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Have a question for the Veterans Success Center?

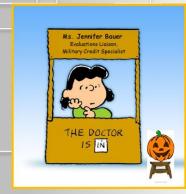
Email them to daniels@csusb.edu, call (909)537-5195/6 or visit the center located on the lower level of the Coyote Bookstore.

Welcome to the Second Edition of the Reveille!

Dear Reader,

We want to thank you for all of the positive feedback we've received on our first edition of the Reveille newsletter. The Reveille is a monthly newsletter distributed by the CSUSB Veterans Success Center, focusing on all things vet, such as events on campus, policy procedure changes and any resources tailored to the student veteran. We hope that our newsletter will keep you informed and that you participate in many of the upcoming events. Again, thank you for your continuing support!

Rangel Zarate Editor



Join Us for a Spooktacular Time!

On Halloween, Oct. 31, 2012, various CSUSB department representatives and community organizations that serve student veterans will be at the Veterans Success Center to answer your questions. The following departments and organizations will be present: Academic Advising, Evaluations, the VA Certifying Official, Financial Aid, CalVet, CUP and the VA. We will also have plenty of goodies for you to eat. So please mark this date on your calendar!!!!

*Please drop by the CSUSB Veterans Success Center on Halloween, Oct. 31, 2012





STUDENT VETERANS ORGANIZATION

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65th Air Force Birthday Celebration

The Veterans Success Center in collaboration with the AFROTC. Detachment 002 hosted the Air Force 65th Birthday Celebration on Sept. 21. The event kicked off with a screening of the movie "Red Tails," the inspiring tale of the United States' first African American fighter pilots, followed by welcoming remarks from Lt. Col. Sam Elliot, commander, CSUSB Air Force ROTC, Detachment 002, who spoke about the proud heritage of the U.S. Air Force. His remarks were followed by a flyover of piston-engine T-34s of the March Field Aero Club flown by Col. Cas Cassillas and, on his wing, Col. Tyler Trippy. After the flyover, Chaplain Mohr, California Air National Guard, provided a blessing, and the oldest and youngest airmen and Dr. Frank Rincon, VP of Student Affairs and U.S. Air Force veteran, cut the birthday cake with a ceremonial saber. The festivities were followed by a lecture from living legend Col. Hal Austin, who recounted the chilling story of his cold war RB-47E over-flight over the former USSR. Out on the Pfau Library lawn, paper airplane contests were underway for most innovative, longest in flight and best stunts. A wonderful time was had by all.



The Student Veterans Organization (SVO) at CSUSB was formed in 2009, with a mission to support all students who have served in the U.S. military, as well as dependents and other interested patriots. The club is a charter member of the national organization of the Student Veterans of America.

This growing community is run by veterans for veterans. The SVO's purpose is to: 1) ensure CSUSB veterans receive all entitled benefits; 2) provide a link to readjustment counseling services; 3) lobby at the state and federal levels for benefit increases for student veterans; 4) provide an atmosphere for social connections; and, 5) assist veterans, dependents of veterans, active duty personnel and veteran supporters to succeed academically, socially and in their chosen careers.

Congratulations to the new slate of officers!

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President	Joe Moseley									
Vice President	John Kay									
Secretary	Jennifer Iacolino									
Treasurer	Fred Cervantes									
Sargent-At-Arms	Lee Silverman									

Standing Committee Chairpersons:

Community Service	Lee Silverman
Public Relations	Dee Boyd & Sonia Rodriguez

If you are interested in joining the SVO, please contact John Kay at (909) 537-5195.



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The U.S. Navy Celebrates Its 237th Birthday

The United States Navy was officially established on Oct. 13, 1775, when the Continental Congress passed a resolution creating the Continental Navy. The Continental Navy was disbanded after the Revolutionary War. Eleven years later, however, conflicts between American shipping merchants and pirates in the Mediterranean Sea led to the Naval Act of 1794, which created the U.S. Navy. Over the course of the next 20 years, the U.S. Navy was engaged in major battles, including the War of 1812 against the British. In 1845, the Naval Academy was founded. The Navy entered into World War II after the Japanese Attack on Pearl Harbor on Dec. 7, 1941. The U.S. Navy participated in the Korean War, the Vietnam War, the Gulf War and the Iraq War. Nuclear power and ballistic missile technology led to new ship propulsion and weapon systems, which were used in the Nimitz-class Aircraft carriers and Ohio-class submarines. HERE'S TO 237 YEARS OF PROUD NAVAL HERITAGE, AND MANY MORE!

Navy Birthday Traditions

Bell Ringing Ceremony – Eight bells are used to signal the end of the watch, which represents the end of the current birthday year. The single bell (ceremonial ninth) is traditionally used to signal the start of a new watch, and represents the start of a new year, the 238th.

