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Mission Possible: Ball State's Student Veteran Newsletter

Ball State University

Upcoming Events

- November 14- Spring 2012 schedules released. You may not add/drop classes as needed.
- November 23-27 Thanksgiving Break
- December 4th Benefit for Wounded Warrior Project. Chili Lunch and love music at the Delaware County Fair Grounds Heartland Building for \$10.
- December 13-16- Finals week. To see your final exam schedule, please click <u>here</u>.

** Toys for Tots **

This holiday season, SVO will be participating in Toys for Tots. If you are interested in helping or would like to donate, please stop by Lucina Rm 204 or contact Kenneth Winner at kcwinner@bsu.edu

Five Questions With...

Cory Chapman

- Military Affiliation: United States Marine Corps (5 years active duty)
- 2. Major: Music Education
- 3. **Favorite Hobby**: Playing music, or reading
- 4. Favorite Military Memory: Getting promoted to Corporal, and being able to use that rank to mentor and look after my Marines.
- 5. Advice to other student veterans:
 As someone who had been to Ball
 State once before joining the military, I
 would tell others to stay focused, and
 not let themselves get overwhelmed.
 Things can seem stressful or burdensome at times, but you have to learn to
 manage your time.

Ball State honors past and present service members at Veteran's Day Ceremony

Last Friday, over 300
Ball State students and faculty
members gathered at the Shafer
Bell Tower for the annual Veteran's Day Ceremony. This year,
Ball State student veteran An-



drew Hicks played the taps and Ball State student Laura Krell sang the National Anthem. The keynote speaker was Henry County's prosecuting attorney, Kit Krane. Kit Krane served in Iraq in 2004 as an officer in the United States Army. Krane also has a daughter attending Ball State. During his speech, Krane

emphasized that we should not only recognize the veterans who have served, but also the family members who have supported them throughout their military experience.

After Krane's speech, SVO executive leaders Kenneth Winner, Blake Hoppes, and Alejandro Tamez spoke on behalf of the student veterans at Ball State and performed a bell-ringing ceremony to represent all fallen heroes. A bell was rung eleven times, representing all five branches of the military





and all six wars America has fought in. The bell ringing ceremony proved to be a very moving moment of reflection for all those who attended.

The "Basics": Know where you stand

Now is a good time to assess your grades and figure your current GPA. There is a helpful GPA calculation at this website http://cms.bsu.edu/AcademicProgress/GradesGPA.aspx

If you go to this site, you will see a link for a GPA calculator. You will need to put in the best estimates on your current grades. The directions are quite clear as to how to proceed. Once you know the current GPA, ask yourself if you need to take action. Are you satisfied with your grades? Are there classes in which you need to seek academic support? If so, contact the Learning Center, North

Quad 350, for free tutoring sessions. You can set the tutoring appointment in person or by calling 285-1006. It's not too late to improve your grades. Take action now! For additional online information, see the Resource Guide at https://pyer-link.