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**CSUSB Veterans Success Center**

## CSUSB Ranks 9th in the Nation in Military Times Survey

**BEST FOR VETS**  
2015 MILITARY TIMES COLLEGES

**Best for Vets: Colleges 2015**  
4-year schools

These schools told us they offer bachelor's or graduate degrees or both. [1] [2]  
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Rank	School	Headquarters or main campus	Type	2014 enrollment				Post-9/11 GI Bill				
				Total	Military	Veterans office	Accepts ACE credits	At or below TA cap	At or below limits	Yellow Ribbon	Staff support	Acade supp
1	<a href="#">University of Nebraska Omaha</a>	Omaha, Neb.	Public	15,227	722	✓	✓	All		☆☆☆☆	☆☆☆☆	☆☆☆☆
2	<a href="#">Eastern Kentucky University</a>	Richmond, Ky.	Public	16,111	964	✓	✓			☆☆☆☆	☆☆☆☆	☆☆☆☆
3	<a href="#">CUNY John Jay College of Criminal Justice</a>	New York	Public	15,206	728	✓	✓	Undergrad.	✓	n/a	☆☆☆☆	☆☆☆☆
4	<a href="#">D'Youville College</a>	Buffalo, N.Y.	Private	3,150	199	✓	✓			☆☆	☆☆☆☆	☆☆☆☆
5	<a href="#">University of South Florida</a>	Tampa, Fla.	Public	48,330	1,534	✓	✓	Undergrad.		☆☆☆☆	☆☆☆☆	☆☆☆☆
6	<a href="#">South Dakota School of Mines and Technology</a>	Rapid City, S.D.	Public	2,640	148	✓	✓	All	✓	n/a	☆☆☆☆	☆☆☆☆
7	<a href="#">Texas A&amp;M University</a>	College Station, Texas	Public	53,538	648	✓	✓	All		☆☆☆☆	☆☆☆☆	☆☆☆☆
8	<a href="#">Florida State University</a>	Tallahassee, Fla.	Public	41,087	372	✓	✓	Undergrad.		☆☆☆☆	☆☆☆☆	☆☆
9	<a href="#">California State University, San Bernardino</a>	San Bernardino, Calif.	Public	18,398	357	✓	✓	All	✓	n/a	☆☆☆☆	☆☆☆☆
10	<a href="#">Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey</a>	New Brunswick, N.J.	Public	65,512	no data	✓	✓		✓	n/a	☆☆☆☆	☆☆☆☆
11	<a href="#">South Dakota State University</a>	Brookings, S.D.	Public	12,554	542 [1]	✓	✓	All		☆☆☆☆	☆☆☆☆	☆☆☆☆
12	<a href="#">Armstrong State University</a>	Savannah, Ga.	Public	7,101	455	✓	✓	All		☆☆☆☆	☆☆☆☆	☆☆☆☆
13	<a href="#">University of the Incarnate Word</a>	San Antonio	Private	8,685	2,224	✓	✓	All [2]		☆☆	☆☆☆☆	☆☆☆☆
14	<a href="#">Old Dominion University</a>	Norfolk, Va.	Public	24,828	2,594	✓	✓		✓	n/a	☆☆☆☆	☆☆☆☆
15	<a href="#">St. Petersburg College</a>	St. Petersburg, Fla.	Public	32,352	2,233	✓	✓	All	✓	n/a	☆☆☆☆	☆☆☆☆



Military Times announced its Best for Vets: Colleges 2015 rankings. In their fifth year, the rankings factor in the most comprehensive school-by-school assessment of veteran and military students' success rates. As with all Best for Vets rankings, Best for Vets: Colleges 2015 is an editorially independent news project that evaluates the many factors that make an organization a good fit for service members, military veterans and their families.

CSUSB was recognized by the Military Times "Best for Vets" for its commitment to providing opportunities to America's veterans.

University President Tomás D. Morales said the rankings validated the university's continuing efforts to help veterans succeed as CSUSB students. "This is a tremendous recognition for Cal State San Bernardino," said Morales. "It reinforces our determination to ensure that our campus offers the best in academic and student services to our veterans."

"I am extremely proud and honored that our university ranked ninth in the nation and first in California in the Best for Vets Military Times survey," said Marci Daniels, director of the CSUSB Veterans Success Center and U.S. Army veteran. "This truly reflects all of the hard work and dedication of our campus to serve our state's veterans."

## *Army ROTC Coyote Battalion Summer Training*

### **Mountain Warfare School, Basic Military Mountaineer Course (Fort Benning, Ga., 2 weeks)**

The course is 14 days of continuous training, with an average of 14 hours of training every day. The emphasis during the course is on practical, realistic, and strenuous hands-on skills building, which are consistent with current Army doctrine. At times the physical condition of the student approaches exhaustion. During the course, the student becomes increasingly proficient in the fundamentals, principles, and techniques of conducting small unit operations in mountainous terrain.



Cadet Nick Garcia at Ft. Benning, Ga.

