

Military Veterans Services Center

A Year in Review



Director JR Richardson
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THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE
WASHINGTON

A Message for Bellevue University

On behalf of the Department of Defense, I extend my sincere congratulations to the men and women of Bellevue University on the occasion of the grand opening of your Military-Veteran Services Center.

When my friend Bill Brooks helped found Bellevue College in 1965, he was determined to assist our Service members in achieving their educational goals. Bill's intentions remain inspirational to our veterans who desire to further their education, as well as to our active Service members and their families who pursue a degree while continuing to serve this great Nation.

As you gather today to celebrate the opening of the Military-Veteran Services Center, please accept my appreciation for your selfless support of the men and women of the Armed Forces, past and present.

I have always been very proud of my days as a trustee on the Bellevue University Board.

Warmest wishes for much continued success.

Sincerely,



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Executive Summary



The following is for anyone who supports our mission to create the most comprehensive veteran services center on any college or university campus. The successes and milestones that we have achieved thus far are a direct reflection of Bellevue University's commitment to members of the military and the veterans in our community and throughout the country. These successes would not have been possible without the support of our team members who share our vision and resolve.

Historical Gathering of Services Under One Roof

The 6,000 square foot Military Veterans Services Center (MVSC) exemplifies Bellevue University's commitment to serve members of the military, veterans and their families. Organizations such as Veteran Leader Corps, the Department of Veteran Affairs, and for the first time in its history, the Disabled American Veterans, have assembled on one college campus to better serve our current generation of returning veterans. The aggregate talent and manpower enable the MVSC to provide employment services that have resulted in the creation of a Community Employment Guide specifically tailored to aid job searches in the Bellevue, Omaha and surrounding communities. The planning and execution of employment-related events and intense resume and interview preparations have directly resulted in 29 meaningful career opportunities for Bellevue graduates, students and those military and veteran members whom we serve.

Additional services of the MVSC include business forums designed to foster entrepreneurship, veteran support groups, tutoring, housing information for incoming students or relocating veterans, student and alumni mentoring, referral services and much more. The amenities and features of the MVSC facility itself give our military and veteran students a place to socialize and visit with others who have served and or currently serving. This inviting atmosphere gives a true sense of trust and the realization that you are not alone. The MVSC has a lot to offer our service members and their families to include a large lounge area with soft seating (which quickly converts to multiple settings to host our events), internet café with a

full print station, private study cubicles, quiet study rooms, conference room and much more.

The Rotert building, which houses the MVSC, is named for Bill and Alice Rotert, the previous owners of the building. Bill, who passed away in 2012, was a Bellevue-based real estate developer. In the early 1990s it was estimated Rotert Brothers Buildings leased upwards of 200,000 square feet to defense contractors. Rotert was also a member of the Strategic Air Command Museum. The family is extremely proud of the fact that the building carrying their name is home to the MVSC.

Early Successes Only the beginning

The University is proud to offer the MVSC to the Bellevue Community and all those who serve. While the MVSC has already generated success stories, the center needs additional resources to make our services more effective and accessible.



Perspective



June 4, 1942

In the early morning hours, an F2A-3 Buffalo fighter piloted by Marine 2nd Lieutenant William V. Brooks lands with 72 bullet and cannon holes. Lieutenant Brooks had just survived the historic Battle of Midway inside a malfunctioning aircraft that placed him in imminent danger throughout the battle.



June 1965

Veteran and Bellevue, Nebraska resident Bill Brooks enters a Bellevue Chamber of Commerce meeting with a new mission. Brooks was determined to create a new college in Bellevue to serve the personnel from nearby Offutt Air Force Base. Brooks' idea becomes a reality as he leaves the meeting with the Chamber on board and several members excited to make it happen. Within a year Brooks and his Chamber colleagues spearhead the founding of Bellevue College.



Today

Bellevue University serves military-related students worldwide and is recognized as one of the nation's most innovative in offering higher educational opportunities to an increasing population of nontraditional students.



The mission continues

Bellevue University proudly presents the **Military Veterans Services Center**.

MVSC Mission

Since our inception, Bellevue University has recognized that the experience of our servicepersons make them a national asset uniquely qualified to help shape our country. In keeping with our values, the mission of the Bellevue University Military Veterans Services Center (MVSC) is to serve those who have and continue to serve us all, and meet the needs of Bellevue University's increasing military and veteran student population.

