

# Mission Possible: Ball State's Student Veteran Newsletter

Ball State University

## Upcoming Events

- **February 20th:** Web registration begins for Summer 2012
- **March 10th:** FASFA Forms must be submitted
- **March 19th:** Course withdrawal deadline for Spring
- **March 19th @ 3 PM:** SVO Meeting regarding elections
- **April 4th:** Annual Hire-A-Hoosier Vet Career Prep Workshop. [Click Here to Register](#)
- **April 18th:** Hire-A-Hoosier Vet Career Fair at South Field in Indianapolis

## 5 Questions With...

Lesley Fortriede

1. **Military Affiliation?** Army National Guard
2. **Degree?** Master's in Geography
3. **Favorite Hobby?** Reading/Crafts
4. **Military memory?** Toward the end of Basic Training, when the platoon was comfortable with the Drill Sergeants, the Drill Sergeants were giving up corrective action PT, and we were laughing through it.
5. **Advice to other student veterans?** Get involved in student organizations to make connections on campus

## Scholarships Available for Student Veterans

### Google Scholarships: For Computer Technology Student Veterans

Student Veterans of America is proud to announce a new partnership with Google that will award student veterans pursuing computer science or related degrees\* with eight \$10,000 scholarships for the 2012-2013 academic year.

Google's support of SVA and student veterans is one of the first of its kind and comes on the heels of their [Google for Veterans and Families program](#). SVA is excited to offer these scholarships to student veterans nationwide that are pursuing some of America's most in-demand degrees.

Applications will be accepted from now until March 15, 2012 and finalists will be notified by the end of April. Recipients will also be invited to attend a

scholars' retreat at Google Headquarters during the summer.

For more information or to apply for one of these scholarships, please visit [SVA's new website](#) and click on the Google Scholarship link after you log in.

### Fellowships with SVA

SVA and The Mission Continues are partnering to provide 10 student veterans with meaningful Fellowships with SVA nationwide. These paid Fellowships are 26 weeks in length and require 520 hours of service, which is an average of 20 hours per week.

Applicants interested in becoming a Fellow at SVA must [apply online](#). Fellows must also select Student Veterans of America as the host organization.

### Eligibility Criteria:

- Service in the United States Military after September 11, 2001
- No longer on Active/Guard/Reserve status (IRR/ING status is acceptable) and having attained an honorable discharge
- A minimum of 24 months of time in service, unless serious injury was sustained preventing further service
- A clean criminal record check (individual circumstances may be discussed on a case-by-case basis)

### Key Dates:

- Application Deadline: March 1, 2012
- Mandatory Orientation: April 20-22, 2012
- Fellowship Start Date: April 23, 2012
- Fellowship End Date: October 19, 2012

## The "Basics": Making Connections

Information will be retained better if you link new information to old. By making associations, you will construct knowledge and better access the new information. Try to put new information into your own words, not just by memorizing exact wording from a book. Make a concerted effort to think, "This is important because it relates to..." or "This clarifies a concept I was unclear

about because..."

As you actively engage in trying to remember, restate the information, teach it to a friend, or say it out loud. If you are a visual learner, additional strategies include drawing a web and connecting parts through lines or making flash cards which you then manipulate into various piles as you learn them. Try to determine

where the gaps are in your knowledge and investigate those areas by asking your prof, SI leader, tutor, or through obtaining additional resources. The Study Strategies tutors in the Learning Center can assist with building this skill. Call 285-3779 or visit NQ 350.