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## Mission Possible: Ball State's Student Veteran Newsletter

Ball State University

## **Upcoming Events**

- November 7th @ 3 PM Open house reception with soldiers from Fort Leonard Wood at the Student Center
- November 8– Bowling and pizza at Cardinal Lanes with soldiers from Fort Leonard Wood 6-9 PM.
- November 11- Veteran's Day Ceremony at the Shafer Bell Tower at 11:11 AM. Keynote speaker at refreshments to follow at 11:30 in BL 104
- November 23-27 Thanksgiving Break

Five Questions With...

Alejandro Tamez

Military Affiliation? U.S. Navy Major? Computer Technology

Fun Fact about yourself? I have a wife and three kids.

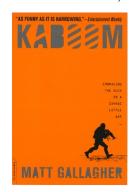
Advice to other student veterans? The biggest thing to pass a class is to consistently attend class!

Favorite Military Memory? I lived 6 months under water in a nuclear missile submarine!

## "Leading Transformation" MFRI Conference

On October 31st and November 1st, a group of Ball State staff members attended the MFRI (Military Family Research Institute) Leading Transformation conference at Purdue University in West Lafayette, Indiana. MFRI has been extremely supportive of Ball State's efforts to help and support student veterans on our campus with various grants that have been given the last few years. On Monday evening, the group was treated to a wonderful dinner and program in the Ross-Ade football stadium's press box area. This program recognized the numerous efforts and accomplishments of Indiana's colleges on their work with student veterans in the state.

The program also included comments from Matt Gallagher, author of the book Kaboom (www.kaboombook.com).



Lieutenant Gallagher served in Iraq and had created a blog about his experiences during the war. After being forced to close his blog, Matt decided to write a book about his experiences. On November 1st, a conference was held on Purdue's campus by MFRI with sessions dealing with various student veteran topics such as women veteran issues, enhancing employability for veterans, and veteran-friendly classrooms. Much recognition and information was gathered at the conference and hopefully the Ball State group can use this information to continue to support the student veterans on campus.



## The "Basics": Collecting Information for a Paper

If you have chosen a topic, researched it, taken notes, you are ready to begin to write! Some of the following may be helpful tips for you to remember:

\*It doesn't have to be perfect the first time you put words on paper. Just get some thoughts written and then make revisions. \* Reread the assignment to make sure you haven't overlooked any details and that what you write is directed to the topic.

\* Read what you wrote out loud. This is a good way for you to catch errors and clear up awkward sentences.

\* If you are in doubt if something should be a citation, cite it. More citations are better than less when it comes to writing. Ideas, words, research concepts all should be cited.

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