The MVSC provides the resources and services necessary to foster a smooth transition from the demands of military service, to the challenges faced with the veteran's new mission; the pursuit of their educational goals. Adding to the military and veteran student's overall experience, the MVSC goes beyond the classroom to create opportunities for mentorship and interaction with professionals and organizations that will help cultivate a meaningful civilian career.

Measuring Effectiveness

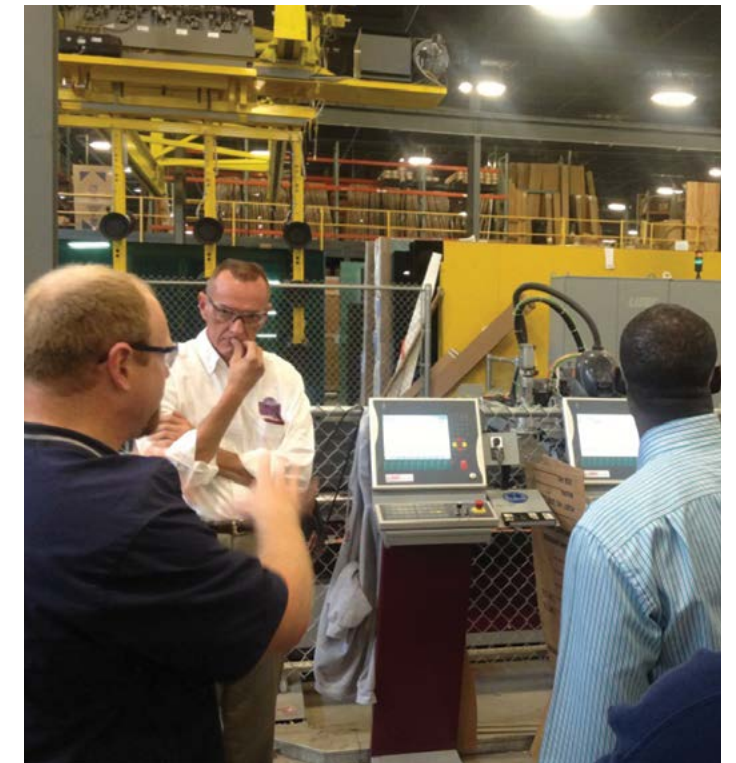
We measure our effectiveness by the number of individuals we assist in completing their degrees or advanced to meaningful employment. We strive to assist all who need our services, including online students and alumni across the country. We also review and act on satisfaction surveys available to all MVSC users.



Services

Employment

MVSC staff members work directly with our on-site Veteran Leader Corps team members to conduct interviews with military members and veterans to determine qualifications and employment seeking strategies. We help create and update resumes, conduct mock interviews, provide career coaching and create small lunch and learn type events that enable veterans to closely interact with those employers seeking their skill sets and/ or looking to hire veterans. Since our grand opening the MVSC has placed 29 veterans in jobs with such organizations as Bellevue University, Direct Insight Services, First Data, MANKO Windows, Lutheran Family Services, Principle Financial Group, Whiting Turner, Window Genie, Veteran Leader Corps, Veteran in Business Forum and more. These direct placements have been in such meaningful career opportunities as Project Managers, Construction Manager, Systems Engineer II, Process Engineer, Facilities Manager, Support Specialist and others. Our team members are currently assisting numerous others in their search for employment and internships.



MVSC scheduled 6 BU Veteran students and a local veteran to tour the MANKO Windows Manufacturing in Papillion. Three members of the group accepted employment with MANKO including Biology Student Johnny Farnen as Plant Facilities manager



"The goal of the MVSC is not only to support the needs of our military and veteran students so that they stay in school and graduate, but we strive to make sure they leave with a meaningful J.O.B. as well."

-Jim Biernesser, Senior Director Military Programs

The MVSC staff would like to thank following companies for their visits and sharing your time and opportunities with us:

- Mechanical Systems, Inc.
- First Data Corporation
- Principal Financial Group
- Northwestern Mutual Life Insurance Company
- AEROTEK Staffing Agency
- Nebraska Furniture Mart
- First National Bank of Omaha
- BAE Systems
- Northrop Grumman Corporation
- Leonum Advisors
- Science Applications International Corporation
- McCallie Associates, Inc.
- Aksarben Companies, Inc.
- No Frills Supermarkets
- Union Pacific Railroad
- Window Genie
- Direct Insight Services, Inc.

