Happy Spring quarter, everyone!

A brand new quarter means exciting new opportunities and events with the Veterans Success Center and Student Veterans Organization. Staying updated and involved with the community of veterans, dependents, and supporters on campus is a rewarding and worthwhile way to spend the Spring quarter.

**Reflections from March**

**Student Veterans Organization Meeting**
On March 4th, we had a great SVO Meeting! Special Guest Abraham De La Rosa from Supportive Services for Veteran Families spoke at the meeting. SSVF works on providing housing and services for veterans in San Luis Obispo. The Club is going to try to volunteer with them sometime this quarter. SSVF finds the homeless veterans and provides them with housing, legal, and financial assistance to try to get the veterans back on their feet. If you are interested in personally getting involved with SSVF, you can call Abraham De La Rosa at (805) 503-0615 or email him at edelarosa@capslo.org

**Flying for the Air Force**
Adrian Herrera came and set up a booth in the UU to recruit people to fly for the Air Force. The Air Force currently has an amazing deal for people training to be pilots: the Air Force is going to be paying people to go to school if they commit to serving after college, and time spent in college will also count towards their active duty. They’re looking for Electrical Engineering and Computer Engineering majors, especially. There is a flyer in the VSC if anyone is interested.
U.S. Army Field Band Concert
Cal Poly had the privilege of hosting the U.S. Army Field Band on March 4th, and veterans and their families were able to get tickets for free! Everette Brooks, Veterans Success Center Coordinator, attended the concert and said it was very enjoyable.

Upcoming Events

SVO Upcoming Meetings
These are the dates for the Student Veterans Organization Meetings this quarter. Each meeting is held in the Veterans Success Center (Building 52, Room E4) on Thursday from 11am-12pm. Put these dates on your calendar! We hope to see you all there!

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Farmer’s Market and Open House Club Showcase: Get your SVO T-Shirt!
The Student Veterans Organization will have a booth at both Farmer’s Market and the Cal Poly Open House Club Showcase! We will be selling our SVO t-shirts at both events for $15. Farmer’s Market is April 14th from 6pm-9pm, and the Club Showcase is all day on Saturday the 16th. We will be sending out sign-ups for those who are interested in volunteering at either of these events. Stay tuned!
Next Veterans Success Team Meeting
Our next VST Meeting will be April 6th in UU 216 at 2:00pm. Thank you to those of you who support the Veterans Success Center!

An Evening of Green and Gold
The Veterans Success Center has been invited by Athletics to be featured in Cal Poly’s annual banquet and reception, “An Evening of Green and Gold.” This event will host over 600 of Cal Poly’s leading donors and volunteers, and the VSC will have a booth set up there. This is an exciting opportunity to network with many important people. The event will be held on May 6th from 4pm-9pm. If you are interested in volunteering at the Veterans Success Center booth at this event for any amount of time, please email us at veteranscenter@calpoly.edu.

Current Events
Cal Poly Pride Month
In celebration of Cal Poly Pride Month, we’d like to recognize Eric Fanning (pictured below), who is currently a leading nominee for the role of U.S. Army Secretary. Last month, a senate committee unanimously approved Fanning’s nomination, putting Fanning one step closer to being the first openly gay leader of any military branch in the U.S. New York Congressman Sean Patrick Maloney said that Fanning is not only “the most qualified, but he [also] will ensure all our service members are treated equal regardless of who they are or who they love.”

Arab-American Heritage Month
April is Arab-American Month, and the Cal Poly Veterans Success Center would like to thank the Arab-Americans who serve and have served in the U.S. Military. Highly ranking government officials have described Arab-Americans as highly valued members of the U.S. military because of their important linguistic skills and their understanding of Middle Eastern cultures. Thank you for your service.
April is a great month to explore SLO!

Closing Thoughts

A Word from our SVO Vice President, Ariel Crisostomo:

Celebrating one year since the Grand Opening of our Veterans Success Center, I just want to extend our gratitude, not only for your service to our country, but for your presence and actions as part of this community. I can’t pretend to know what many of you have experienced—I only know how military service has affected my family. But it’s really humbling to be reminded that there are greater matters out there than how long the line is at Starbucks, how many likes a photo on social media will get, or even how bad a score is on a midterm. You all being here to represent and show support for all Cal Poly veterans and setting the groundwork for the future veterans that come to this school is truly monumental.

I am truly inspired by your stories, your light-hearted jokes, your dreams and your aspirations. And I just want to encourage you with a reminder that you are given these opportunities and tools because you are capable of making the most out of them. You all have something to contribute; all that’s left to do is go.

Quote of the Month

This month’s quote was submitted by Jose Alvarez, a Cal Poly Marine Corps Veteran:

*I can’t change the direction of the wind, but I can adjust my sails to always reach my destination.*

- Jimmy Dean

If you would like to submit a quote for next month’s newsletter, please do so at http://goo.gl/forms/pQsKCE2dGu