Week 9! Can you believe it? The quarter is drawing to a close. Along with constant studying, dead week, and finals week, there are some things we are looking forward to this month. Stay posted!

**Reflections from February**

**Student Veterans Organization Meetings**

This month, we had two speakers at our SVO meetings:

- **Kelley Reszetylo**, here to speak on behalf of the American Red Cross. She told us about the Red Cross Reconnection Workshops. These workshops are used to teach anyone connected to the military about stressors that military service members face when they come home after their service. The goal is to open up conversation and build relationships among service members and their supporters. For more information, contact Kelley at kelley.reszetylo@redcross.org, or visit [www.redcross.org](http://www.redcross.org).

- **Col. John Whitworth**, a Retired USMC Vietnam veteran and successful businessman, came to speak to us about his experiences in the Marines and his passion for helping veterans. He is here to assist and be a resource to our veterans to make sure they get help finding jobs, identifying scholarships, getting career counseling, etc. If you are a veteran or dependent who is looking for jobs, internships, or scholarships, please feel free to contact Mr. Whitworth at [corpsclassics84@gmail.com](mailto:corpsclassics84@gmail.com).

**Congratulations to our Own, Haley Ehlers!**

Congratulations to VSC Graduate Student Assistant, Haley Ehlers (pictured left), for placing 3rd on the Cal Poly Triathlon Team at the Tritonman Race, hosted at UC San Diego. She also placed 39th out of 163 participants. You rock, Haley!
Hike to Serenity Swing

We had a fantastic, beautiful hike to Serenity Swing at the beginning of February! About 20 veterans, dependents, and supporters attended. We hope to do more social events like this one in the future.

Upcoming Events

SVO Meetings this Month
Put these dates for March SVO meetings in your calendar!

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Date</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>March 3rd</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>March 17th</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Range Night Social
Due to the availability that people expressed at the last SVO meeting, at the beginning of Spring quarter, we are going to organize an SVO social event at a local shooting range! Any experience is welcome; we will have instructors with the group at all times. Stay tuned for more details!

2016 T-Shirt Design Selected!
We have selected and sent in the design for this year’s SVO t-shirt! This design will be on the back. The shirts will come in this much, and SVO club members will be able to buy them for a discounted price! We will also be selling them at Open House.
Open House
This year at Open House, we will be partnering with ROTC to celebrate ROTC’s 100th anniversary in the U.S. We’d like to invite all veterans and ROTC or veteran Alumni back to campus for that weekend to take part in the festivities. The SVO will also have a booth at the Open House Club Showcase, and we will need your help running it. Open House this year will be April 15th-17th, so put it on your radar!

Happy Women’s History Month!
To celebrate Women’s History Month, we’d like to highlight two women who have made military history in the past year: Capt. Kristen Griest and 1st Lt. Shaye Haver (pictured left). These two women successfully completed the Army's elite Ranger School, one of the toughest combat training courses in the world. These women are an amazing, inspiring example for all of us!

Closing Thoughts
A Word from our VSC Director, Everette Brooks:
“You can get fired from a job, but you cannot get fired from your gift... so find your gift, and you will always have work.” Finding my gift was one of the most inspirational and awakening moments of my life. As flowers bloom in the spring, they represent God’s gift to the world. I find my gift in interactions with others. It’s not the job – it’s the people I work with. My gift is helping others grow, just like flowers in the spring. So this March, take a moment to think about what your gift is – I guarantee you have them. If you need help finding it, come on in to the Center; we can sit down and have a cup of coffee, Keurig style, and figure it out together.

Quote of the Month
This month, we have some words of wisdom from Mr. Michael Alcorn, a Navy Veteran and recruiter for the Navy.

“If you want to make a difference in your LIFE, set a plan to have a successful future.”

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

Questions?

- Contact Everette Brooks, Veteran Success Center Coordinator, Assistant Director of Student Clubs and Organizations ebrooks@calpoly.edu
- Contact Bryan Cochran, Student Veterans Organization President bcochr01@calpoly.edu
- Contact our friendly Veterans Success Center Staff Members! veteranscenter@calpoly.edu