Entrepreneurship

The MVSC is proud to host the Omaha area Veterans in Business Forum (VIBF), a group of Veteran owned and non-veteran owned business owners and leaders who meet on the first Friday of every month for breakfast to network and collaborate with government, non-profits, and other business influencers, to share concerns and ideas for

economic development throughout our region. The VIBF serves as a venue for teaming, partnerships and education on veteran related businesses and is open to the public, especially those businesses that want to team with veteran owned businesses in Nebraska.



VIBF
Veterans in Business Forum

Date: 3 October, 2014
Time: 0730
Location: Lower Level Administration Bldg

AGENDA
Registration- starting at 7:15
Welcome –JR Richardson
Moderator-Mark Spadaro
Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag – Anthony Cato Jr.
Guest Speaker – Jeff A. Bender Senior Military Liaison Greater Omaha Economic Development Partnership
Open Forum- Heartland Family Services Legacy Corps
 - Elizabeth Yearwood - SBA Nebraska District
 - Ray Espisito – Brass Ring Society
Legislative Update – Brec Wilshusen
Attendee Introductions- All
Closing Remarks- Dwight Lydic

Additional NETWORKING 9:00-9:15

TRAINING OPPORTUNITY 9:15-10:00
Procurement Technical Assistance Centers (PTAC)
 Andrew Alexander and Gordon Bonnes

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Man Thanks Veteran With Chance to Start His Own Business (Fox42 News)

Dick Stieren owns a window washing franchise called "Window Genie," and when he wanted to hire someone he could groom to potentially take over the reins of his business someday, he says he found the perfect hire. "I went down to the Veterans Services Program at Bellevue University and Wade was the first person I interviewed and I knew he was the right guy, right away," said Stieren of hire, Wade Jensen.

Peer to Peer Support Services

Peer to Peer support services are available for our military and veteran students as well as those veterans within the community. The MVSC hosted the Peer-to-Peer Support Specialist training that enabled 16 veterans to undergo a week of intense training followed by official certification by Nebraska DHHS. Peer to Peer Support Specialist and Bellevue Alum Evan Downey moderates a Vets-4-Vets support meeting two days a week at different times to accommodate work and class schedules.

Referrals

MVSC Staff members have established relationships with local agencies for referring those individuals with additional counseling or support needs.

Tutoring Services

Bellevue University tutors have met with and assisted several students here at the MVSC. This allows students to receive the same quality service in a veteran atmosphere. Dedicated resources such as our new 55" Mondo Board increase our ability to serve our online military and veteran students no matter where they go. When applicable, MVSC staff members will work directly with tutoring services to help identify the specific needs and circumstances of the military or veteran student to help ensure a positive outcome.

Personal and Career Coaching

MVSC offers personal and career coaching for our military and veteran students and spouses as well as those residing in the area. This service is provided at no charge by Noelle Birchfield M.A. and Certified Executive Coach. Working with the Family Readiness at Offutt AFB, Noelle has experience working with military members and their families during times of transition. As a Bellevue University alum, and currently military spouse of a recently retired veteran attending Bellevue University, Noelle understands the importance of leveraging your experiences and proactively developing a transition strategy.

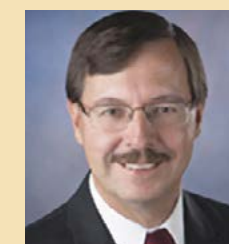


Noelle Birchfield M.A.
 Certified Executive Coach
 Mulberry Fort Coaching

- Certification in Executive Coaching from Bellevue University
- Masters of Arts in Managerial Communications from Bellevue University
- Member IFC-Nebraska
- Member Human Resources, Association of the Midlands.

Financial Wellness Coaching

MVSC offers personal Financial Wellness Coaching for our military and veteran students and spouses as well as those residing in the area. This service is provided at no charge by Retired Army Colonel Dwight A. Lydic, MBA, CFP, RFC. As a former commanding officer Dwight has assisted numerous military families with developing budgets that help them achieve their financial goals such as education, home buying and retirement strategies, especially during transition and shifts in income. Dwight assisted one Bellevue resident who is serving in the Navy in San Diego, CA saving him literally thousands of dollars.



Dwight A. Lydic,
MDA, CFP(R), RFC(R)
 Financial Planner/Princor
 Registered Representative
 Princor Financial Service Corp.
 (Principle Financial Group)



Housing Information

The MVSC provides local housing information to inbound military and veteran students. Much like the sponsorship programs which assign military members to assist one another, we provide contact information for local apartment complexes, maps and additional information as needed to those who request assistance. The center is a focal point for the distribution of state and federal housing programs such as the Victory Apartments (veteran housing), Homes for Heroes and much more.

