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# CBU Veteran Newsletter

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## Welcome Home Lancers

Welcome new and returning student veterans! The 2017-18 school year has begun. It is an exciting time as our first ever CBU Veteran Newsletter begins. The newsletter will come out monthly and include everything from past and future events to community involvements for veteran students. We hope to make this beneficial for as many students as possible, and give out both important and exciting information for the upcoming year.

This first issue will include some campus events, important benefits information, and some personal stories from fellow classmates on campus. We are excited as this addition to information makes its way to the students. It will always be encouraged for students to send in information and stories they may think will be beneficial to others. We look forward to this year and everything that it has in store!

September 18<sup>th</sup> of this year marked the 70<sup>th</sup> birthday of the Air Force!



## 9/11 Remembrance

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On 11 September 2017, students, faculty, and staff gathered together in an evening ceremony to remember those that were lost because of the events in 2001. It was truly inspiring to see as so many people went out to show their respect for the people lost and their families.



Bottom picture provided by ASCBU.

## Club Fair Day

Every club on the CBU campus came out to share their club ideas and welcome in new members. The newly founded Student Veteran Association was amongst them as they welcomed new people and worked to accomplish some important tasks. Since the 2016-17 academic year the club has been trying to seek some resources for student veterans on campus. They were collecting signatures for two petitions, one to get support for a Veteran Student Resource Center and one to get graduation stoles that recognize the service of veterans during the respective graduations. The SVA president Billy Dooley and volunteer Sarah Weber were both out working diligently during the club fair to collect signatures and make people aware of the tasks that the SVA is trying to complete. It was both an eventful and fun time as they talked with students and faculty alike about the plans the SVA has in store for the upcoming academic year.



## COMMENCEMENT CORNER

Here are the fall 2017 commencement schedules and will be held at the new Event Center:

OPS – 2 PM 14 Dec 2017

Traditional Undergraduate – 9:30 AM 15 Dec 2017

Graduate (Both Trad & OPS) – 2 PM 15 Dec 2017

## SCO Corner



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Hello everyone! Welcome back to all current Lancer student veterans and dependent spouse/child. A huge welcome to our new freshman and transfer students! Welcome to Lancer land. I hope every one of you had a wonderful and safe summer. So much for that, let us go back to business. This academic year, we have a few changes that took place specifically, the new tuition cap and Bachelor Housing Allowance (BAH) rates. The new tuition is capped at \$22,805.34, while BAH raised to \$1,974 for a full time traditional student (12 units & up), and \$840.50 for OPS students taking purely online classes (12 units & up). Yellow Ribbon rate remains the same.

Tuition rate also went up this year at CBU. Below are the new tuition rates for an undergraduate program:

**Traditional 1 unit class - \$1171**

**OPS 1 unit class - \$566**

**Flat rate for traditional classes at 13-18 units - \$15,223**

Other changes include, traditional students taking online classes will be charged at the traditional rate. On the contrary, OPS students taking traditional classes will be charged at the OPS rate. I think this is great news for OPS students specifically at below 100% benefit level. To our new OPS students, you can take one traditional class on top of your 4 online classes, this will allow you to receive the full BAH rate of \$1,974. Contact your OPS advisor for more details. To all Ch. 33 Post 9/11 recipients, if you are graduating and walking in the Fall Commencement, your graduation fee can be certified by the VA provided that you still have time remaining in your educational benefits. Send me an email requesting the graduation fee be certified and a copy of the charges.

Finally, if you have any input, stories, accomplishments, birthdays, anniversaries, or anything pertinent to you, please submit them to me at [jvillasenor@calbaptist.edu](mailto:jvillasenor@calbaptist.edu) or my work study student workers at [veterans01@calbaptist.edu](mailto:veterans01@calbaptist.edu). I will make sure it gets published in the next newsletter.

Out here for now!

## VA Work Study Student Workers

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### Vanessa Mojica

- Sociology Major/ Senior
- California Army National Guard
- 4 years of service as a heavy vehicle operator, currently serving
- From Bakersfield, CA
- Plans to attend Graduate School to obtain a Graduate Degree as a Social Worker



### Savantae Inji

- Psychology Major/ Senior
- US Army, 8 years of service as a combat medic
- From Atlanta, GA
- Plans on going for Master's Degree in Social Work after graduation



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## Meet Your Lancers

**Brandon Wharton** is a student veteran currently attending CBU to obtain his undergraduate degree in Criminal Justice. He served in the United States Air Force for six years as an Aircraft Maintainer for the B-1. Brandon is from Huntsville, Alabama and originally moved to California as a part of a church ministry. He said jokingly that he chose to study at CBU because "it was the only Christian school in the area." During his time here, though, he has grown to love the school and what it has to offer. Brandon began his undergrad in 2015 and is planning for a Spring 18 graduation, after which he plans to attend grad school. His summer plans consisted of school and work as he took on 19 units!



**John Vandivere** is a current master's student at CBU. He is originally from Sacramento, CA and chose CBU because he was able to get a scholarship through the school. He did return because of its biblically based program. "I spent 9 years in the Army as an Ordnance officer (EOD). I graduated CBU in 08 with my bachelors and am pursuing a masters in Org Leadership and will graduate this year. I work full time for Honda North American Purchasing (since I've gotten out in 2015), where I purchase engine parts for Honda and Acura vehicles produced in North American plants. This summer I spent time with my family and did homework... (didn't do much this summer, it's been busy)."



"My name is **Breanna Horner**, I am a VA student through being a military dependent, and my intended major is Aviation Flight. I am born and raised in Riverside California, and my parents are stationed at March Air Reserve Base. My mom is a retired chief after 29 years of service in the United States Air Force and is now working on base as a civilian. My dad is a KC-135 boom operator of 35 years of service also in the United States Air Force. Originally, I came to CBU for the nursing program but came to the realization that nursing wasn't for me, from that point on I questioned what I was going to do now. Amidst the confusion my mom encouraged me to go on a discovery flight and from that point forward I knew I wanted to fly. I heard about the Aviation Flight program at CBU, hearing that is a growing program I knew I wanted to be a part of it so I decided to change my major and partake in this wonderful new journey. This summer I prepared for my new major in Aviation and got the desired materials needed for the program, but for the majority of my summer I traveled to go see family and friends."



"My name is **Myka Angelica A. Wilkins**, and I am from Escondido, California. My major is Communication Sciences and Disorders, and I worked as an aircraft mechanic for 3 years and 8 months in the US Navy. Last summer, I was given the blessing to take care of a Pomeranian named Fiona. I was also given the means and opportunity to help my husband remodel our kitchen. I chose CBU because of the quality education in a Christian environment. Besides that, I like the family-oriented community on campus. I love being in an environment where I am welcomed and everyone is supportive of me to become successful someday."