“It is a very fast paced school with a steep learning curve. There was a lot more rope work than I expected. The mountain walking techniques they taught there were new to me, and they made it less difficult to ruck up high inclines. You definitely need rock climbing boots at this school. This school needs to be more widely implemented throughout the active Army due to the mountain ranges we deal with in the Middle East.”

- Cadet Nick Garcia, California State University, San Bernardino

### **Cadet Troop Leader Training (various locations, 3-4 weeks)**

Cadet Troop Leader Training (CTLT) provides cadets the opportunity to experience leadership in an Army unit over a three-to-four-week period. Cadets serve in lieutenant-level leadership positions in active-duty units. Platoon Leader positions have a 3-4 week duration depending on the hosting unit and location. Cadets are assigned a unit mentor and are provided on-post lodging and meals at a dining facility. This program is exclusively designed for MS III Cadets before and after completion of the Leader Development and Assessment Course (LDAC).

“I am very glad I had the opportunity and I feel even more prepared for my future as an officer due to the guidance from everyone I met at Fort Wainwright. I would highly recommend it for future cadets of the program.”

- Cadet Jennifer Wintering, California State University, San Bernardino



Cadet Jennifer Wintering at Ft. Wainwright

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 17, 2015**  
**TAILGATE RUNS from 4:30 P.M.—7 P.M.**  
**CSUSB COUSSOULIS ARENA**  
MILITARY APPRECIATION  
**NIGHT**  
WOMEN'S GAME @ 5:30 P.M.  
MEN'S GAME @ 7:30 P.M.



**MARK  
YOUR  
CALENDAR**

# *PDC Veterans Successes Center Grand Opening*

By Jaime Espinoza, Veterans Success Center ASA II



There were rumors that the Veterans Success Center at the San Bernardino campus was extending its services to the CSUSB Palm Desert Campus. On the day before Veterans Day, Nov. 10, 2014, the rumor became a reality for the CSUSB Palm Desert campus. The CSUSB San Bernardino campus VSC staff will travel to the Palm Desert Campus twice a week. We have hired two student assistants to help staff the center. The center will be open Monday - Friday from 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

The celebration itself consisted of remarks by Councilmember Jean Benson, State Sen. Mike Morrell and Lt Col Chris Messineo. A wonderful rendition of the national anthem sung by renowned opera singer

Richard Lindsey. A large American flag was unfurled by local JROTC units and a medley of WWII songs were performed by the Swing Dames. The ceremony concluded with a traditional ribbon cutting ceremony and a tour of the center by the San Bernardino campus Veterans Success Center staff members and a flyover by the March Aero Club T-34s.

The Veterans Success Center would like to thank Big Horn Golf Club Charities for its grant, which provided computers and furnishings for the newly established PDC VSC. We would also like to thank ASI for their sponsorship of the grand opening.

## *Meet Our New PDC Student Assistants!*

### **Evelyn Trejo**



I am a first-year and first-generation civilian graduate student at CSUSB Palm Desert Campus, where I am working towards my degree in counseling and guidance. My future career goals in life involves working as a community college counselor and serving students from different walks of life. My goals as a student assistant, involve being a part of the

progress of our new Veterans Success Center at PDC. As such, I am honored to be a part of the Veterans Success Center team and am eager to see the growth and student opportunities that can be introduced and expanded here in the desert.

### **Eric Berru**



I grew up in the desert city of Indio, Calif., and from a young age I've had a desire to help others, nurtured by my involvement in volunteer work at my local church. Having parents and grandparents who had served in the military gives me a sense of pride and respect for all those who serve their country. As a student at CSUSB I plan on earning

a master's degree in the field of psychology to assist others on the home front, and as a new employee of the Veteran's Success Center, I hope to assist veterans in adjusting to campus and civilian life.

# 239th Marine Corps Birthday Ball

By Kenneth Jacobs, VSC Student Assistant III, USMC Reserves



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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. Nov. 14, 2014 marked Cal State San Bernardino's third annual Marine Corps Birthday Celebration, commemorating a youthful 239 years. Highlights of the event included very warm welcoming remarks by Dr. Beth Jaworski, interim assistant vice president for Student Services and spouse of a Marine Corps Veteran, a video message from the Commandant of the Marine Corps, dinner with a perfect touch of soft jazz by Vaughn Fahie, whose father is an Air Force veteran. The posting of the colors which was carried out in expert precision by the Fontana High School JROTC, reading of General John A. Lejeune's Birthday Message by CSUSB alumni and Marine Corps officer Eric Rebollar, and the traditional cake cutting ceremony including participants

from CSUSB's student veteran community. The keynote address provided by Semper Fi #1 Memorial Honor Detail's chapter president, Enoch "Mac" McClain, was humorous--he still makes his bed with military corners, touching as he described the impact of the Marine Corps core values and comradery and inspiring as he recounted his unit's heroic combat missions in Vietnam.