Berkshire Hathaway Realtor Michelle Gustafson presents to an audience of military and veterans on the many benefits of Nebraska's Homes for Heroes program. This new program helps those transitioning into or away from the state to purchase or sell a home as well as those who want to refinance their mortgage. This program was so well received that it has been repeated and will become a quarterly event at the center.

Bellevue University Mentor Protégé (BUMP)

Unlike most formal and informal mentoring programs, our three-member approach is modeled after the smallest of military units known as a fire team. The bonds that are formed between military members are captured and leveraged to help ensure that students do not feel alone or left behind. Forming the BUMP team helps the members create a bridge to transition from the military to a college student and from a college graduate to a meaningful, rewarding civilian career.

Professor Fredrick Donovan and MVSC Volunteers welcome Bellevue University CIS student Kenneth Grimm and his wife and their three children to Bellevue. Kenneth recently medically retired from the US Army and MVSC crew assisted in unloading the moving van. "After a long trip from Washington State, it was absolutely incredible to have so much help" stated Ken, the assistance was unsolicited but very well received. The MVSC learned about Ken's move and potential need from Donovan who understood how much the student was shouldering with his transition.



"Thank you very much for helping me to acquire the scholarship! On top of that, the afforded opportunity to have the tutoring service at Bellevue University helped me gain better understanding of the classes. This helped me attain my degree. For that... I am forever grateful."

—Wayne Fuller, SFC, WA ANG

SFC Wayne Fuller proudly shows his Bellevue University degree. SFC Fuller used the MVSC services to finish his degree.

Teams

We currently have 26 teams in the Bellevue University Mentor/Protégé Program and look to increase it to approximately 100 by the end of 2014.

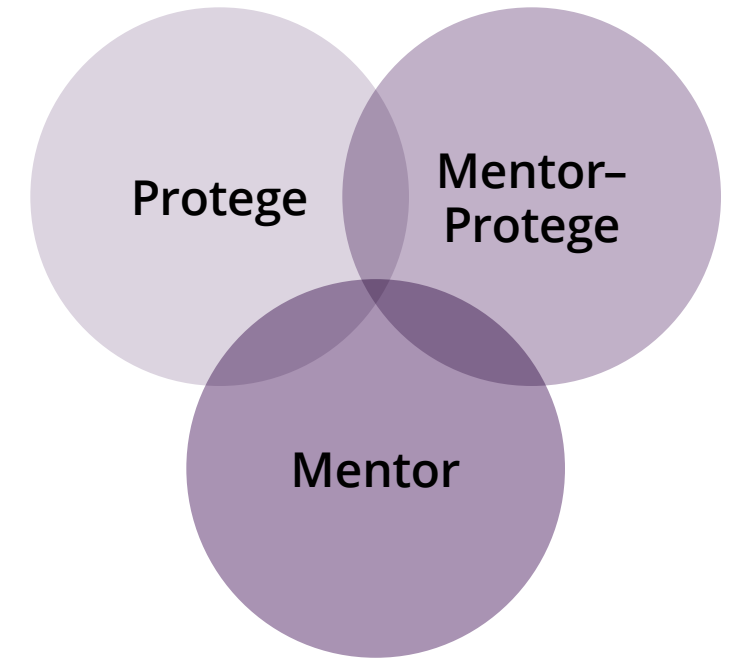
Mentorship Events



Sean McCollum, Manager of the Military Veterans Services Center.

To date we have had two events, the first event was on how to navigate the USA Jobs website and how to apply for government jobs the guest speaker was Carla LA François: the second event was a tribute to veterans with a message on how to be successful, with guest speakers Ben Newman best-selling author and motivational speaker who was the headline speaker and Will Compton a former Nebraska Cornhusker and Inside linebacker for the Washington Redskins.

The next BUMP event will focus mainly on Entrepreneurship and how to start your own business to include developing a business plan and buying into a franchise.



