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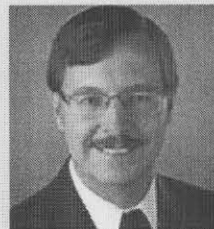


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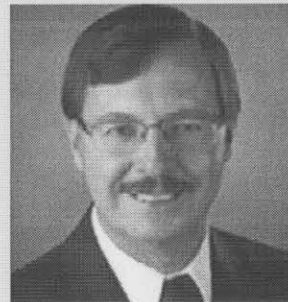
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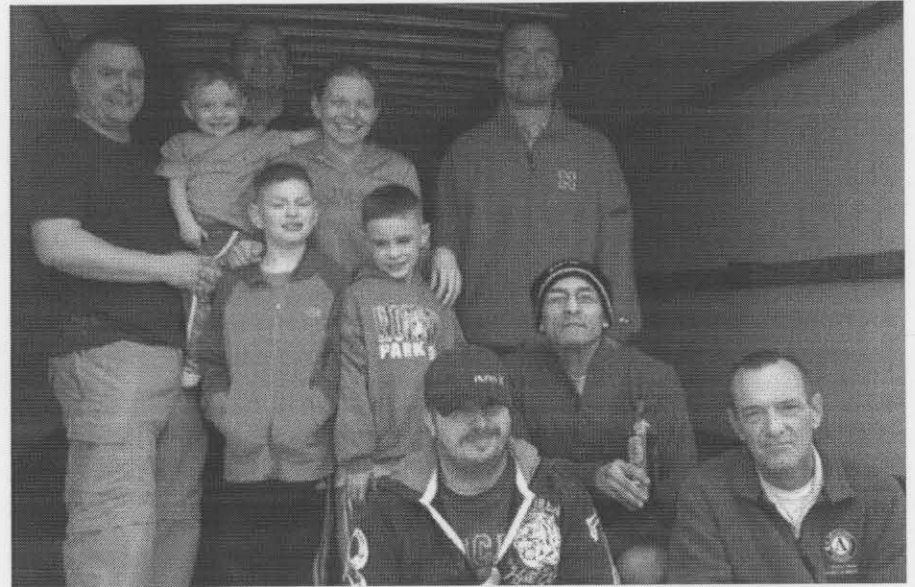
Housing Information

The MVSC provides local housing information to inbound military and veteran students. Much like the sponsorship programs ^{that} 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.~~ ^{providing assistance through assistance through}

^{l.c.} Berkshire Hathaway Realtor Michelle Gustafson ^{speaks} 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 ^{out of} 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.

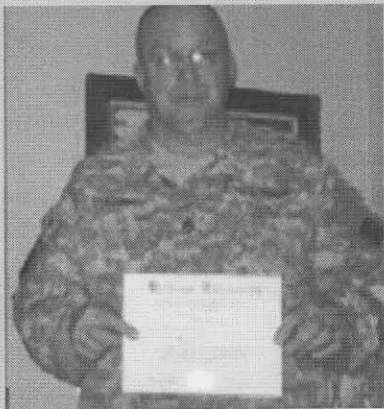
Bellevue University Mentor/ Protégé (BUMP) [^]

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 ^{participants} ~~the members~~ create a bridge to transition from ^{member} ~~the military~~ to a college student and from a college graduate to a meaningful, rewarding civilian career.



^{d.c.}
Professor ^e ~~Frederick~~ Donovan and MVSC ^o ~~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" ^o ~~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 ^o ~~the student~~ was shouldering with his transition.

^o Grimm



"Thank you very much for helping me to acquire the scholarship! On top of that, the afforded opportunity to ~~have~~ ^{utilize} 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."

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Wayne Fuller, SFC, WA ANG

SFC Wayne Fuller proudly shows his Bellevue University ~~degree~~ ^{diploma}. SFC Fuller used the MVSC services to finish his degree.

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Teams ^{ing} Partners

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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.

