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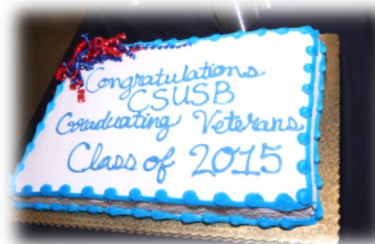


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## Congratulations Fall 2015 Student Veteran Graduates!



On Friday evening, Dec. 4, nineteen student veterans and their family members attended the Fall 2015 Student Veterans Graduation Celebration. Remarks were provided by Lt. Col. Charles Peterson, Student Veterans Organization (SVO) President Jordan Gallinger and staff sponsor of the SVO and Navy veteran Augustin Ramirez. Chaplain, Maj. David Sarmiento provided the benediction and invocation.

At the conclusion of the ceremony, the student veterans were presented with graduation regalia, which included a stole with the American flag, branch patch and CSUSB embroidered on it by Lt. Col Peterson, U.S. Air Force, Cdr. Chabot, U.S. Navy, and Capt. Little,

U.S. Army. Those graduating with a 3.0 GPA and 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 by Joe Gaede, Army veteran and field representative for state Assembly Member Cheryl R. Brown, a CSUSB alumni pin, and a branch medallion provided by the Help Hospitalized Veterans. After the ceremony, dinner and desert were served. Congratulations to all the new graduates!



**MILITARY APPRECIATION NIGHT**  
**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2016**

**TAIL GATE 4:30 - 7 P.M.**

**WOMEN TIP OFF @ 5:30 P.M.**  
**MEN TIP OFF @ 7:30 P.M.**

**AT CSUSB GOUSSOULIS ARENA**



## *Carrying Forth the Tradition at the 240th Marine Corps Ball*



The Veterans Success Center (VSC) at California State University (CSUSB) hosted the Marine Corps Birthday Celebration on Nov. 20. in honor of the Marine Corps' 240<sup>th</sup> birthday.

The U.S. Marine Corps was formed during the American Revolutionary War by a resolution of the Second Continental Congress on Nov. 10, 1775. Every year, Marines worldwide take pride and celebrate this day as the birthday of the Marine Corps by hosting a Marine Corps Ball.

CSUSB honors this tradition by bringing the culture of U.S. Marine Corps to the students as well as local community members. The Marine Corps celebration was a free event that was held in the Obershaw Dining Room in the Upper Commons. Marines, students, staff, faculty and community members gathered and watched the precision of the sword detail (Kenneth Jacobs,

Jordan Gallinger, Jeremy Vieth, Juan Hernandez, Hector Pimienta and Zachary Corrales), the preciseness of the color guard (Semper Fi Honor Detail) and the reading of General Lejeune's Message (read by 2ndLt. Eric Rebollar who was also the adjutant). "Being part of the sword detail has been an honor and a privilege for the past few years. Each year the ceremony is better and more well known throughout the community," said Jacobs, a USMC reservist, CSUSB student and Co-Chair of this year's celebration.

At the Marine Corps Birthday Celebration, CSUSB included the other branches of service in the ceremony. A member of each branch served as a representative in marching in the traditional Marine Corps birthday cake for the cake cutting ceremony (Jon Stuart, Augustin Ramirez, James McGuire and Miguel Duran) as well as the cover detail which honors each branch and those service members who have fallen (Jon Stuart, James McGuire, Miguel Duran, Johnathan Tran and Darlene Muñoz). The Marine Corps Birthday Celebration included remarks from Dr. Brian Haynes, Maj. David Sarmiento, Phil Kassel and councilmember Benito Barrios, USMC veteran.

Almost every Marine Corps Ball charges a ticket price to get in; however, the VSC puts on this event every year free of charge. Instead of an admission price, the VSC set up a donation table to raise money for student veteran scholarships. This year, \$500 was raised to help student veterans.





## *Thank you CSUSB Recreation & Wellness and Community Engagement for Supporting Our Veterans!*

On Nov. 10, 2015, Recreational Sports and the Veterans Success Center collaborated on a Veterans Day Appreciation Luncheon to honor the men and women who have served to protect our freedom. This luncheon was held at the Veterans Success Center and there were approximately 100 attendees.

Veterans, reservists, and active duty service members from around the campus came together. They paid homage to comrades that dedicated a part of their lives, and to those that sacrificed their lives to protect the freedoms we enjoy in this great nation. The luncheon started at 11:30 a.m. and free pizza and salad were provided, which was much appreciated by the veterans. The director of Recreational Sports, Mr. Rick Craig, made an appearance at the event and provided free “Honoring our Veterans” t-shirts to all student veterans that requested one. Recreational Sports has been giving out t-shirts honoring our veterans every year since 2010 and it is one of the things Mr. Craig is proud to be a part of. Mr. Craig stated, “It is a privilege to be able to serve those men and women who protect our freedoms.” These t-shirts were a huge success and within the hour the Veterans Success Center had run out and had to request more.

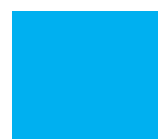
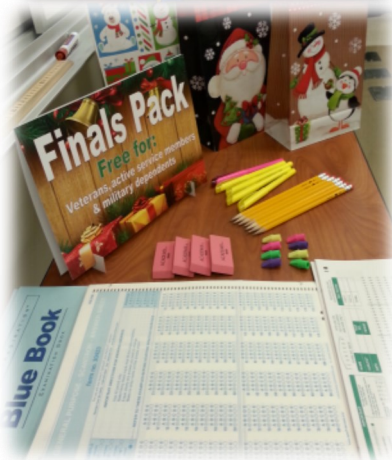
CSUSB is proud of the men and women that have protected our freedom, and we want to thank all that have served, are serving and will serve.