From left to right Air Force Captain Glenn Robertson, Author Ben Newman, Director JR Richardson and Washington Redskins Linebacker Will Compton as they complete a tour of the MVSC. The three guests all agreed to join the BUMP program and serve as Mentors for veteran students and alumni

Teaming Partners

Since the May 31, 2013 Grand Opening ceremony of the Military Veterans Services Center, we have partnered with several community organizations in order to increase the services that we can offer our military and veteran students as well as those in the community. Teaming with such well known organizations such as Lutheran Family Services of Nebraska, Veteran Leader Corps, Disabled American Veterans and the Department of Veteran Affairs gives us the ability to combine all our capabilities under one roof. This sets the MVSC apart from other college veteran service centers and sets the standard for service. The synergy has enabled our team to plan, promote and conduct over 40 events in our first year. These events focus on all the areas of wellness as they relate to the needs of servicepersons, veterans and their families.

William V. Brooks Chapter Disabled American Veterans (DAV)

DAV is the most long-lasting veteran's advocacy and assistance group in this country. We've watched this country change and grow, and we've grown along with it. However, DAV has never wavered in its core mission to fulfill our country's promises to the men and women who served. The

William V. Brooks Chapter is named after Bellevue University founder Bill Brooks. Since opening the service office the DAV has assisted over 30 veterans in understanding and applying for their benefits. Bellevue University is the very first and only university to team with the DAV and bring the services to our veteran students on campus.

www.dav.org/learn-more/about-dav/mission-statement/

Vet success on Campus

"As one of only 94 Vocational Rehabilitation Counselors assigned on a college campus, I assist veterans, military members and qualified dependents with any questions they may have about what benefits they may be entitled to. I manage 48 CH 31 vocational rehabilitation cases conducting on-site supervision once per term with each veteran. I have received 11 applications for CH 31 services, 2 applications for CH36 services, enrolled 5 people into eBenefits.com, and referred 7 veterans to the VA hospital for services 2 of which did not even know that they were entitled to be seen. I work very closely with the University staff to identify students at high risk for non-completion and then attempt to identify how we may assist them with getting back on track to their educational and employment goals."

-Candice Watson



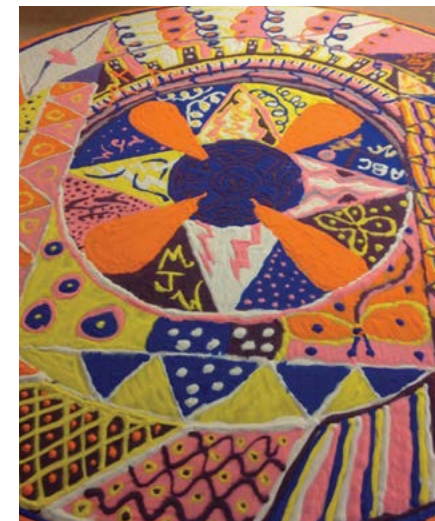
"The Veteran Leader Corps has been a great help during my transition. Cliff was able to do the hard part of editing my resume down to the essential pieces to help employers notice me. He also introduced me to some of his many connections, which has led to a couple of interviews and at least one job offer."

-Evaine Mansfield, Capt, USAF

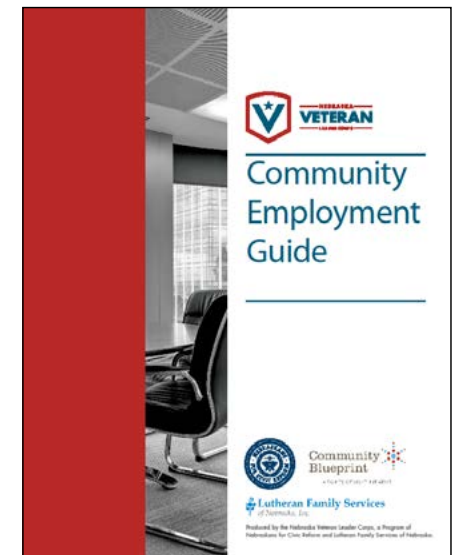
Lutheran Family Services



Military members and veterans explore song writing as a new interest.



Mandala Sand Painting created by students during PART II ART series



Community Employment Guide, a 60 page step-by-step employment guide developed by MVSC team member Cliff McEvoy, MPA and distributed to those seeking employment opportunities in the Bellevue region.

