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My Armed Forces Day Experience

Andy Park, VSC Student Assistant

The Veterans Success Center at CSUSB San Bernardino campus hosted the Armed Forces Day-Yellow Ribbon Campaign on May 18. The event was a huge success with diverse programs and showcases demonstrating the high technology levels of all the forces, and the spirit of unity and teamwork among service members. The highlight of the event was the Golden Knights. The Army Parachute Team made excellent landings on the target without a hitch despite the windy conditions. For the Yellow Ribbon Campaign, various campus departments to student organizations and volunteers gathered on the library lawn with the sole wish and hope for safety and the wellness of military members deployed around the globe. The decorated trees brought awareness and appreciation for our fighting forces by reminding us of the importance of national defense and peacekeeping.
I have never looked at Memorial Day the same ever since I started working at the Veterans Success Center. Before working at the VSC, Memorial Day to me was just another day off or what some people call a three-day weekend. I never stopped to think about the meaning of it. Also, I was one of those people that get Veterans Day confused with Memorial Day.

On May 25, the CSUSB Memorial Day Ceremony was held on the Pfau Library Lawn. That is where I learned that Memorial Day is more than just a three-day weekend. Its purpose is for us to remember all those American service members who have passed away. It is because of their commitment and loyalty to this nation that we enjoy freedom and democracy here. I am glad that we are able to hold these types of events here at CSUSB and the Palm Desert Campus because as I was once confused about the meaning of Memorial Day, there are still students who are also lost when it comes to the meaning of this special day.

The Veterans Success Center took about 20 students to the Riverside National Cemetery to place flags and flowers on the graves of the fallen service members. The expressions on the students’ faces were remarkable; we were happy that we were able to remember what sacrifices Americans have made for our freedom. Students were able to look at how many graves there are at the cemetery and reflect on one question: Is freedom free? And the answer is “no”, freedom comes with a price and at times the life of a human. That is why we title our event here at CSUSB, “Remembering the Sacrifice.” We at CSUSB will always remember.
The Ever-growing VSC

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. Please do not hesitate to contact me at jordangallinger@gmail.com if you are interested in joining or for more information.

- Jordan Gallinger, President, Student Veterans Organization

SVO Recruiting Interested Students

On June 3, three student veterans were awarded scholarships at the College of Business and Public Administration’s 43rd Annual Student Awards Ceremony. The ceremony recognizes outstanding students who are graduating, scholarship recipients and donors.

Mark K. Bramble was awarded the Poma Family Business Scholarship. Bramble remarked, “I am the first person in my family to go to college. When I was 21, I joined the Air Force and served on active duty for three years. After completing my active duty commitment, I enlisted in the Air National Guard, where I served for addition six years.” Bramble was a double major, earning a B.A. in Business Administration with a concentration in entrepreneurialism and a B.S. in career and technical studies. His long-term career goal is to become an entrepreneur.

Michael Kampbell, U.S. Air Force veteran and current Air Force ROTC cadet, was awarded the Business Access and Opportunity Scholarship. Kampbell described how he received the scholarship, “After writing an essay, I was chosen by dedicated professors and staff in the College of Business and Public Administration. I met all of the criteria for the award and received $1,149 towards my education. My success has been made possible only by the help of my mentors, supporters and loved ones. I am extremely grateful for all of the opportunities I have and will receive in the future.” Upon graduation, Kampbell will be commissioned as a second lieutenant in the U.S. Air Force where he hopes to fly jets.

Double award winner Jacey Murphy, U.S. Navy veteran, received the David Montano Memorial Scholarship and the Empire APICS Scholarship during the event. Murphy was a Second Class Petty Officer and was accepted into the Navy’s BOOST program, which provides an opportunity for enlisted seamen to become naval officers. Murphy’s long-term career goal is obtaining an operations management position at a Home Depot distribution center.

Congratulations to Mark, Michael and Jacey on receiving such prestigious scholarships and we wish you much success on your future endeavors.

Student Veterans Receive Prestigious Scholarship Awards

Mark Bramble (L) and Michael Kampbell (R) Received their scholarships Monday - Thursday (campus closed Friday’s) 7 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.

VSC Summer Hours

Monday - Thursday (campus closed Friday’s) 7 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.
Veterans Success Center at CSUSB PDC, hosted an Armed Forces Day/Yellow Ribbon Campaign on May 17, 2016. The event gave honor to those who are serving in the military, more specifically the deployed troops. The event provided an experience that will never be forgotten. Military life is not easy, and we need to appreciate and support those serving our country and protecting our way of life. Timothy Castro, a fellow student assistant at the Palm Desert Campus VSC, presented the opening remarks for the Yellow Ribbon Campaign, and the welcoming remarks were delivered by Dr. Sharon Brown-Welty. There was also a T-34 Flyover and decoration of trees, which a copious amount of students, faculty, and community members participated in. The trees were wonderfully decorated. Refreshments were also provided for those who participated. Thank you for all those who supported and participated in the event.

