

Mission Possible: Ball State's Student Veteran Newsletter

Ball State University

Upcoming Events

- September 24th @ 12:00- Army vs. Ball State Football Tailgate
- September 27th @ 11:30 AM- Mid-semester Meeting for all Student Veterans
- October 10- Begin course request for Spring semester
- October 17-18- Fall Break (No classes)
- October 26- Course Withdrawal Period ends
- November 1- Last day for Course Request
- November 11- Veteran's Day Ceremony
- November 23-27- Thanksgiving Break

5 Questions With...

KENNETH WINNER

1. Military Affiliation? Army National Guard and SVO President

2. Major? Computer Science

3. Why you chose BSU? They have good ROTC and Computer Science programs.

4. Fun fact about yourself? I'm a vegetarian

5. Advice to other student veterans? Making friends with people is extremely important. It makes college easier, and if you need help you have someone to go to.

Ball State's SVO Awarded \$2,000 at Grant Competition

Two weeks ago, the Secretary of Ball State's Student Veteran Organization (SVO), Alejandro (Hondo) Tamez, drove down to West Lafayette, Indiana to compete in the 3rd annual Military Family Research Institute Grant Competition. The grants were awarded through MFRI's Operation Diploma initiative and ranged from \$1,000 to \$2,000. The ultimate goal of Operation Diploma was to support and strengthen institutions of higher education and student veterans' organizations.

During his presentation to four distinguished judges, Hondo was asked to demonstrate how funding Ball State's SVO would benefit the student veteran community at Ball State University. The main goals for Ball State's SVO this year is to build

community among the student veterans at Ball State and to provide resources that will help student veterans become more aware of the benefits they may receive to successfully transition back to civilian life. SVO's goal of bringing community will be implemented by hosting a number of social events and community volunteer opportunities this year. Among the social events will be a football tailgate, bowling events, and gatherings at restaurants such as Greek's pizza. SVO will also be actively involved in this year's Muncie Mission Stand Down, where homeless or near-homeless veterans will be welcome to receive free dental care, clothes, and food.

Hondo's presentation was deemed successful and was awarded top honors and a

grant of \$2,000 to begin implementing the initiatives that were proposed during the presentation. During the grant competition, MFRI awarded more



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than \$10,000 to six Student Veteran Organizations in Indiana. Among the other schools who were awarded top honors were Indiana University South Bend and Ivy Tech Community College Wabash Valley.

The "Basics": Note Taking

Do notes that you took a few weeks ago make sense to you now? Can you easily find the notes you have taken for a class? Did your notes help you for your first test? If you answered "No" to any of these questions, take action! The Study Strategies area in the Learning Center can assist.

Please call 285-3779 or stop by North Quad 350 to set an appointment.

One common problem some students have with note taking is difficulty distinguishing between main ideas and supporting information. If this is confus-

ing for you, do make an appointment with a Study Strategies tutor so you can build this skill with a peer tutor. Help is available! For additional information [see hyperlink.](#)