Soundz of Freedom Mission Statement



To assist everyone to open your eyes & ears—See and Hear what all of our men & women of the military are trying to tell us... Remember they have All Gave Some & Some Gave All... So now it is time for us to give back... Showing them we care and appreciate everything they have done for our country... So let's begin with Music it is so very good & healing for your mind, body & soul... Thank you

Returning Veterans Resource Network

The Returning Veterans Resource Network is composed from all branches of service and conflicts. Collectively we have come together to help OIF/OEF and other veterans with their problems after returning home from war. The network provides mentoring, information, and referrals to appropriate and necessary services

Working with the Returning Veterans Resource Network, the MVSC sponsored the training and certification of 16 "Nebraska Peer-to-Peer Support Specialist." www.nebraskaticketto.org/node/229



10 New Bonded and Certified CSOs, giving the William Brooks Chapter plenty of man power (the most in the country), to cover the office and serve veterans



Another First, MVSC host on-site Chapter Service Officers (CSO) training. This is the first time in DAV history that this type of training has been done outside of the national setting



Mrs. William Brooks and her two grandchildren present a picture of her late husband William, during the Battle of Midway to the MVSC.



Air Force Jr ROTC from Bellevue West High School serve as the Honor Guard for the DAV Naming Ceremony.

Transition Academy

The Bellevue University Transition Academy is a series of educational events geared toward our military and veteran students and those in the community who are in some form of transition. Whether an individual is adjusting to the demands and atmosphere of the higher education environment, or returning to civilian status and seeking to find the right career, the MVSC develops and host events

Veteran Leader Corps

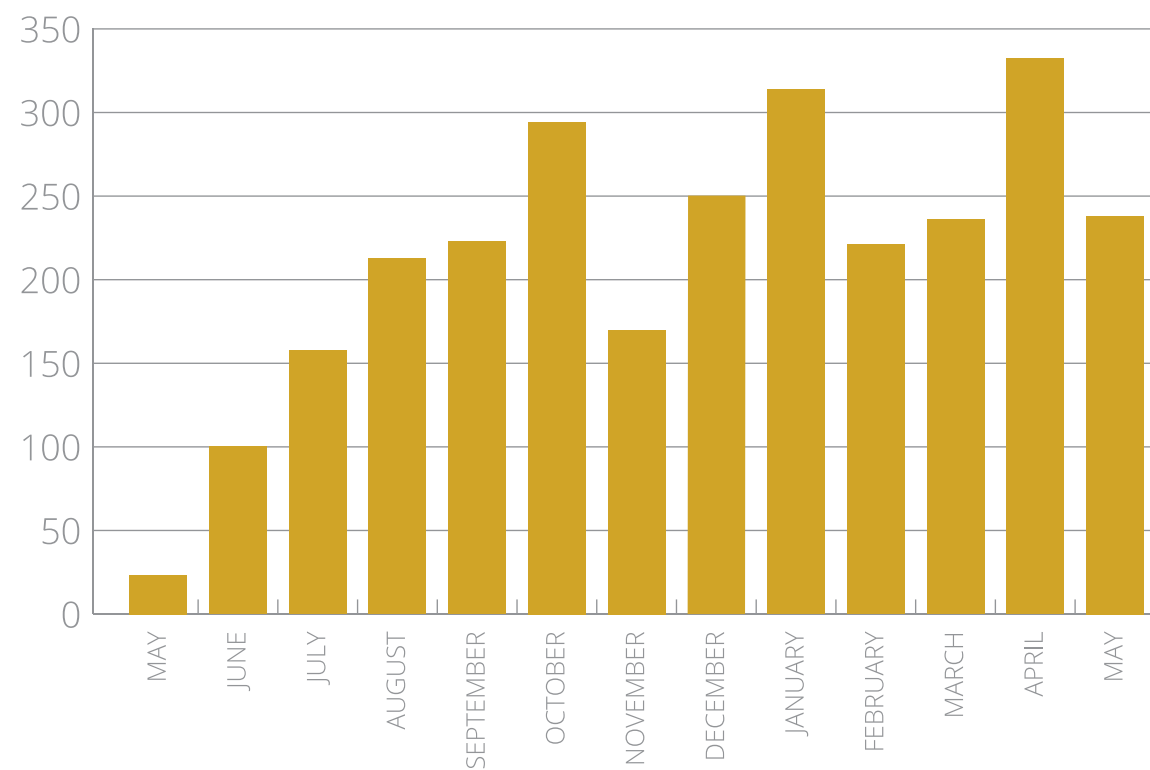
"We need everyone's support now more than ever. Bellevue University serves as a model program to reunite the community and the Veteran. Together, with this type of effort we can restore the country."

-Joel T. Schneider & Kay Bosiljevac-Schneider, for the Returning Veterans Resource Network

Visitors

The number of military, veteran and dependents that come to visit, and use, the Military Veteran Services Center has been steadily increasing each month as word of the Bellevue University's facility spreads throughout campus and the local community.

