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## November

Hello everyone! It is November, and this month we head into Veteran's Day. This month has been full of exciting events including SVA meetings, Veteran's Day activities, and meeting some more of our student, staff, and faculty veterans, and their families. There will also be important information put out by Jay Villasenor our Academic Records Coordinator for Veteran Services regarding Veteran benefits.

We are once again asking everyone to please send in information about helpful or fun events that might benefit the CBU student veteran community. We also want to remind everyone that we accept requests to mention birthdays, anniversaries, and other special or memorable events to celebrate in upcoming newsletters. The goal of this newsletter to be beneficial to veteran students and their families. We are here to help and celebrate you!



## Veteran's Day

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This Veteran's Day was observed during the same weekend as Parent & Family Weekend. Many of our students enjoyed the weekend with family, and engaged in a few Veteran events held on campus. Some students also enjoyed Veteran's Day together off campus! T-shirts were provided for student veterans by ASCBU.



Photo by ASCBU



## SVA Meeting

The Student Veteran's Association meeting took place in October of this year where the SVA presented an opportunity for student veterans to speak with representatives of the school. This included a meeting with the Provost, and they were able to get many things accomplished. The SVA made some head way regarding the two petitions for graduation stoles and a Veteran Resource Center. They reported back that the graduation stoles looked like a promising venture and hope to have them be a part of the Spring 2018 graduation commencement. The Veteran Resource Center is also something that the university is looking into for a new development. The meeting was eventful and also an exciting time for student veterans to come together.

## Prayer Breakfast

The Prayer breakfast was held Friday, Nov. 10<sup>th</sup> in the morning. Veterans showed up to both remember those before them, and engage in a time together with others that have served. The festivities included a buffet style breakfast, a slide show of CBU veteran's, and ribbons to remember those lost and celebrate those that have served. It was a wonderful event for all those attended.



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### \*\*REMINDER\*\*

Anyone that has not yet registered for the Spring 2018 semester and plans to certify their courses should do so by December 8th to ensure there are no delays in receiving benefits for next semester.

A reminder on what is considered full-time:

**12 UT units for undergraduate traditional students**

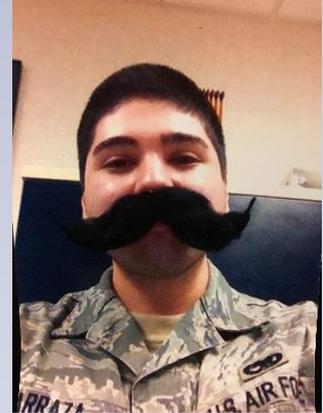
**6 E1 units/ 6 E2 units for OPS students**

**9 GT units for graduate students**

If there are any questions regarding classes for certification, Jay or the VA Work Study students can be contacted at [jvillasenor@calbaptist.edu](mailto:jvillasenor@calbaptist.edu) and [veterans01@calbaptist.edu](mailto:veterans01@calbaptist.edu)

## Meet Your Lancers

My name is Jacob Barraza and I served 8 years in the United States Air Force as a maintenance scheduler for the F-22 fighter jets at Langley AFB in Virginia. I started off as an Airman Basic (E-1) and progressed all the way to Staff Sergeant (E-5). I've had many great experiences and was fortunate enough to travel around the world with my aircraft. As far as CBU, I am a junior pursuing my Bachelors of Science degree in Mechanical Engineering and have been a part of CBU since Spring 2015. My experience at CBU has been amazing, so much to speak about in such a short amount of space but the main point is that CBU has taught me a great deal about who I want to be versus what I was and has shown me how to achieve it. My Thanksgiving plans will probably be similar to most others, eating lots of food with friends and family.



I am a veteran on the U.S. Navy and I served for 5 years. I currently work for the Department of Homeland Security as a Detection Enforcement Officer (DEO). I served on multiple U.S. and international deployments with the U.S. Navy which included Operation Desert Fox; worked carrier deck night operations in a real-time combat zone on a U.S. Naval carrier and was noted as one of the first women deployed on a naval carrier. During this operation we ceased Iraqi president, Saddam Hussein's international operation of using weapons of mass destruction. While serving in the U.S. I inspected over 100 + F/A-18 aircraft for safety of flight within my first year of serving the U.S. Navy and thereafter I was trained and certified as a Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) certified Air Traffic Controller. I am attending California Baptist University (CBU) in order to pursue a dual bachelor's degree in Aviation Flight. My passion for aviation sparked the day that my grandfather, also a Naval Veteran, flew me over Disneyland for my 4th birthday. This degree is to further continue my education and passion within the aviation environment and soon fly.



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