Memorial Day: Remembering the Sacrifice

On May 27, the Veterans Success Center at the CSUSB PDC campus paid tribute to fallen service members in observance of Memorial Day. The ceremony started with welcoming remarks by Dr. Sharon Brown-Welty, dean, CSUSB Palm Desert Campus, and presentation of the colors by the Desert Hot Springs High School Marine Corps JROTC. Col. Hal J. Sellers presented the keynote address and U.S. Navy Chaplain, Lt. Cmndr. Paul Armstrong provided a moment of reflection. Then, the ceremony proceeded with the flag folding ceremony by the JROTC, and a 21-gun salute by the American Legion Post 519 Palm Springs. We are also grateful to have had retired U.S. Marine Corps Gunnery Sergeant Joel Daniels, play “Amazing Grace” on the bagpipes at the end of the ceremony. It was indeed an amazing ceremony and a blessing to have everyone gathered to honor our fallen heroes. After the ceremony, refreshments were provided to the participants inside the Palm Desert Health Sciences Building, where everyone socialized and enjoyed themselves.

Professors Receive Honors

Dr. Joseph Scarcella, professor, career and technical education, College of Education and U.S. Navy Veteran, was recently named a recipient of the inaugural Entrepreneurship Faculty Fellows Program. “Launched by the CBPA’s Inland Empire Center for Entrepreneurship (IECE), the year-long fellowship will support faculty from across the university who are interested in integrating an entrepreneurial mindset and related approaches into their specific disciplines through curriculum development, teaching, research or outreach activities.” In addition to being a prior U.S. Naval officer, Dr. Scarcella is the faculty advisor for the Student Veterans Organization at CSUSB.

Dr. Kevin Grisham, U.S. Army veteran and assistant professor of geography and environmental studies, and faculty advisor to the award-winning CSUSB Model United Nations and Model Arab League teams, has been named the CSUSB 2015-2016 Outstanding Faculty Advisor.
Kenneth Jacobs
U.S. Marine Corps Veteran, VSC Student Assistant Legend

This summer I plan on finally doing something my parents and those close to me can be proud of: I will be graduating with a B.S. in biology and B.A. in philosophy. After receiving my diplomas, I plan on applying to graduate schools across the country to begin a Ph.D. program in plant pathology in the fall of next year. Between graduating and graduate school I will be enlisting in the AmeriCorps workforce bettering a small section of the United States. If there is any downtime between these plans you can be sure that I will be catching up on all the sleep I missed out on the past few years while in college. Since this may be my last entry in The Reveille I want to thank everyone who has helped me get to this high point in my life: My mom and Tony, my dad and Renee, Marci and James Daniels, Jaime Espinoza, Dr. Rhoads, Dr. Naticchia, Bryant Fairley, Darcie and Jim Tossetti, Dr. Owerkowicz, Luca Daley, Reuben Perales, and all my other family and friends (you know who you are).

Sean Maddux
U.S. Marine Corps Officer Candidate

This summer, I will be traveling a lot. Right after finals I am flying out to Missouri to visit a friend out there. The main part of my summer will be spent at Officer Candidate School in Quantico, Va. for the Marine Corps. This is my last summer that I will need to attend Officer Candidate School before I am eligible for my commission as a Lieutenant in the Marines. I will be training for the majority of summer. Once I get home, I will have roughly three weeks before school starts in the fall.

Yajaira Trejo
Army National Guard Member

This summer, I plan on taking advantage of California's beaches. I plan on visiting the beaches I haven't been to. For example, Santa Monica, Malibu, and Manhattan Beach are some to check off for the summer. The beach is the perfect place to be for summer. The beach for me is a place where I read many of my favorite books and also where all of my inspirations and hopes spring up. If time allows, I would like to go on a road trip up the west coast, setting up camp on the beaches along the way. All in all, I'm looking forward to those bright sunny days and warm summer nights alone with my friends and family.

Andy Park
Republic of Korea Air Force Reserve

Hello everyone! I have served in ROKAF HQ Command Post as a Staff Sergeant and my main duties included writing reports and preparing meetings for the president and other department heads. I can’t wait to welcome my summer vacation with a good combination of summer classes and work. I am planning to go to beautiful beaches and cool lakes deep in the mountains with friends and probably fly over to Texas to meet some of my good old friends, and enjoy the full-size meals and hang out in the Hurricane! I will also be there for fellow students visiting the VSC during the summer. Although the campus will be open Monday through Thursday, I will always be glad to welcome students paying a visit for class prep, socializing, and event attendance.