Military Veterans Services Center progression of utilization
May 2013 - May 2014



"The Military Services Center at Bellevue University is a resource I wish was available to me back when I first got out of the Navy. Integration to civilian life has been a longstanding challenge for me. The MVSC has provided me with the professional, educational and psychological support I needed to excel not only as a student but as a person. I am able to mingle with active duty, reserve and veterans like me. There is a wealth of knowledge and centuries of experience available in a language I understand well. This new campus community has inspired me to improve my GPA, increase my social skills, develop and complete a complicated thesis and even land a paid internship as a Field Biologist with the United States Army Corps of Engineers! Most importantly however, I am no longer the isolated, basement dwelling veteran, but a functional, productive person and student."

-Johnny O. Farnen , Biology major Bellevue University

2014 Goals

Increase and improve Services, Facilities, Equipment and Events

Services

Continue to listen and respond to the needs of our military and veteran students. Responding to their needs remains a key component to participation success in the activities at the MVSC.

Continue to build the relationship with our teaming partners and the leaders within the community to facilitate the highest quality to our military and veteran students and those who service members who reside in the area at little or no additional cost to Bellevue University.

Upgrade and enhance lighting, sound, camera and IT in infrastructure so that all events will be available for real time participation, podcast or download from wherever our students might live or be deployed.

Facilities

New Carpeting—We will replace the carpeting throughout the main areas (excludes individual offices). This project is fully funded.

New Private Study Spaces—We plan on replacing our current six cubical with eight new ones modern private study spaces the will exceed Americans with Disabilities Act access requirements. Additional funding is necessary.

Signage—Exterior signs will be placed on and around the building and identifying the Rotert Office Building and Military Veteran Services Center. Additionally, signs identifying the interior offices will be placed above the doors to identify services. This project is fully funded.

Furniture Replacement—The chairs and table in the conference room need to be replaced. This is currently unfunded.



Equipment

With the addition of the 55' Mondo Board, the MVSC will add additional lighting, cameras and sound equipment that will enable our event and meeting spaces to stream activities so that we can have unlimited participation. This is fully funded.

Events

Soundz of Freedom—annual event that will salute military and veteran students and in the local area. This daylong outdoor musical festival event was created by a Silver Star Mom Lisbeth Anderson (mother of Justin Anderson, Bellevue Alumni and soldier who was wounded in 2004 in Iraq). This family friendly event will bring numerous visitors to our campus and will serve to create awareness and donations or local wounded warrior causes in our community.

The event kicks off with a traditional pancake breakfast which we are planning to host at the MVSC and use it as an opportunity to honor those who have contributed to the center and the services that we provide.

The Soundz of Freedom already has strong local media support and is growing in popularity within the region. For more information the mission statement and link below: www.soundzoffreedom.weebly.com/

EVENTS

2013

- May 31** Community–Grand Opening–247 Attendees
- June 6** Social Sponsored Event–Vets4Vets–Collage Poems–6 attendees
- June 12** Social Community–Reenlistment Ceremony Member of the 55th SFS
- June 18** Hosted the 2013 Annual Military Advisory Board Meeting
- June 15** Social Community–Commissioning of BU Alumni Crystal Ditto Air Force
- June 25** Career Financial–Sponsored Event–Transition Academy X2–First Data 23 attendees–5 interviews
- June 25** Career Financial–Sponsored Event–Transition Academy X2–First Data 8 attendees
- July 16** Career Financial–Sponsored Event–Transition Academy (lunch and Learn) Aerotek the Power of Working with Staffing and Recruiting Companies As You Transition from the Military–26 attendees
- July 25** Social -Support Event–Vets4Vets–Photographic exploration (off site event promoted by MVSC and attended by regulars)
- August 1** Social–Sponsored–Vets4Vets–Hand Built Clay Vessels–8 attendees
- August 6** Financial Career–Sponsored–Transition Academy–Principal Financial How To Plan Your Financial Security–10 attendees
- August 6** Career–Sponsored–Transition Academy–Transitioning From the Military to a Career in Financial Services–8 attendees–3 FU interviews and 2 hires.
- August 6** Community–Support Congressman Jeff Fortenberry Veterans History Project 1 MVSC WS volunteer Aaron Watenbach
- August 15** Social–Sponsored–Vets4Vets–Expressive Mask Making–8 attendees
- August 20** Benefits–Sponsored Transition Academy Webinar and interactive panel–Get The Most From What You’ve Earned–GI Bill Benefits
- August 22** Social–MVSC Hosted / Lutheran Family Services sponsored event Vets-4-Vets Mandala Sand Painting–8 attendees
- August 29** Social–MVSC Hosted / Lutheran Family Services Sponsored Event–Vets4Vets–Stop Action Animation–9 Attendees
- September 4** SI & MVSC collaboration visit Principal Financial Group Head Quarters, Des Moines, IA–building teaming relationship
- September 10** Career–Sponsored Transition Academy–Direct Insight–12 Attendees and 1 BU Veteran Hire
- September 16** Community–Social Sponsored Offutt AFB Officer & Enlisted Wives Club Presidents to meet with Diana Waggoner, Jenifer Malone and Heather Jensen–Spouses Retreat meeting
- September 22** Community–Found Raiser for BU Veteran Alumni Justin Anderson–Support by participation
- September 24** Community–Sponsored Vet Talks–Dinner that connected veterans in the community with non-profit organizations.
- October 4** Career–Manko Windows Manufacturing Tour–7 participants (5 BU students and alum)