## ***Finals Packs, Snacks and Student Success at PDC***

Finals week can be a very stressful time for students. The PDC Veterans Success Center, however, strives to accommodate its veterans and service members. We recognize that our students have a lot of other commitments and responsibilities. Sometimes a snack or some chewing gum can make a great difference. These snacks help alleviate stress and improve concentration. As such, the PDC VSC created holiday-themed final exam packs. These packs included chips, granola bars, fruit, a small pastry, as well as chewing gum. Students were able to customize their packs by picking up their desired testing materials.

As a small campus, we also found that many of our PDC military affiliated students were enrolled or had taken the same courses. Students utilized this to their advantage, by bouncing ideas and knowledge off of one another. It was wonderful to see our service members building the strength of our center. We look forward to further assisting our students as they continue to build their lives.



## *Pentagon Opens All Combat Jobs to Women*



Lt. Shaye Haver and Capt. Kristen Griest became the first women to complete Ranger School

Defense Secretary Ashton B. Carter announced on Dec. 3 that the Pentagon has opened all combat jobs to women in the U.S. military effective 2016. They now will be able to drive tanks, fire mortars, become snipers and lead infantrymen into combat. Their role will not be limited to conventional combat arms occupations either. "They'll be allowed to serve as Army Rangers, Green Berets, Navy SEALs, Air Force PJs and Marine Corps infantry," stated Mr. Carter.

The military faced a deadline set by the Obama administration three years ago to fully integrate combat jobs in the U.S. military or ask for specific exemptions. The Navy and Air Force have already opened all combat jobs to women, with the Army following suit. The announcement was a rebuke to the Marine Corps, which requested an exemption for infantry and armor positions, citing a yearlong study that showed integration could hurt its fighting ability. "When I became secretary of defense, I made a commitment to building America's force of the future. In the 21st century that requires drawing strength from the broadest possible pool of talent. This includes women," Mr. Carter told reporters.

(source: NYTimes.com)



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



The Veterans Success Center hosted an annual Thanksgiving Luncheon on Nov. 26. The traditional Thanksgiving lunch was sponsored by the Alaska USA Foundation. 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 each other's company. Jordan Gallinger, the SVO president, along with the SVO members made sure that fellow veterans and cadets were aware of the Thanksgiving Lunch so they could celebrate it with their families and they also passed out bags.

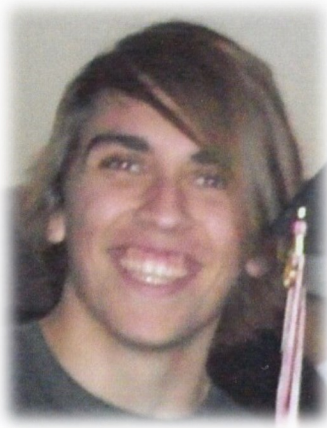


Many thanks to the Daughters of the American Revolution for their generous support of the food baskets and Alaska USA Foundation for their support of the luncheon.



# *What Are Your Plans For Winter Break?*

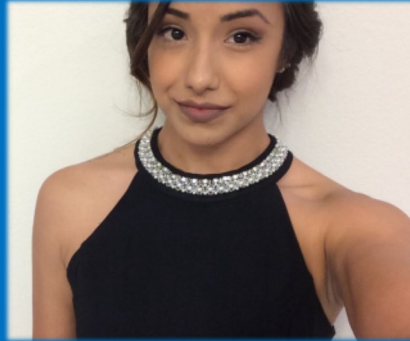
**James McGuire**  
**U.S. Army Reserves**



I plan to work, relax and go shooting as much as possible. I'm going to try to spend time with family and friends before school starts again. I don't have much planned for Christmas; just going to wing it this year and make the best out of it. My other focus is to get physically fit and work out

at the gym a lot. Now that school is out I'll have more time and if I make my schedule now, I will be able to stick to it when the quarter starts. Hopefully, I can accomplish all of these goals. If all goes well then it should be a good end of the year.

**Darlene Muñoz**  
**U.S. Army Reserves & ROTC Cadet**



My plans for winter break are to hangout with my battle buddy from Basic Training at Fort Jackson, South Carolina. I haven't seen her in a couple years so I am very excited to hang out with her and go to all the Southern California spots with her.

That will take up a majority of my winter break as she'll be here for about two and a half weeks. Other than that I just plan to spend time with my mom, dad and big brother during Christmas and hang out with my girlfriends during New Years. My little brother will be coming down from North Dakota to join us so I am excited about that too! Oh and I also started working at Sushi Tomo down the street from campus as a waitress so stop by and say hi!

**Demetrick Heard**  
**USMC Officer Candidate**



OCS prep is going to be my main priority this winter break, as the Captain has a lot in store for us candidates during our time off from school. The first thing that is going to come up is the pool-wide hike that will occur the first week of break, which I am extremely excited about. I go up for the selection board in March, and if I get

selected I will ship out in May to attend the 10-week Officer Candidate Course. I also plan on spending much time with my family and lady as well. I'm thankful for the support that the Veterans Success Center shows our veterans and I want to carry that same energy with me once I join.

**Rheanna Brown**  
**U.S. Army Retired**



First for winter break I plan to allow my brain to recover from finals. Afterwards, I am going to clean my house. Then when my son is on break, I am planning a trip to the Griffith Observatory and the tar pits in Los Angeles. For family fun day, which will be before Christmas I am

going to decorate and go to Riverside to see the Riverside Festival of Lights. I also plan to spend lots of time with family. Which would include cooking out and sitting by a bonfire at my sister's house and watching football.