 10,000



The Veterans Success Center recorded nearly 10,000 visits from July 2013 through June 2014. There were 9,553 recorded visits during the 12-month period, with February, May, October and November recording more than 1,000 patron visits each month. Reasons for the 62 percent increase can be attributed to more events hosted throughout the year, including “Military Appreciation Night,” which drew more than 1,000 patrons.

Freshmen and Transfer SOAR Orientation



Incoming student veterans walk to the VSC

informed about VSC services and the staff around campus

During the months of May and June, the VSC held an orientation for 59 transfer student veterans who will attend CSUSB this fall. They were

dedicated to assisting veterans. VSC staff also tabled at the freshmen SOAR sessions to inform incoming students about the VSC. “It was surprising to see so many dependents who were unaware of the California College Fee Waiver,” remarked Jaime Espinoza, ASA II. “I informed them of the program and provided the necessary information for them to apply. Attending these events is gratifying because you are able to meet the new generation of CSUSB students and see where they are headed.”

Catching Up with Students in the Military Veterans Screenwriting Course



George Aguayo discusses his screenplay with Professor Kossak

“Screenwriting for Military Veterans” is a rigorous nine-week college level course where veterans are encouraged to write screenplays and receive thorough training in the art, craft, and business of professional screenwriting. The course uses a method of teaching screenwriting developed by its instructor, Andreas Kossak.

It also has an additional dimension that is designed to help participants establish themselves as authors with the unique promise that their work will be published. To that end, a publishing label, “Written by Veterans,” with its own website has been initiated, giving student veterans the option to publish their work in eBook form, while retaining all profits and rights. It is further planned to create public awareness through appearances of CSUSB military veteran writers at events which will be organized and facilitated by the VSC.

First S.T.A.R.S. Seminar of the Year

Please join the Veterans Success Center at our first S.T.A.R.S. (social skills, time management, academic success, responsibility, and self-discovery) Seminar of the year on Social Networking. The seminar, scheduled for Sept. 30 from 11:45 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. in the group room of the Veterans Success Center, will be facilitated by Albert Angelo, MS Ed., health educator. Please RSVP by calling (909) 537-

5195 or by speaking in person with one of our employees at the front desk.

The seminars are open discussions on topics that we know are important to our student veterans and are moderated by experts but driven by the attendees! The free sessions will be held each month at 11:45 a.m., and best of all, we will provide the **lunch for free**.

SVO Recruiting Interested Students



STUDENT VETERANS ORGANIZATION
AT
CSUSB

The Student Veterans Organization (SVO) is a student organization run by veterans for veterans. The club is actively recruiting students who are interested in joining a club that is dedicated to service. As the SVO president, I want to hear from everyone because I believe, collectively, we can make our campus and the greater San Bernardino community a better place for our service members. In our efforts to accomplish our goals, we hold meetings once a month to organize and plan community service events and opportunities for the advancement of veterans. This month's meeting will be held on Thursday, Aug. 28, at 9 a.m. at the VSC. Please do not hesitate to contact me at r.shepard07@yahoo.com if you are interested in joining or for more information.

- Richard Shepard, President, Student Veterans Organization

Veterans and Social Isolation Conference Held in Late July

On July 29, the Veterans Success Center hosted the Inland Empire Veterans Mental Health Collaborative on veterans and social isolation. Speakers included Yesenia Thomas of the San Bernardino Veterans Center, PTSD United Inc., Don Sutton, a patient advocate from the VA Loma Linda, Heather Henry, MFTI, CSUSB, and a panel of experts. A "Ted Talks" video was also shown, featuring John Cacioppo, a distinguished service professor at the University of Chicago. Seventy-four individuals representing 35 agencies were in attendance.

The satisfaction survey analysis revealed that 82 percent of the participants stated they were satisfied with the program, 91 percent agreed that audience participation was good and 98 percent responded that the event was well run.