Get to Know Your Fellow Student Vets! Bryant Taylor, U.S. Navy Veteran

Bryant Taylor, U.S. Navy veteran and CSUSB senior, spent 14 years in the U.S. military, 18 months of which were in the California Army National Guard, prior to joining the Navy. Bryant's job in the Navy was a fire control technician and a culinary specialist. His duty stations included: submarine duty on the U.S.S. Jacksonville (SSN-699) docked at Norfolk, VA, the U.S.S. Box (LHD-4) all-purpose amphibious ship and the U.S.S. Mobile Bay (Cg-53) missile guided cruiser both home ported in San Diego, CA. While in the U.S. Navy, Bryant travelled to the following countries: Italy, France, Crete, Spain, Puerto Rico, Mexico, Guam, American and Western Samoa, Australia, Singapore, Hong Kong, Bali, Indonesia, Dubai, Bahrain, Abu Dhabi and Thailand. His favorite experience was travelling. Bryant remarked, "The best part of travelling was being introduced to new cultures, learning new views on life and meeting other Christians around the world." His funniest memory while serving in the Navy was a white water rafting trip that went haywire with a man overboard. His most memorable experience was becoming a human jungle gym for 60 orphans in Thailand. Bryant is a senior majoring in information assurance and security management and minoring in business management. He works on campus for information tech services. He is an active Coyote, belonging to the following clubs— Student Veterans Organization, Student African American Brotherhood and the Black Faculty, Student and Staff Association.



Todd Pelham, U.S. Navy Veteran

Todd Pelham, U.S. Navy Veteran and CSUSB graduate student, spent more than nine years in the Navy as an air crewman on a MH53E large helicopter. He was stationed in Corpus Christi, TX, and San Diego, CA. Todd travelled to all the continents, which included the Middle East and more than 40 countries. His funniest memory while serving in the Navy was when Todd and his fellow crewman were too young to rent cars (they needed to be 21) so they rented U-Haul trucks instead and went to Mardi Gras. His fondest memory was travelling around the globe and his most memorable experience was being one of the first responders to help evacuate people during Hurricane Katrina. Todd is a graduate student getting his master's degree in environmental science.

Future Soldier Fun Run

You may have heard a group of men and women singing cadence throughout campus on the afternoon of Sept. 25. It was the proud voices of 26 future Army soldiers from the San Bernardino U.S. Army Recruiting Center who were on campus for a fun run and to learn about all that Cal State San Bernardino has to offer. Many thanks to 1st Lt. David Majestic from the Coyote Battalion for leading the run and for his informative briefing on ROTC opportunities. We wish these future soldiers well as they depart for basic training. "HUA"!

The Army grunt HUA (Pronounced HOOAH) stands for Heard, Understood, Acknowledged.



Army ROTC Scholarships Available

CSUSB Army Reserve Officers' Training Corps (ROTC) Coyote Battalion serves the greater Inland Empire area and provides excellent hands-on training designed to build confidence and character while developing leadership skills for future success in the United States Army, Army Reserve and Army National Guard.

As a contract Army ROTC cadet, benefits may include full or partial scholarships, a monthly stipend, annual book allowances, adventure training such as airborne or air assault, schools, cultural understanding and language proficiency, work travel and so much more. Currently, Army ROTC has the following scholarships available:

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Two 2-year Active Duty Officer	Sophomores							
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Please contact 1st Lt. David Majestic at (909) 286-0113 (cell), (909) 537-5533 (office) or browse the website, <u>http://armyrotc.csusb.edu</u>, for more information.







Need Help Reading Your PAWS Report

Every student is unique and has a different scenario as far as his or her transfer work; there is no "blanket" information that covers all transfer situations. "As transfer and graduation counselors, we do have assigned duty days where we are available to students on a walk-in basis. I, however, am available any day a student veteran needs to come in and see me for assistance, whether it's my 'duty day' or not. I am more than willing to help any student, especially our veterans," said Jennifer Bauer. Should you have questions about your PAWS report or advising in general, please contact Jennifer Bauer, evaluations liaison, military credit specialist, Office of Records, Registration and Evaluations at (909) 537-3225 or e-mail jbauer@csusb.edu.

2012 Soroptimist Women's Opportunity Award

The Women's Opportunity award program assists women who provide the primary source of financial support for their families by giving them the resources they need to improve their education, skills and employment prospects. Each year, more than \$1.5 million is awarded to more than 1,000 women. Women's Opportunity Award recipients may use the award to offset any costs associated with higher education, books childcare, tuition, and transportation If you are interested in applying for this scholarship, please visit www.soroptimist.org.

Marine Corps Birthday Celebration

The student Marines of CSUSB are hosting a Marine Corps Birthday Celebration on Thursday, Nov. 8. Registration begins at 6 p.m., and the event concludes at 10 p.m. There will be an authentic Marine Corps birthday ceremony, dinner and dessert. The birthday celebration is open to all, free-of-charge. Everyone who would like to attend is encouraged to RSVP to Antonio Silva at <u>silvj318@coyote.csusb.edu</u> or Kenny Jacobs at <u>jacok301@coyote.csusb.edu</u>. Spaces are limited, so RSVP soon.



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