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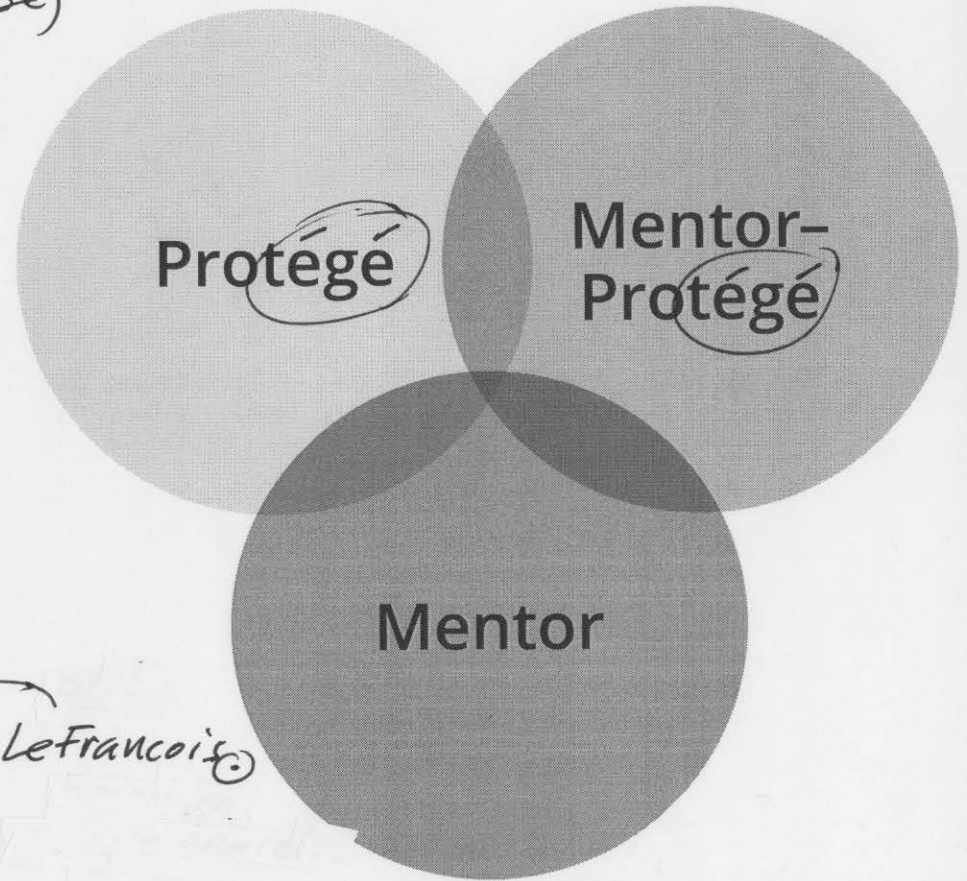


Sean McCollum, Manager of the Military Veterans Services Center.

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 ^{with} the guest speaker ~~was~~ Carla ^{Le} Francois: 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.



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From left to right [Ⓢ] Air Force Captain Glenn Robertson, [Ⓢ] Author Ben Newman, Director ^{J.R.} 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^S Affairs gives us the ability to combine all ~~our~~ ^{offerings} ~~capabilities~~ under one roof. This sets the MVSC apart from other college veteran^S 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 ^{lived} ~~lasting~~ veteran ⁱⁿ ~~advocacy~~ and assistance group in this country. ^{The organization has} ~~We've~~ watched this country ^{has} ~~change~~ and grow, and ^{we've} ~~grown~~ along with it. However, ^{the} DAV has never wavered in its core mission to fulfill our country's promises to the men and women who served. The

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William V. Brooks Chapter is named after Bellevue University founder Bill Brooks. ^{the chapter's} ~~Since opening~~ the service office ^{has opened} 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 ^{its} ~~the~~ services to ~~our~~ veteran students on campus. *To learn more, see:*
www.dav.org/learn-more/about-dav/mission-statement/

Vet success on Campus

"As one of only 94 ~~Vocational Rehabilitation Counselors~~ assigned ^{to} 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~~ ^{Ch. 31} vocational rehabilitation cases conducting on-site supervision once per term with each veteran. I have received 11 applications for ~~CH 31~~ ^{Ch. 31} services, ~~2~~ ^{two} applications for ~~CH 36~~ ^{Ch. 36} services, enrolled ~~5~~ ^{five} people into eBenefits.com, and referred ~~7~~ ^{seven} veterans to the VA hospital for services, ~~2~~ ^{two} 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~~ ^{can} assist them ~~with~~ ⁱⁿ getting back on track ~~to~~ ^{with} their educational and employment goals."



"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."

