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# Mission Possible: Ball State's Student Veteran Newsletter

### Ball State University

#### **Upcoming Events**

- April 18th: Operation Hire-A-Hoosier Vet Career Fair at South Field in Indianapolis. For more information and to register, click here
- Monday, April 23rd at 2:00
   PM in Lucina Room 204:
   SVO elections for the 2012
   -13 school year. Email
   Hondo Tamez or Kenneth
   Winner with any questions.
- Saturday, April 28th at 1:00 PM: SVO and SALUTE Honor Society Picnic at Schumann Stadium Pavilion.
  - 5 Questions With...
    Jessica Robinson
- **1. Military Affiliation?** Army National Guard
- 2. Major? Criminal Justice
- **3. Favorite Hobby?** Going to theme parks
- **4. Favorite military memory?** Coming back from deployment. Our coming home ceremony was great because it lasted 10 minutes.
- **5. Advice to other student veterans?** My advice to other student veterans is to smile.

## **Veterans receive practical advice from business professionals**

Last Wednesday, veterans from Ball State, IUPUI, Ivy Tech, and the Indianapolis community all came together at Stout Field to attend the 2nd Annual Career Prep Workshop for veterans. This workshop prepared veterans for the Operation Hire-A-Hoosier Job Fair that is to take place next Wednesday, April 18th, where over 130 employers will be attending in hopes of hiring veterans from the community.

The workshop provided veterans with expert knowledge on improving your resume, networking in person and online, interviewing strategies, dressing for success, searching and applying online for jobs, and researching companies. Vet-

erans in attendance were provided with professional speakers discussing each topic. Attendees were given access to computers throughout the day to apply the skills and information they learned during the workshop.

The workshop also hosted a panel of potential employers for a question-answer session during lunch. The companies represented in the panel of employers included Eli Lily, Roudebush VA Medical Center, Smart IT Staffing, and Porter Engineered Systems.

We would also like to recognize Jennifer Haley, Ball State Core Curriculum Coordinator, who along with staff from IUPUI helped organize this event for veterans.

If you are about to graduate or know a veteran who is seeking employment, it is not too late to sign up for Operation Hire-A-Hoosier Vet. For more information on this event and registration, please click here.



## The "Basics": Taking Summer Classes

Thinking of taking classes at another institution this summer? Studying over the summer can be a good strategy to move ahead and accrue extra credit hours. If this is your intention, check with an advisor to make sure the class transfers to Ball State as the class you want to add to your permanent record for your program here.

If you are thinking of retaking a class because you received a low or failing grade, taking the comparable class at

another institution is **not** advised. The reason for this is that if you pass the class, the credit hours will be added to your transcript, but the new grade will not transfer; it will NOT replace your previous grade. So, the impact on your overall GPA is minimal. If you retake the class on campus, your previous grade will be removed from the calculations and only the new, improved grade will be used. This can significantly improve your GPA.

Another thing to keep in mind if you are retaking a class is that your Veterans Affairs benefits will NOT pay for classes which are retaken. However, adding a class you are retaking to a full schedule of 12 credit hours may be a way to accomplish not having to pay additional money for a class you want to take again. For specific, accurate advice on this topic, contact Beck Hannaford in Veterans Affairs at vetbene-fits@bsu.edu.