

# Mission Possible: Ball State's Student Veteran Newsletter

## Upcoming Events

- **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. [Click here to Register](#)
- **April 23rd at 2PM in Lucina Room 204:** SVO Elections for 2012-2013.
- **April 28th @ 1 PM:** SALUTE and SVO Picnic. More details TBA.

## 5 Questions With...

Jackie Harris

**What college did you graduate from?** I graduated from Ball State with a doctorate in education with emphasis in Reading and Special Education.

**Favorite Hobby?** I like to work with my hands, so I enjoy gardening, knitting, sewing, and making jewelry. I also outside activities.

**What do you do at BSU?** I am the Coordinator for the Writing and the Study Strategies areas in the Learning Center. I hire and train peer tutors for BSU students. I also coordinate the accommodated testing for students with disabilities.

**How can you assist veterans?** I assist veterans by helping them get the academic assistance they are seeking either through tutoring, workshops, or by referring them to an office which will help them. Along with my LC colleagues, we plan informational meetings for veterans and prepare a weekly newsletter. In the past, we expanded the Veterans Affairs website and assisted with Veterans Day ceremonies, the Student Veterans' Orientation Day, and Career Preparations Workshops.

**Advice to veterans?** Making the transition from "Boots to Books" is a complex endeavor. Connect to the Veterans Affairs office, website, and Learning Center. You aren't alone.... Let us help!

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## 5 Things to Take to a Career Fair

A career fair is a great place to gather information about potential employers and make contacts that can lead to your first job. Here's some advice on how to make the most of your time.

**1. Copies of your resume** (25 to 40 depending on the size of the event). Be sure it represents your knowledge, skills, and abilities effectively. It needs to look professional -- easy to read format on plain white or cream-colored paper -- and be free of typos. If you are looking at several career options, you may want to have two or more targeted resumes with different career objectives!

**2. A smile, a strong handshake, and a positive attitude.** First impressions are important. Approach an employer, smile, and offer your hand when you

introduce yourself.

**3. A 30-second "sales pitch."** Hand the recruiter a copy of your resume and be prepared to expand on it quickly! Share basic information about yourself and your career interests like this: "Hello, I'm Carrie Jones. I'm a senior here at Wonderful University and I'm majoring in English. I'm very interested in a marketing career. As you can see on my resume, I just completed an internship in the Marketing Division of the ABC Company in Peoria. I've also taken some courses in business marketing. I'm very interested in talking with you about marketing opportunities with your organization."

**4. Information about the employers that will be attending.** Gather information as you would for a job interview. To

maximize the brief time you have with each employer, you need to know how your skills and interests match their needs. And don't just concentrate on the "big names." There are often great opportunities with companies with which you are not familiar.

**5. Energy!** Career fairs require you to be on your feet moving from table to table for an hour or so. Each time you meet someone, be at your best, as refreshed as possible!

Ball State's Career Center frequently hosts career fairs. We encourage you to visit their [website](#) often for upcoming dates of these job fairs.

*\*Information compliments of [www.military.com](http://www.military.com)*

## The "Basics": Veteran Affairs Website

Take time to review all the resources available to you on the Veterans Affairs website. The Office of Veterans Affairs and Veterans Benefits offers relevant forms and information pertinent to you. [Click here to visit their site.](#)

The link for College Terminology may be useful in that you now know your way around campus, but there still could be some terms that cause confusion. Clear up misunderstandings by visiting the

[College Terminology page.](#)

[Moving to Muncie and Ball State](#) may serve as a good resource if you are relocating in Muncie this spring or summer.

Visiting the Student [Veteran Resource Center](#) is a MUST! The first part of the Resource Center contains information about campus offices and key people who are important at the university. The second part contains a list of

study strategies. The topics include time management, reading/comprehension tips, test taking strategies, etc.

The [study skills](#) listed within the list are all very essential for students. Please take time to read the information and share it with family members who might like to know about these resources.