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**CSUSB Veterans  
Success Center**



## *Congratulations Class of 2015 Student Veterans!*



The Veterans Success Center hosted the Spring Student Veterans Graduation Ceremony at the Obershaw Dining Room on June 12 to celebrate the graduation of more than 40 student veterans. Family members and friends enjoyed watching their loved ones receive their graduation stoles and certificates, which were presented by

State Assembly Member Cheryl R. Brown's field representative, Jon Gaede.

Richard Shepherd, president of the CSUSB Student Veterans Organization (SVO), led the pledge of allegiance, followed by SVO remarks describing the organization's activities and awards throughout the year. CSUSB President Tomás D. Morales and Major David Sarmiento provided the main remarks, congratulating and encouraging the student veterans to continue to realize their dreams.

Lt. Cdr. Martin Jones, U.S. Navy (Ret.); Maj. David Sarmiento, California Air National Guard; and 2nd Lt. Jen Wintering, U.S. Army, be-stoled the student veterans as they received their certificates. Chaplain, Capt. Cesar Rodriguez gave the benediction and invocation. Thank you to the CSUSB Alumni Affairs office for the generous donation of one of the celebratory cakes.

Congratulations Class of 2015, and good luck on your future endeavors!



## Student Assistant of the Year Off to Bigger and Greater Things



Kenneth Jacobs, known by everyone as Kenny or Keniferous, the Veterans Success Center's lead student assistant, will be leaving us this summer to intern and pursue his goal of becoming a botanist! Kenny has been working for the Veterans Success Center since its birth in May 2012. At the time, Kenny was the only student assistant employed at the center, and he

had a heavy work load on his shoulders. His strong work ethic and easily approachable manner contributed to the CSUSB's Veterans Success Center being ranked ninth in the nation and first in California in terms of veteran friendliness. He also received the prestigious Student Assistant of the Year award during the 2012-2013 academic year. The Student Assistant of the Year award recipient is chosen by campus faculty and staff members nominating the best student assistants, then casting votes on whom they believe best represents the award. It is safe to say that Kenny has helped put the Veterans Success Center on the map, and we wish him good luck on his future endeavors. See you around here at the VSC, Kenny!

Revised Schedule!  
ASI and the John M. Pfau Library present:

# 7 FREE SUMMER MOVIES

ON THE CSUSB LIBRARY LAWN

LIBRARY BOOK SALE BEFORE MOVIE STARTS

ALL SCREENINGS START AT 8:00 P.M.\*

JOIN US FOR A SERIES OF FREE MOVIE SCREENINGS ON THE CSUSB LIBRARY LAWN! BRING A BLANKET AND A FRIEND, AND ENJOY SOME OF THESE GREAT SHOWS!

FREE PARKING AVAILABLE IN LOT D  
SOUTH LIBRARY LAWN: 5500 UNIVERSITY PKWY  
SAN BERNARDINO, CA 92407

#csusblibSummerMovies

TACOS, NACHOS, HOT DOGS, DRINKS AND MUCH MORE WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE FROM FAMILY FIRST CATERING & PARTY RENTAL.



## Year in Review VSC Staff and Student Assistants

**Jaime Espinoza,**  
**Student Services Professional**



My favorite thing about working at the Veterans Success Center is when I need assistance around campus, everyone is willing to help out. I loved the way many of our students, faculty, and staff joined us for our events. I think it is wonderful to see people at your events when you have put so much love and dedication into organizing them. I thank all of our Veterans Success Center fans out there for the love and support you all contributed this year. Hope to see you all again in this upcoming academic year 2015-2016.

“Make it happen!”- Marcelle Daniels, VSC Director

Had to quote her as she is a great supporter of students and an exceptional campus leader.

# *Year in Review*

## *VSC Staff and Student Assistants*

### **Kenneth Jacobs** **Student Assistant, Super Senior**



This year I must say that I loved all of our events, from our open house in 2014 to the Memorial Day observance. However, there were two events that were my top favorites, the Fall 2014 and the Spring 2015 Veterans Graduation Celebrations. I have worked at the VSC for quite some time, and I have seen many friends whom I have met through the center graduate and go on to bigger and better things, including becoming officers in the military, going to graduate school, and joining the work force. This will be my last year attending CSUSB, and the friends I have made serve as an inspiration in my final stretch in my undergraduate coursework. I look forward to my upcoming life adventures and aspire to go on to great things and inspire others as well.

### **Luca Daley** **Student Assistant, Senior**

My favorite memory from this school year is meeting a lot of new student veterans and forming genuine friendships with them. One of the things I enjoy most about working at the Veterans Success Center is that we create a welcoming environment for our patrons, and therefore, everyone is approachable and is easy to talk to. I strongly believe that the welcoming environment is the reason why our student veterans frequent the center; also, let's not forget about the free educational resources, seminars, and events that the center provides for them. I want the center to maintain our extremely welcoming environment so that our service members-turned-students can call the Veterans Success Center their second home.



### **Jordan Gallinger** **Student Assistant, Senior**



My favorite event this year would be the Marine Corps Ball. It is the perfect opportunity to help showcase the traditions of the Marine Corps to the campus and help them become more aware of what the military is beyond the general perceptions they might have. With only 175,000 active-duty Marines, concentrated in a few specific points around the world, most people never get the chance to see events like this. Seeing campus and community members come out of the event with a better understanding and appreciation of military culture is what makes this event worth it.

