

# Mission Possible: Ball State's Student Veteran Newsletter

## Upcoming Events

### Monday, January 30th @ 3 PM

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

### Saturday, February 4th 7-9 PM

- SVO will be hosting a Rock Climbing Party at the Ball State Rec Center. Please RSVP to Hondo Tamez at [avtamez@bsu.edu](mailto:avtamez@bsu.edu)

## Five Questions With...

### Juliza Ramirez-Wylie

**1. Military Affiliation?** U.S. Army, 1st Cavalry Division 2001-2006.

**2. What program your in at BSU?** Counseling Psychology, PhD program.

**3. Favorite Hobby?** Running.

**4. Favorite military memory?** Handing out stuffed animals to Iraqi children and getting to witness their smiles.

**5. Advice to other student veterans at BSU?** The military teaches us a lot of great skills in time management and leadership. These skills speak to our professionalism and can benefit us in our studies.

## Ball State University

## Veterans Pursing Graduate School

### Ask yourself these questions:

- To meet my career goals, do I need to pursue an advanced degree?
- Am I looking to specialize to gain more information about a specific field or area of study beyond what I learned as an undergraduate?
- Would an advanced degree help me to change careers? Do I want to go back for more education and pursue a master's or doctoral degree in a graduate or professional school? If the answer is yes to any of these questions then read on.

### Suggested Timeline

How should you start the grad school application process? Before you get overwhelmed, here is checklist to help you identify some related tasks:

- Research programs and request information and applications.

- Decide on first-choice programs to which you will apply.
- Study for qualifying exams if required (GRE, GMAT, LSAT, MCAT)
- Take exams and submit results to your chosen schools.
- Ask professors and employers to write letters of recommendation. Comply with instructions given by each graduate program.
- Request official copies of your undergraduate transcripts from the Registrar's office to be sent to graduate programs.
- Complete applications, personal essays, and other information requested by graduate programs. **Meet all deadlines!**
- Confirm the application materials, recommendations, and test scores have been received by the deadline.

- *Relax and wait to hear from the schools.*

Now you know what needs to be done. Attached is a link to a [proposed timeline](#) to help you know when to do some of the tasks described. Some variation in timing is likely.

Most importantly, check with your Financial Aid Office and Veterans Affairs Office to see if you qualify for additional funding for graduate school as well as other financial aid opportunities. Many schools offer Graduate Assistantships to help fund graduate school while working in different departments within the school. For more information regarding assistantships, contact the schools graduate office. Many student veterans continue higher education and earn their Master's or Doctorate degrees using veteran's benefits!

*Information courtesy of the Ball State Career Center*

## The "Basics": GRE Preparation

In order for you to move closer to your career goals, you may be required to take the Graduate Record Exam (GRE). If this is necessary for graduate school acceptance, it is wise to prepare for the exam ahead of time.

The most up-to-date and accurate information is found on the test's website: [www.ets.org](http://www.ets.org) Changes are made occasionally in the test, so visit this website frequently. Along with essential information, you will find practice tests, pdf forms, and registration guidelines. You can take the test through the computer or paper/pencil administrations. Pay special attention to the fees and cancellation policies.

The test was changed significantly last summer so do not use old practice materials.

There are essentially two sections for each part of the test, resulting in 6 sections, however, the **3 main parts** to the exam are:

**Verbal Reasoning** — Measures your ability to analyze and evaluate written material and synthesize information obtained from it, analyze relationships among component parts of sentences and recognize relationships among words and concepts.

**Quantitative Reasoning** — Measures

problem-solving ability, focusing on basic concepts of arithmetic, algebra, geometry and data analysis.

**Analytical Writing** — Measures critical thinking and analytical writing skills, specifically your ability to articulate and support complex ideas clearly and effectively.

It will help you to work through the example questions on the website. If you would like additional information about preparing for the exam, please contact the Learning Center, NQ 350, 285-1006. Graduate assistants and up-to-date materials are available to assist you.