

# Mission Possible: Ball State's Student Veteran Newsletter

## Upcoming Events

September 3—Labor Day— No classes

September 22— Family weekend/SVO picnic

October 22-23—Fall break

October 24—Course withdrawal ends

## 5 Questions With...

Hondo Tamez

1. **Military Affiliation?**  
United States Navy
2. **Degree?** BS in Computer Technology
3. **Favorite Hobby?** Scuba Diving
4. **Military Memory ?** Being deployed on two submarines, it is an experience that not many have had the chance to have.
5. **Advice to Student Veterans?** Get involved in student organizations to make connections on campus and if you need any kind of help, seek it. Whether it is for classes, personal, or anything else there is always someone that can help or is willing to help.

## Ball State University

## Orientation Day Updates

On Saturday, August 18th, new student veterans gathered in the learning center to find out more about their benefits and the beautiful Ball State University. Eighteen students attended this year to hear a number of different speakers.

Dave Owens, a veteran himself who works for advising here on campus, spoke to everyone about how to choose a major or minor. He also discussed how to tailor your major to your intended career. A

representative from the library and from Disabled Student Development spoke to the group as well about their services. If you would like any of the information these speakers went over at the program, stop by the office for a flyer! Furthermore, the day was about getting to know one another and beginning to find your niche on campus. The bowling party afterwards was a huge success. Free pizza and soda enticed the new

students as well as some old students. Hopefully, those that attended came away with more information than they started with. Last year, 28 students attended and of those all of them ended their school year with a GPA of 3.0 or above. We hope all of our new and returning students this year can match that success! If you ever need anything, always remember we are here to help!

## Get to Know Hondo!



I would like to take a moment and welcome you to Ball State, whether you are a returning student or

fresh to campus. We as veterans are unique in the Ball State population. We learn different, come from amazing backgrounds, and are very important to Ball State. I spent five years in the United States Navy. I have deployed on two submarines, a frigate, and an aircraft carrier. I have a wife and three kids and also work at Menard's and the Veteran's Affairs Office here on campus. I am also the treasurer of the Student

Veterans Organization. I am here on campus as a Computer Technology senior and will start my Master's in the CICS program next fall. I am here to help you with any of your GI Bill needs or anything else that I can provide. If you need anything please swing by the Veteran's Affairs in Lucina Hall room 204 or just shoot me an email at [avtamez@bsu.edu](mailto:avtamez@bsu.edu). I hope that you enjoy your time on campus.