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April 2022 Newsletter

The Vet Hammer Announcements

- Please join the Veteran Center and the STIL office on **Friday, April 8th at 2:00pm** for a **BBQ** on the library quad! **Free hot dogs, treats, and games to play.** We are also looking for some people to help out with the event, to help spread awareness of the SVA and the Veteran Center. Please stop in the office if you would like to help out.
- Don't forget our **BIG SPRING FLING PICNIC!** See the flyer in the upper right. **Please RSVP** so we can get enough food. We will have **several awesome drawings to go towards creating military connected scholarships for our students!** There will also be **family friendly** activities so we hope to see you all there!
- The **week prior to finals (18th-21th)** we will have **food each day in the Veterans' Lounge!** Come grab some grub and take a breather from finals prep! **Monday-Chili, Tuesday-Tacos, Wednesday-Hot Dogs and Thursday-Soup!**
- **Congratulations to any of our military connected students graduating!** Please come into the office and **grab a cord** to identify you as Military-Connected during commencement exercises.
- Don't forget **Fall 2022 registration has begun!**
- Finally, **please schedule your VA Peer Mentor Meetings** with your assigned peer. This is a quick meeting to provide support, resources and check on your needs! **If you don't meet with your mentor before the end of the semester, a hold is placed on your account** preventing your future semester certifications.

Military Connected Student of the Month

Our military connected student of the month for April is....Doug Dean!

Hometown: Fresno, CA

Branch of service and anything you'd like to share about your time in service: United States Marine Corps. I was a heavy equipment Operator with 8th ESB, was able to work a joint task force in Rio Grande Valley, TX building operable roads for border patrol. After two years of operating, I became a Civil Affairs NCO, and deployed with 2nd Battalion 8th Marines to Romania on a Black Sea Rotation.

Hobbies: In my free time I enjoy anything outdoors. I will either be camping, hiking, trail running, dirt bike riding, or snowboarding in the winter. I just began canyoneering and attempting to rock climb. If I'm not outside, I'm just hanging out with my new puppy Rip.

Date attendance began at SUU: I began at SUU May of 2020.

What are you studying and why: I am currently studying Psychology. I want to eventually become a recreational therapist/counselor for veterans and first responders. From first hand experience serving and having lots of family in law enforcement, I have seen first hand the difficulties faced, and the limited amount of resources available to help those serving, so I hope to bring an alternative avenue of care.

Plans after college: Once finished with my bachelors degree, I will pursue a graduate degree in recreational therapy. And in my dream position I will start an adventure wellness camp.

Community service/programs: I volunteer at a few animal shelters/rescues. When possible I will be a part of Soul Dog animal rescue, and Best Friends Animal Sanctuary.

Any advice for future students: Work hard and stay humble, you aren't owed anything, and your actions will always speak louder than words. Make sure to take time for yourself. It is very easy to get sucked into the craziness of navigating school and the current world and lose your way, so take that break, get outside and do something cool or new.



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JOIN THE VETERAN RESOURCE AND SUPPORT CENTER FOR OUR

SPRING FLING PICNIC!

April 22, 2022 from 3:00 PM to 6:00PM
Ann J. Gardner Canyon Park, West Side
(151 South 400 East is the turn for the parking lot)
Sandwiches, salads and pie served at 4:30! Activities for
adults and children including a bounce house and
drawings! Bring a blanket or chairs and have a great time!

PLEASE
RSVP
HERE:



IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS
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Upcoming Events

April 5, 2022

- Last Day to Withdraw from Individual Courses with W: 2nd Session, Aviation A8 Session

April 6, 2022

- Fall 2022 Advanced Freshmen Registration Begins (8 AM)
- Last Day to Add without Signature: Aviation A5 Session

April 8, 2022

- 100% Refund Deadline, Last Day to Add, Last Day to Change to Audit, Last Day to Drop without W: Aviation A5 Session

April 18, 2022

- Last Day to Withdraw from Individual Courses with W: Aviation A5 Session

April 22, 2022

- Last Day to Withdraw from All Courses with W: 2nd Session, Aviation A6 Session, Aviation A8 Session, Full Session

April 25-28, 2022

- Spring 2022 Final Exams
- Spring 2022 Term Ends (End of Full, 2nd, Aviation A1, Aviation A5, Aviation A6, & Aviation A8 Sessions)

April 29, 2022

- Commencement 2022

Get Involved



SUU Student Veterans of America

Looking for new cabinet and student members! Contact or stop by our office to find out how to join and get involved!