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Lutheran Family Services

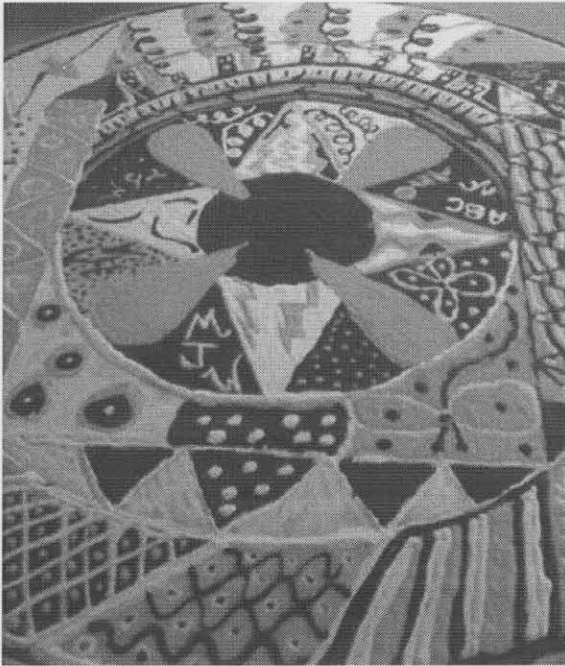


**Lutheran
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Military members and veterans explore song writing as a new interest.





Mandala and Painting created by students during PART II ART series

You have a lot to say... **EXPRESS YOURSELF - through - ART!**

FREE! **Vets4Vets 'Art Expressions' CREATIVE WORKSHOPS - PART III -**

Bellevue University Military Veterans Service Center
(SW Corner of Harvard & Harmon Drives on the west side of Bellevue University's Campus)

Wednesdays 6:00-9:00 p.m.
 June 11, 18 & 25; July 2, 16 & 23

Have fun making art with your fellow veterans! Join Vets4Vets, a peer support group interested in the common goal of sharing experiences and just hanging out. In these workshops, you will use a different artistic media each week. All experience levels are welcome and no previous art experience is required!

"This was a great way to relax and learn some new skills."
 Veterans who participated in the previous Creative Workshops write.

OPEN TO ALL ACTIVE AND FORMER MILITARY AND THEIR LOVED ONES. REGISTER ONLINE AT WWW.VETS4VETS.ORG/ARTS/PARTIII

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120 First Church Road North - Bellevue, NE 68001 - (402) 361-9100
 1811 West 2nd Street, Suite 202 - Grand Island, NE 68801 - (402) 363-4337

JUNE 11 - WEARABLE "TATTOO" DESIGNS
Have a good chance to make your own temporary design and have it printed into a t-shirt. This experience has helped a lot who don't fit in a t-shirt with an average design.

JUNE 18 - ABSTRACT PAINTING BOOTCAMP
The workshop "Bring together" and other items to create a finished abstract painting in one evening. In this session, you will learn about color harmonies, application of paint and compositional strategies.

JUNE 25 - PLAYWRITING FOR STAGE OR SCREENS
Learn how to write for your own experience or create believable characters that speak with dialogue that can be funny or serious. Develop a script & written scenarios or reading the scripts that lead to being prior scenes in life.

JULY 2 - DREAM CYCLE
Can't sleep at the moment? Experience with different types of audio and journal with instruments. Drawing the best with spoken poetry. Release your inner beast!

JULY 16 - CHARACTER DEVELOPMENT
Develop the 6-8 character that you want from your own imagination. From a concept sketch, you will create an animation that you'll create with the help of the graphic team. You'll get your own "Storyboard" and script for your work.

JULY 23 - OGGI ART MADNESS
In this session, you'll use "anything" as making techniques and find a way to make the "impossible" happen to create conceptual art work. The focus will be on making on other media to bring them all "together" to create unique characters that can be shared or sold.

NOTE: The content or order of workshops may be subject to change based on weather or other conditions.

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Community Employment Guide

Community Blueprint
where it counts. where it matters.

Lutheran Family Services of Nebraska, Inc.

Produced by the Nebraska Veterans Center. A Program of National and So-Cover Veterans and Lutheran Family Services of Nebraska.

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.

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Soundz of Freedom Mission Statement

To assist everyone to open your eyes ~~&~~ ^{and} ears — See and Hear what all of our men ~~&~~ ^{and} women of the military are trying to tell us... Remember they have All ~~Gave~~ ^{Given} Some ~~&~~ ^{and} 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 ~~&~~ ^{and} healing for your mind, body ~~&~~ ^{and} soul... Thank you ^{!!!}

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Returning Veterans Resource Network

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The Returning Veterans Resource Network ^{of individuals} [^] ^{military} 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 ^{veterans in obtaining their} Nebraska Peer-to-Peer Support Specialist.

www.nebraskatickettowork.org/node/229

certification

For more information, see:



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 ^S MVSC ^A host on-site Chapter Service Officers (CSO) training. This is the first time in DAV history ~~that~~ ^{conducted} 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 ^{his tour of duty in} during the Battle of Midway ^{to the MVSC.} to the MVSC. ^{taken}

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Junior members

Air Force ~~fr~~ ROTC ^A from Bellevue West High School serve as the Honor Guard for the DAV ~~Naming~~ Ceremony.

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