BREAKING NEWS:

MILITARY, VETERAN AND DEPENDENT LOUNGE

GRAND OPENING

Join President and Mrs. Ellis, the Student Union, and MVP for the dedication and ribbon-cutting for the New Stars and Stripes Military, Veteran, and Family Lounge in the TTU Student Union. It will serve as a place for our campus community to come together and celebrate the men and women and their families who have served our country.

When: January 27, 2014  1530-1700
Where: Lower Level, West Student Union (Next to Pool Table Area)

Special points of interest:

- After you have enrolled in classes or made any changes to your schedule, come to the MVP Office to complete certification of benefits.
- The MVP office is located in 147 Drane Hall.

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MENTOR VET

Are you a veteran that would like to have a current Texas Tech University Faculty or Staff Member who is also a veteran as a member? Members of the newly formed Faculty and Staff Veterans Organization have volunteered to serve as mentors. If you are interested, please email ryan.van-dusen@ttu.edu with following information:

1. Name
2. Branch of Service
3. Major
4. What you are looking for in a mentor.

The Mission Continues, a national service organization that awards community service Fellowships to post 9/11 veterans. This program empowers military veterans to serve others and to make an impact in their community. Fellows serve at a non-profit of their choice for six months addressing issues that they are passionate about and making a difference in their community. Each Fellow is compensated for their Fellowship and is given guidance on how to develop their professional network, organize community service projects, and moves their military leadership skills into becoming civic leaders. This program is ideal for military veterans who are in college or are looking into non-profit organizations as a career path.

Fellows spend six months, 20 hours a week, working with a non-profit organization as a community leader. This can be any non-profit in area. Former Fellows have worked at The American Red Cross, local VA's, homeless shelters, and conservation projects. Fellows will also work with The Mission Continues on a curriculum that will help them succeed in their transition from military leadership to community leadership. Fellows do receive a stipend during this time period. Learn more here.
As you are all aware, the movie “Lone Survivor” was just released. What you may not know is that The Lone Survivor Foundation is a non-profit organization based in Texas that provides retreats to help families transition back to civilian and family life. Please review the website and the attached flyer to determine if you and/or your family are eligible to participate in a free retreat.

Their mission is as follows: **The Lone Survivor Foundation restores, empowers, and renews hope for our wounded service members and their families through health, wellness, and therapeutic support.**

http://lonesurvivorfoundation.org/

**JOB OPPORTUNITY**

Convergys Corporation (NYSE: CVG), a global leader in customer management, is looking for highly motivated individuals to handle inbound calls from customers. Interested candidates can visit the Convergys Lubbock contact center at 3701 West Loop 289 Lubbock, TX 79407, or apply online at www.careers.convergys.com. Potential employees must have exemplary customer service and communication skills, proficient computer literacy, and a passion for new technologies. Working at Convergys as a customer service representative may serve as a great stepping stone to a career in operations management, recruitment, or training. In fact, more than 70 percent of Convergys’ customer service managers began their careers as agents, and we are known for the internal promotion of our employees. As we are a worldwide company with over 82,000 employees, opportunities exist around the globe, in locations such as India and the Philippines.

Convergys and our clients benefit from the exceptional work ethic and commitment to providing exemplary service that is consistently demonstrated by military service veterans and their spouses. Convergys offers employment opportunities, which can be a great fit for veterans, active military personnel who are making the transition from service to civilian life, and military spouses who need a portable career option that can transfer from base to base.
ATTENTION: PSYCHOLOGY MAJORS!

Research Assistant Announcement

The Suicide and Depression Research Lab in the Department of Psychology is currently looking for a research assistant. Requirements for the position include: GPA of 3.5 or higher, completion of research methods, enrollment in psy 4000 credit (i.e., individual studies – to be added after acceptance into the lab), a 10 hour per week research commitment, attending lab meetings, and an interest in psychological research. The research duties will include, but are not limited to, helping prepare research packets, helping with recruitment, data entry, and helping with participant data collection.

The goal of one of the research projects for which you are being recruited is related to trauma exposure and suicide among service members. For the first time in history, the national rate of suicide among service members is twice as high as the civilian suicide rate. We hope that the current research will help to inform the literature and facilitate additional research aimed at reducing suicide rates among service members. Further, we feel it is imperative to have a service member affiliated with this project. Thus, we hope that you will consider applying for the research assistant position.

If you are interested in becoming a research assistant for the Suicide and Depression Research Lab, please contact Erin Poindexter at e.poindexter@ttu.edu
CHILDREN OF FALLEN PATRIOTS FOUNDATION

Our mission is to provide college scholarships to military children who have lost a parent in the line of duty.

If you think you may be eligible for their scholarship, contact:

http://www.fallenpatriots.org/

For Lubbock-area military veterans and their spouses/partners: a FREE weekly workshop focusing on communication of military experience through digital photography. The workshop is led by photographer and Army veteran Tif Holmes (http://tifholmes.com/) with additional support by Matthew Jordan, Yoga Bean owner and mental health professional (http://www.yoga-bean.com/).

DATE: Tuesday, January 21, 2014, and each Tuesday thereafter.

LOCATION: Yoga Bean, 3135 34th Street

https://www.facebook.com/events/411012412335117/
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Mission
Military & Veterans Programs is here to assist veterans and their families in achieving academic and personal success.

Vision
Our vision is to be the university of choice for military personnel, veterans, and their families. Military & Veterans programs will assist the students it serves in a seamless transition from military to civilian life, support and encourage campus and community engagement, and help provide a positive experience through degree completion and on to a successful future.

VALENTINES FOR VETERANS!

Join us for a FUN event!

What: Valentines for Veterans (and Odyssey Hospice Patients)
When: Wednesday, February 5th from 1:00 – 2:30pm
Where: Carillon House, 4th floor

Come make Valentines for some very special folks! Odyssey will provide all the materials to make Valentine cards. We look forward to hearing from you!

Thank you for your RSVP by Friday, January 31st.

RSVP to katherine.mclamore@vistacare.com