The quarter is already halfway over, and midterms are well underway! Need a break from all that studying? Brew some coffee, pop some popcorn, sit down, and enjoy this month’s newsletter! Stay updated on all of the current and upcoming events with the Veterans Success Center this month.

Reflections from April

On April 7th, we had a great SVO Meeting! Special Guest Kay Wade, Veteran Financial Coach, from the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau spoke at the meeting. The Bureau provides free special financial coaching for veterans all over the country. If you are interested in this resource, you can call Kay Wade at (805) 614-6781 or email her at KWade@afsc.com.

Farmer’s Market/Open House Club Showcase

On April 14th and 16th, the Student Veterans Organization ran a booth at both Farmer’s Market and the Cal Poly Open House Club Showcase! We welcomed prospective student veterans and dependents and sold our SVO t-shirts.
ROTC 100th Anniversary Celebration
ROTC celebrated its 100th Anniversary here at Cal Poly Campus on Saturday, April 16th. Grand Marshall Col. Joe Righello kicked off the celebration by leading Cal Poly Open House’s Poly Royal Parade. The Veterans Success Center took part in planning the day’s events, including a static display and rappel demonstrations.

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!

| Thursday May 5th |
| Thursday May 19th |

CAPSLO Homeless Veterans Outreach Event
The Student Veterans Organization will be volunteering with CAPSLO to help identify homeless veterans in the San Luis Obispo community. The event will be held on Friday, April 29th from 8am-12pm.

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 to 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.

QL+ Information Fair
The Student Veterans Organization is collaborating with the Quality of Life Plus Club to share information about the clubs and available resources and to write thank-you letters to community members. The information fair will be on Thursday, May 26th from 11am-1pm. QL+ is also currently seeking veterans with any sort of physical disability to help provide solutions for. If you would like to volunteer at the booth event or know of anyone who would like to become a challenger for QL+, please contact Ariel Crisostomo at the Veterans Success Center at acrisost@calpoly.edu.
Current Events

Thank you for everything, Everette Brooks!
This month, we are saying a bittersweet goodbye to Everette Brooks, our Veterans Success Center Coordinator and Student Veterans Organization Adviser, who is retiring from Cal Poly. Everette has done so much for the Veterans Success Center; he helped develop the idea for the center, and had the perseverance and passion to make sure that his ideas became a reality last April. Under Everette’s supervision, Cal Poly has been ranked the 10th Best College for Veterans in the West by U.S. News and World Report. Without Everette’s vision and hard work, we may have never seen the Veterans Success Center to fruition. Thank you so much, Everette; you will be missed greatly here at Cal Poly!

Military Appreciation and Mental Health Awareness Month
May is both Military Appreciation Month and Mental Health Awareness Month, so in honor of these two topics, we’d like to highlight a community organization that is working with both! Operation Surf is an organization with a chapter right here on the central coast. The goal of Operation Surf is to teach wounded veterans how to surf while also providing them with an opportunity to build fellowship with fellow veterans and build a new understanding of their own personal potential. If you are a veteran who interested in getting involved with Operation Surf, you can contact our SVO president Bryan Cochran at bcochr01@calpoly.edu.

Closing Thoughts

Quote of the Month, submitted by Everette Brooks:

“The PRICE OF ANYTHING IS THE AMOUNT OF LIFE YOU EXCHANGE FOR IT.”
—Henry David Thoreau

Questions?

- Contact Bryan Cochran, Student Veterans Organization President bcochr01@calpoly.edu
- Contact our friendly Veterans Success Center Staff Members! veteranscenter@calpoly.edu

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