## *VSC Open All Summer!*

The Veterans Success Centers at Cal State San Bernardino and the Palm Desert Campus will remain open during the summer. All services, such as the computer lab and free printing, are available, so for those ambitious students enrolled in summer school, stop on by! Even if you are not enrolled in summer school, feel free to visit. The VSC and the campus as a whole will be hosting events throughout the summer!

### Palm Desert Campus VSC Hours

Monday - Thursday

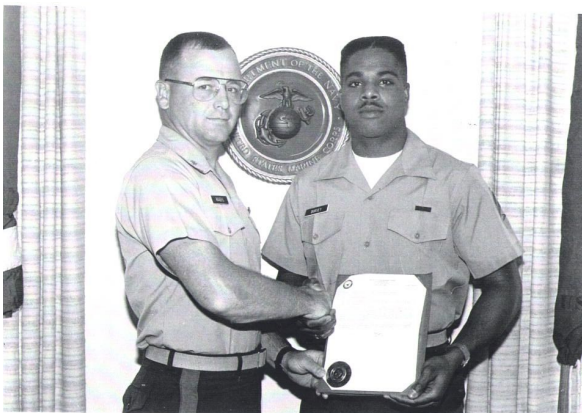
9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

### San Bernardino Campus VSC Hours

Monday - Thursday

7 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.

## *The CSUSB Vet Hunter*



As the director of the Veterans Success Center and a U.S. Army veteran, I am part of a small but extremely proud group on campus. On occasion I have the good fortune of meeting other veterans that work on campus and I thought it would be wonderful to go on a reconnaissance mission so that we could share their stories with you.

Vernon N. Dorsey, Jr. is a U.S. Marine Corps veteran and a 22-year Coyote veteran working in the paint department. Prior to working at CSUSB he was a rail car welder for more than four years.

Vernon was born and raised in a rough neighborhood in Pittsburgh, Pa. A place where most young men ended up in jail or dead. After high school, he attended Kentucky State on a football scholarship as a running back. After three and a half years, college wasn't the right road for Vernon and he decided he wanted to do something to make a difference in the world, so he joined the few, the proud, the U.S. Marine Corps. He served four years stationed at the Naval Air Station in Bermuda where he was the Sergeant of the Guard providing perimeter security for the base to protect the underwater weapons compound. His military occupational specialty was 0311 or Rifleman. "The Corps made a man out of me, taught me responsibility, honor and integrity. Part of the few that make a difference," Dorsey stated.

He met his wife Shirley while stationed in Bermuda. Shirley is the Payroll Manager at CSUSB. They have two children: Shannon, who played football like his father, and LeShay, who ran track for Fresno State University, both on scholarships. LeShay is now an administrative analyst/specialist for the department of Student Conduct and Ethical Development. The Dorsey family is creating a proud Coyote tradition of their own with three members of the family working at CSUSB. Your campus veteran family thanks you Vernon for taking such good care of our home—The Veterans Success Center. Semper Fi!



# *What VSC Event Impacted You the Most?*

***James McGuire***  
***U.S. Army Reserves***



The event that impacted me the most was the Armed Forces Day / Yellow Ribbon event. It was really cool to see different branches out there represented here at CSUSB. Seeing the different uniforms of the other branches was also pretty excellent, along with getting to talk to some of them. Even though I didn't get to stay at the event for long, it really helped me to see that any member of the military, whether active or reserve, serves a big role in our military. For these reasons, to me this was a great event that I'll always remember.

***Laura Gonzalez***  
***U.S. Navy Veteran***



I'll never forget Military Appreciation Night with the Student Veterans Organization. There was free food and prizes, and I got to see the basketball games for free. I got the privilege of meeting some awesome veterans while I sold opportunity drawing tickets. A lot of my family and friends came out to the game for support. I sold more tickets than I thought. It was overall a fun night as everyone seemed to be enjoying themselves, and I believe it was a perfect event to increase military awareness on our campus.

***Mary Williams***  
***U.S. Army Retired***



My favorite things about the VSC are the services provided by the staff, availability of the computer room for homework, projects, printing, tutoring, and assisting me in developing a roadmap for graduation. The Veterans Service Center is a wonderful place to relax between classes and meet other veterans for lunch. I greatly enjoy the camaraderie among my fellow veterans. VSC is an essential place on campus for most veterans like me who are still adjusting to life outside the military community. I am grateful to the entire staff for their advice and personal counseling on my education. I appreciate the VSC for everyone's hard work and dedication.

***Adam Miranda***  
***U.S. Marine Corps Veteran***



The Yellow Ribbon Campaign really brought me back to when I was in the military. When Mac spoke, it reminded me of my military experiences and all the people I served with. I remember the good and the bad, but mostly the camaraderie. I really enjoyed doing everything with those other Marines, and it was a bond no one who did not serve can explain. It's a different feeling than anything I have experienced, of brotherhood and sacrifice; we would do anything for each other. I really enjoyed serving with those men through the good and the bad, and that's what makes me appreciate the military and everyone who has served.

# The Inland Empire Veterans Education Collaborative



## Transferring Military Leadership Skills to the Civilian World

“A leader is one who knows the way, goes the way, and shows the way”

- John C. Maxwell

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

<u>Date:</u>	August 27, 2015
<u>Time:</u>	9 a.m. - 12 p.m.
<u>Location:</u>	California State University, San Bernardino 5500 University Parkway San Bernardino, CA 92407 John M. Pfau Library, Room 5005
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