Million Veteran Program



www.research.va.gov/MVP

The Million Veteran Program (MVP) is a voluntary research program through the Department of Veterans Affairs, Office of Research and Development. The

program aims to study and better understand how genes affect health by building a huge medical database of blood samples and health information — a database comprised of one million veteran volunteers. Data from this depository will be used for research on diseases such as diabetes, cancer, and military related illnesses such as

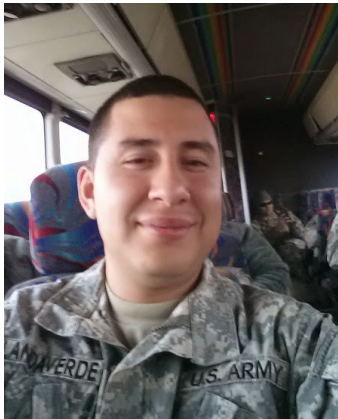
post-traumatic stress disorder. Genetic health research can lead to new tools for doctors including screening, diagnosis, and treatment.

MVP has an office at the VA hospital in Loma Linda. CSUSB graduate and Army veteran David Briggs participated in the program.

"I volunteered for the Million Veteran Program because it was a convenient way to be helpful to others. All that was necessary was a small donation of blood and answering several questionnaires," remarked Briggs.

Veterans can schedule an appointment by calling toll-free 1-866-441-6075. Walk-ins are also welcome. MVP clinics are available daily, initial visits take approximately 20 minutes.

How Have You Been Spending Your Summer?



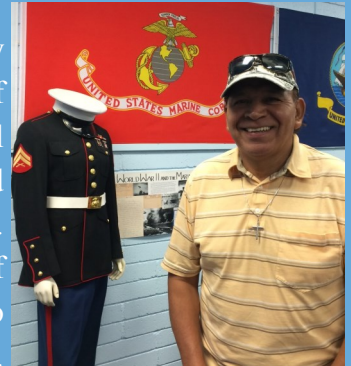
Rodolfo Landaverde
U.S. Army Reserves

This summer I've spent some of my time on orders working for my unit. I helped prepare soldiers for their annual training at Camp Parks. I'm also currently attending summer school so I can graduate on time in the spring. My goal for the

fall is to pass my classes with A's so I can increase my GPA. I've decided that I will have study sessions with my Army comrades at the Veteran Success Center, that way we can all succeed together.

Arthur Hernandez
U.S.M.C. Veteran

I've been spending my summer taking 20 units of Career and Technical Education and Information and System Technologies classes. Although I'm taking a lot of classes, I always find time to spend with my grandchildren.



This summer has been an interesting learning experience, as classes I'm taking directly relate to what I want do after I graduate. My goals for the upcoming fall quarter is to get a 4.0 grade point average, as my online classes and the lesser load will make things slightly easier.

David Briggs
U.S. Army Veteran



This summer I worked as an Arabic tutor at the Summer Language Intensive Program at CSUSB. My class included high school students, retirees, and college students, including ROTC personnel. Working on campus was a great experience this summer and I hope I'll

have similar opportunities in the future. I also applied to a graduate program in Teaching International Languages at CSU Chico and participated in the VSC's military veterans screenwriting class.

Zayre Ruiz
VSC Student Assistant



This year, my summer has been interesting and busy. For one, I've been preparing for my great move to Colorado. I never realized how fast time can pass when you're preparing for a big change in your life. I also worked at the VSC up until July and enjoyed every moment of it. The most interesting part of my summer was being an outdoors

leader for CSUSB's Outdoors Department. I got the chance to go kayaking and snorkeling in San Diego, and horseback riding in Hollywood. Although I'm finally glad that summer is coming to an end, I'm a bit nervous about leaving CSUSB and attending University of Colorado, Colorado Springs this upcoming school year. I will definitely miss California!

Our student assistant, Zayre Ruiz will be leaving us to embark on her journey to study at the University of Colorado, Colorado Springs. The VSC staff and veterans miss her already and wish her a memory filled year. Have fun Zayre!

- Veterans Success Center Staff