- October 17** Community–Support Event (Sponsored by BU) MVSC 4 Work Studies participate in learning session and interactive panel
- October 17** Community–Support event (Sponsored by BU)–Responding to the Brain Injury and Post Traumatic Stress Disorder Needs of Returning Veterans
- October 24** Community Career–Support Event-Lioness–One time screening of Lioness followed by a discussion panel with local female combat veterans at the Film Stream in downtown Omaha
- October 29** Financial–Support Event–Principal Financial Group–Finical planning seminar (established by MVSC) MVSC promoted and helped coordinate participation
- October 29** Financial Career–MVSC Sponsored–Transition Academy Principal Financial Group–Recruitment Seminar for veterans and spouses
- November 2** Community–Support Event–Stand Down VA Nebraska Western Iowa Health Care MVSC Representation Mark Eshelman and Cliff McEvoy
- November 6** Community–Joint Sponsored BU, UNO & MCC–MCC–Veterans Education Fair–MVSC had a booth as well as BU Community College Outreach
- November 8** Community–Bill Brooks Chapter of DAV Service Officer Training
- November 9** Community–Making Hope Happen Event Debriefing and breakfast
- November 16** Career Community–Habitat for Humanity Veteran Event and post event gathering
- November 20** Community–Homes for Heroes Lunch and Learn presentation Prudential Real Estate Services attended by numerous active duty members
- November 20** Social Community–Service Organization Recruiting Fair
- November 21** Community–Military and Veterans issue Town Hall Meeting with Nebraska State Senator Sue Crawford.
- December 13** Social Community–MVSC Christmas Party and tree decoration for Liberty Apartments (homeless veterans housing).
- December 16** Community–Tree delivery and lighting at Liberty Apartments
- December 16-21** Community–Returning Veterans Resource Network, Peer-to-Peer Specialist training 16 individuals trained and certified through by Nebraska officials.

2014

- January 17** Social Community–Bellevue University Mentor Protégé BUMP Meeting. Guest Speaker was Department of Veteran Affairs Senior Hiring Manager, Carla S. LeFrancois.
- February 25** Community–Nebraska Homes for Heroes, a program that helps military and veterans in buying or refinancing a home.
- March 20** Career–Wounded Warrior and Vet initiative Employment preparation and outreach.
- April 5** Career–Veterans in Business Forum (VIBF)–Hosted and sponsored by the MVSC with guest speaker Omaha Mayor Jean Stothert.
- April 24** BUMP–Ben Newman (bestselling author) Will Compton (Washington Redskins)
- April 26** Community–Grand Opening William V. Brooks Chapter DAV
- May 2** Career Veterans in Business Forum (VIBF)–Hosted and sponsored by the MVSC with Peter Kiewit Foundation guest speaker

Thanks

The MVSC team would like to thank the following individuals and organizations for their very generous monetary gifts that have helped us to get started and will help us to improve and increase the delivery of services to our military and veteran students as well as those service members within our community.

We salute you and the numerous individuals at Bellevue University who donated anomalously through payroll donations.

We would also like to thank you all of the members of Bellevue University's staff and faculty for all of the professional support that they have has been given us over this past year. Because of the tremendous support from so many it is difficult to mention any particular individual or organization. You know what you have done in setting up this fantastic facility and in helping us in hosting over 40 events. We could not serve our military and veterans without the tremendous professional service and support that you provide.

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