

Mission Possible: Ball State's Student Veteran Newsletter

Ball State University

Upcoming Dates

- September 24th @ 12:00– Army vs. Ball State Football Tailgate
- September 27th @ 11:30 AM– Mid-semester Meeting for all Student Veterans
- October 10– Begin course request for Spring semester
- October 17-18– Fall Break (No classes)
- October 26– Course Withdrawal Period ends
- November 1– Last day for Course Request
- November 23-27– Thanksgiving Break

5 Questions With....

Justin Krowel

- 1. Military Affiliation:** USA Army-101st Airborne 194 MPCO
- 2. Major:** Sociology
- 3. Fun Fact:** I love to cook
- 4. Advice to other student veterans:** Have fun while at school and join a club
- 5. Military Experience:** I have picture of myself sitting in Saddam's gold chair in his palace! I took after a mission in Baghdad.

Student Veteran Orientation Day Welcomes New Veterans to BSU!

In anticipation of the arrival of 74 new student veterans to Ball State's campus, faculty, staff, and current student veterans planned the first annual Student Veteran Orientation Day. Student Veteran Orientation Day consisted of numerous activities to allow student veterans and family members to become acquainted with one another.

One of the main activities of the day was a scavenger hunt around campus. Here, student veterans were broken into teams and instructed to work as a team and go to as many destinations as possible. Some of the destinations included finding Ball State's Frog Baby, Beneficence statue named "Benny", the Career Center, and much

more! At the end of the scavenger hunt, not only were new student veterans familiar with their teammates, they also knew how to navigate Ball State's campus!

The Orientation Leaders for the day were fellow student veterans, including the executive leaders of Ball State's Student Veteran Organization. The Orientation Leaders led the new student veterans through many activities and discussions including a "roadblocks" activity which dealt with possible challenges new student veterans may face their first semester in college.

By the end of the day, you could sense a feeling

of camaraderie among the student veterans. It is our



New student veterans visit the Shafer Bell Tower during the scavenger hunt.

hope that this simple day-long event created lasting friendships and allowed new students to feel supported and appreciated by their peers and the Veteran Affairs Office.

Study Tip of the Week: The "Basics"

Welcome to the "Basics" section of the newsletter! Each week there will be a short study tip or reminder about building strong academic habits. Following the tip, you will be referred to the BSU veteran's online Student Veterans Resource Center for more details. [See hyperlink.](#)

A few quick questions: Do you have your books and necessary materials for class? Do you understand the syllabus and how to maneuver Blackboard? Do you know your professors' names and office hours? Do you have contact information for another student in each of your classes in case you have a question about the

class? If you said "No" to any of these questions, act at once to find the information. The Learning Center, NQ 350, is a free resource that assists students with specific courses as well as writing and study skills. Call 285-1006 or come in to set an appointment.