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Mission Possible: Ball State's Student Veteran Newsletter

Ball State University

Upcoming Events

- Friday, March 20th at 1
 PM in Lucina Room 204:
 SVO Meeting regarding
 Elections for 2012-13.
 Please email SVO Kenneth
 Winner if interested at
 kcwinner@bsu.edu
- April 4th: Annual Hire-A-Hoosier Vet Career Prep Workshop. <u>Click Here to</u> <u>Register</u>
- April 18th: Hire-A-Hoosier
 Vet Career Fair at Stout
 Field in Indianapolis

5 Questions With... Brad Waterman

- Military Affiliation? Petty
 Officer 3rd Class with the
 Navy
- 2. **Major?** Telecommunications
- 3. **Favorite Hobby?** Movies and video games
- Favorite Military Memory?
 Selecting one memory over others would be like asking to choose between my children.
- 5. Advice to other student veterans? Don't take advice from a person who is in the same, unresolved, situation.

Services Provided by the Career Center for Student Veterans

What can Ball State's Career Center do for you? Do you want to know more about internships? How about graduate school? Do you want to learn how job fairs and campus interviewing work? Don't worry—the Career Center has all that covered, and more. Career Center services include individual career advising, drop-in résumé review, amazing career resources in the Career Lab, practice interviews, and referrals to campus jobs.

Cardinal Career Link offers these features to students and graduates.

- Full-time, off-campus parttime, and internship job postings
- A Résumé Builder to help you get started on your résumé
- Résumé Books to add your résumé to for employers to see
- Access to our on-campus interviewing program where employers come to campus to interview you for jobs and intern-

ships

- A critique of your résumé when you upload it to your documents section
- The ability to store up to 10 résumés or other documents needed for your job search
- The ability to research employers coming to campus for job fairs and on-campus interviewing
- Interface with social networking sites

Click below to get started. For Students and Graduates

The Career Lab in Lucina Hall 235 is the only central source of career information on campus. In addition to printed materials, the lab has computers available for searching the web. You can also use these computers to work on your résumé and other career-related activities. Personal assistance is available to help with every aspect of your career and job search.

The lab has print and electronic resources for

- career and major assessment and exploration
- finding internships and jobs
- job-search skill development (résumés, interviewing, etc.)
- employer research and salary information
- graduate school
- international and minority employment issues
- career links by category and more!

View an <u>online catalog</u> of the lab's collection.

According to Joe Goodwin from the Career Center, Ball State Career Lab includes information on how to "demilitarize" your resume and transfer military skills into skills applicable to civilian jobs. We encourage you to take advantage of these great resources!

The "Basics": Networking

The importance of networking cannot be over emphasized. Many, many jobs are never advertised. People gain jobs through their personal and professional contacts. Networking happens face-to-face and online. The Ball State Career Center can offer tips on how to use a variety of strategies to ensure your success. Networking is not using people only to your advantage; it means responsibly developing relationships that will last throughout your career

The Career Center has valuable information on network-

ing. Go to Lucina 220 or visit the website for information.

Using social media, building a network, reference sites for websites and materials are just some of the topics found on this website. The following tips are offered:

Networking Tips

- Always exhibit good manners; you never know whom you might meet.
- Attend meetings that relate to your interests and get to know

people.

- Be open-minded and think broadly about who could be a networking contact; maybe the mail carrier's brother works for an organization that you are interested in.
- Keep good records. Make a list of contacts you meet, what they do, and how to get in touch with them.
- Don't abuse contacts; keep in touch and share helpful information without becoming a pest.