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Mission Possible: Ball State's Student Veteran Newsletter

Ball State University

Monday, January 23rd @ 11:30

Upcoming Events

 New Student Veteran Orientation Meeting. Free Pizza! Located in North Quad 302.

Monday, January 30th @ 3 PM

 SVO Meeting regarding SALUTE Honor Society. Located in Lucina Hall Room 204.

Five Questions With...

Gary Ritz

Degree and position title? Master's in Student Affairs Administration in Higher Education from Ball State. I am Math Coordinator of the Learning Center at BSU.

Favorite Hobby? Anything sports related such as attending sports events and coaching

Fun Fact? I adopted a son 15 years ago.

Relationship with student veterans? I have served on the grant team for student

nave served on the grant team for student veterans at BSU. I've tutored many student veterans with their math courses and helped to develop the online orientation program for student veterans.

Advice to student veterans? Do not be afraid to ask for help and utilize the numerous resources on campus.

SVO Leaders Attend National Conference in Las Vegas-Focusing on Veteran Employment

Two of our SVO leaders, Kenneth Winner and Blake Hoppes, traveled to Las Vegas last month to attend the Student Veterans of America (SVA) National Conference. The main focus of the conference was veterans unemployment. Guest speakers talked about resources designed specifically for veterans to use to seek employment internships, and other opportunities.

The Programs and Links listed below are designed to help Veterans find job and career opportunities with companies looking specifically to hire Veterans. They encompass job opportunities within virtually all career fields and with many different companies.

100,000 Jobs Mission

This program aims to hire 100,000 transitioning service

members and military veterans by 2020. Search the US Veterans Pipeline to learn about job openings across the member organization.

www.100000jobsmission.com/

Hiring Our Heroes

U.S. Chamber of Commerce launched this program to help veterans and their spouses find meaningful employment.

www.uschamber.com/veterans

Military Spouse Employment Partnership (MSEP)

Job search website for military spouses.

www.msepjobs.com

Vetsuccess

A program sponsored through the Department of Veterans Affairs that provides resources for job searches, translating military skills, and tips on job applications, resumes, and interviews.

www.Vetsuccess.gov

Feds Hire Vets

A site specifically for Federal employment information for Veterans.

www.Fedshirevets.gov

USA Jobs

U.S. Government's official system/program for Federal jobs and employment information

www.USAJOBS.gov

For more information and resources about veteran employment, please visit our SVO Community Site on Blackboard.

The "Basics": Job Interviews

Spring semester often brings thoughts of job hunting, either for summer employment or for professional employment after graduation. It is not too early to begin to prepare for the job search process. Last week's newsletter had some suggestions for compiling an effective resume. This week looks at job interviewing skills. The Ball State Career Center has valuable tips on it which address phone interviews and sample interview

questions. Click <u>here</u> to visit their website.

One of the important tips is to prepare through the P.A. R. method. It is described as a Problem, Action, Result (P.A.R.) approach. In the P.A.R. method you will:

- State a problem or situation you faced,
- Describe the action you took, and Explain the results of that action.

Here is a sample P.A.R. answer to the question, "Describe a problem or challenge you've encountered. How did you deal with it?"

Another resource for interviewing is on in BSU's Veterans Resource Center.

Use the resources provided to you. Feel confident about searching for and obtaining the job you want!