This event allows those who do not have a military affiliation to observe unique military customs and traditions that have been passed down by Marines from generation to generation. The great things about birthdays is that they occur annually, so if you were unable to attend this beautiful birthday this year, you are more than welcome to attend the celebration next year. Ensure that you RSVP as soon as the invitation is sent out, as the event reached maximum capacity within the first week and a half of release. A good time was had by all and this year's event proved to be the best year yet. Many thanks to our sponsors--the Veterans Success Center, Student Veterans Organization and the USO and to Lambda Theta Alpha sorority and Sgt. Maj. Nicolia for all of their help.



# New Christmas Crafts

Stop by the Veterans Success Center to get your FREE crafts!

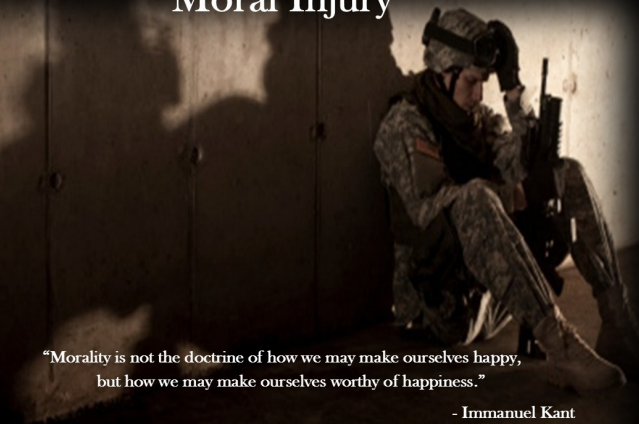
The crafts are provided by Help Hospitalized Veterans for veterans.

If you are interested in receiving some crafts for the holiday season, ask the front desk or Jaime Espinoza.



INLAND EMPIRE VETERANS MENTAL HEALTH COLLABORATIVE

## Moral Injury



“Morality is not the doctrine of how we may make ourselves happy, but how we may make ourselves worthy of happiness.”

- Immanuel Kant

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

Date:	Dec. 11, 2014
Time:	9 a.m. - 12 p.m.
Location:	The Art Institute of California - Inland Empire 630 E. Brier Drive Room 126/127/128 San Bernardino, CA 92408
RSVP:	Veterans Success Center (909) 537 - 5195 daniels@csusb.edu



## Thank You Daughters of the American Revolution, the Student Veterans Organization and ASI!



Donated food for Thanksgiving baskets provided by Daughters of the American Revolution



Student veterans enjoying Thanksgiving

The Veterans Success Center hosted an annual Thanksgiving Luncheon on Nov. 26, 2014. The traditional thanksgiving lunch was sponsored by the Alaska USA Foundation and the Student Veterans Organization. The student veterans also received either a family bag or bachelor/bachelorette bag, which consisted of either a 5 lb turkey or turkey breast, yams, green beans, stuffing, potatoes, a pie and other Thanksgiving foods. Many student veterans stopped by the center to enjoy their pre-Thanksgiving feast and enjoyed each other's company. Richard Shepard, the SVO president, handed out the Thanksgiving bags to student veterans so they could celebrate Thanksgiving with their families.

Many thanks to the Daughters of the American Revolution and ASI for their generous support of the food baskets.

# What Do The Holidays Mean To You?

Adam Manriquez  
U.S. Navy Veteran



The holidays are a special time for me. Hanging out with family, friends, and eating delicious food are the experiences that make the holidays so special. Everything from sinking my teeth into my Uncle Bob's freshly made tamales to eating my Aunt Sandy's homemade frijoles. Also a favorite, I truly enjoy conversing with everyone as

we reflect back on the good old times. However, Christmas is my favorite holiday and my favorite time of year. Giving and receiving gifts are some of the best experiences. My favorite part of Christmas is seeing others happy. Being able to provide a gift to someone and see the delight on their face has really become a joy for me.

Kenneth Jacobs  
USMC Reserves



The holiday means spending time with the people I care about, enjoying the traditions passed down in my family and eating the all good home cooking I rarely am able to enjoy. This time of the year also means bundling up throughout the day and staying in my warm bed as long as possible. The weather that results from this time of year induces the perfect reading mood for me. It is a time when I can enjoy and catch up on my leisure reading that I put on hold during the fall quarter. I look forward to this time because I am able to spend quality time with those that I love.

Michael Fane  
U.S. Army Veteran



To me the holidays are a time of relaxation and reflection, the slowing down of time and a heightened awareness of the things truly important in life. It's a time to recharge one's mind and enjoy loved ones. A time to reflect on purpose and direction, and a time to celebrate existence and the fruits of our labor. I enjoy spending time and relaxing with my family during the

holidays. My schedule is extremely packed when school is in session, so the time off I get during winter break I like to spend all with my family.

Yajaira Trejo  
Army National Guard Member



To me the holidays mean spending time with my family and it's the one day that you all get together. It's also a very holy day in which we celebrate God's birth, eat food and catch up, bond and meet other family members. It's a season for fun celebrations filled with laughter, joy and love. The one time of the year that

family members unite and enjoy each other's company and food, which is my favorite of the holiday season. I wish everyone a wonderful holiday season with their loved ones and friends and enjoy eating their favorite holiday foods.