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ETSU VETERANS UPWARD BOUND (VUB)

Veterans Upward Bound Voice

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VUB Summer Semester Information and Instructions

Page three of the newsletter contains the VUB 2012 Summer Semester schedule of classes. It is very similar to previous semesters and it contains all the pre-college class opportunities for most veterans to prepare for entrance into and success in a post-secondary program.

We will continue our basic math and English classes this semester by offering tutoring for those who need to brush up on their basic skills. Please call the VUB office to arrange this individual service. We will continue to provide tutoring for those who need additional preparation before taking the COMPASS test.

Please note that some classes meet twice per week (computer skills, science, probability & statistics), while others meet only once per week (math II, English II, and literature). Also note that the semester is nine weeks in length without a break.

Check out the schedule and contact any VUB staff member if you have questions. To register for classes follow the instructions at the bottom of the page. You may register by phone, by e-mail, or you may remove the page, fold it so that the VUB address is on the outside, staple/tape it and mail to us not later than April 13, 2012.

We recommend that all participants register for at least two courses so that you will receive the full benefit of the instruction and be better prepared when you enter a post-secondary program. We have designed the schedule so that you will be able to register for up to six different classes during a four-day period without class conflicts.

If you are in college already, keep us informed of your progress, call if you need help, and let us know if you change your address or phone number. Have a great Summer!

TASP Scholarship Winner



VUB participant Alan Koch was nominated and highly recommended by ETSU's Veterans Upward Bound Program for a scholarship sponsored by the Tennessee Association of Special Programs (TASP) because of his outstanding academic record, service to his community, and his exemplary enthusiasm in pursuing a program of post-secondary education.

On March 26, 2012, a TASP News release congratulated Mr. Koch and offered the following comments: "By nature, Alan is a motivator, teacher, leader, and most importantly a team player; these traits are demonstrated daily in educational, personal and professional life. Alan's experience with the military and Veterans Upward Bound taught him the importance of team work. It was a team effort on VUB's part that got him into college. Thus, he has carried this team mentality into his classroom experience where he strives to encourage

younger students in group assignments as well as in independent study groups. According to Dr. Merritt, an Associate Professor at Northeast State Community College, Alan exemplifies three areas which are keys to success: dependability, leadership and teamwork. During Alan's career in the military and in ministry, he has spent time in more than twenty countries around the globe. His goal in life is to not only educate himself, but also to pass along that knowledge to help someone in the next generation to achieve success in life; he simply wants to pay it forward."

Alan was also the winner of the National Association of Veterans Upward Bound's 2011 scholarship and was selected as ETSU VUB's 2009-2010 Polly Archer Award, which is the program's highest academic achievement recognition.

Congratulations to Alan for winning the TASP Scholarship and VUB salutes Alan for his loyalty and great service to our country.

ETSU Veterans Upward Bound Program is currently considering eligible veterans who are interested in being recommended for the next NAVUB Scholarship in the amount of \$1,000. Call to speak with the VUB Counselor, Bobby Westbrook, at 423.392.8034 to discuss details of the scholarship regarding criteria, eligibility, submission date, academic record and submission process.

FREE OFFER

National Association of Veterans Upward Bound

The National Association of Veterans Upward Bound (NAVUB) held its 34th annual conference in Charleston, South Carolina, March 19-23, 2012. The conference was held at the Francis Marion Hotel with outstanding arrangements being made by the NAVUB 2012 Conference Committee. The local VUB Program at Trident Technical College, under the directorship of Brian Jerdan, and his staff, provided valuable support for the conference.

Attending the conference from East Tennessee State University's VUB program were Len Morrison, Bobby Westbrook, Carl Cole, Joan Hathaway, and Teresa Carver.

Highlights of the conference included:

- ◆ An announcement that the NAVUB will sponsor seven \$1,000 scholarships for the 2012-2013 school year. Previously, only five \$500 scholarships were sponsored per year
- ◆ Presentations by Dr. Mary Thornley, President of Trident Technical College, Mr. Terry Howell, Managing Editor of Military.com, and Mr. Jonathan Lunardi, Co-Founder of VeteranCentral.com
- ◆ Roundtable discussions
- ◆ Informative general sessions and several workshops designed to assist VUB programs provide more comprehensive and innova-

tive services to veterans in their quest for success in post-secondary academic programs

- ◆ Group trip to historic Fort Sumter, and
- ◆ Presentation of VUB banner to ETSU's VUB Program for having the largest group in attendance at the conference. (Photo of 6'x6' banner below.)



Services For Those Who Served

The ETSU College of Business and Technology sponsored a forum regarding information for Veterans. U.S Congressman Phil Roe hosted the event and was assisted by the support staffs of Senators Bob Corker and Lamar Alexander. The program was convened in the Millennium Center of Johnson City on March 23rd, 2012. Presenters provided information regarding housing opportunities, small-business loans, federal contracting and educational services. ETSU is a *Veterans Friendly* institution and strives to provide education opportunities and information that will assist Veterans to reach their personal, academic and career goals. Staff from the Veterans Upward Bound Program of ETSU presented information about special services to Veterans who need assistance in planning, preparing and

enrolling in colleges and technical schools. For more information call one of the VUB staff at 423.439.2281.

Veterans Education Guide—2012 Edition

Copies of the publication are available for information at the VUB office, Bldg. 2, Room 13 at VAMC, Mountain Home, TN. Continuing education and career opportunities for today's military Veterans feature articles as follows: VA Education Benefits, Yellow Ribbon Participants, Using the Post 9/11 GI Bill, Veterans Upward Bound, How to Pay For College, College Profiles, and much more.

Recently Received Information About the Veterans Retraining Assistance Program (VRAP): New Benefits for Unemployed Veterans

The Veterans Retraining Assistance Program (VRAP) offers 12 months of retraining assistance to Veterans who are:

- ◆ Unemployed
- ◆ At least 35 but no more than 60 years old
- ◆ Have an other than dishonorable discharge
- ◆ Not eligible for any other VA education benefit program (e.g., the Post 9/11 GI Bill, Montgomery GI Bill, Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment)
- ◆ Not in receipt of VA compensation due to Individual Unemployability (IU)
- ◆ Not enrolled in a federal or state job training program
- ◆ Enrolled in a VA-approved program of education offered by a community college or technical school

The program is limited to 45,000 participants from July 1, 2012, through September 30, 2012, and to 54,000 participants from October 1, through March 31, 2014. Participants may receive up to 12 months of assistance at the full-time payment rate under the Montgomery GI Bill-Active Duty program (currently \$1,473 per month). The program must lead to an Associate Degree, Non-College Degree, or a Certification, and train the Veteran for a high demand occupation.

Visit www.gibill.va.gov/VRAP to learn more and read frequently asked questions about VRAP. More details about VRAP, including information on how to apply, will be published at www.gibill.va.gov as they become available.

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VUB 2012 SUMMER SEMESTER : APRIL 16th—JUNE 14th

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE OF CLASSES (ETSU Main Campus / VA Campus)

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY
Flexi-ble Time	MATH I / ENGLISH I TUTORING VA Bldg. 2, Room 013 Call VUB to arrange date & time	MATH I / ENGLISH I TUTORING VA Bldg. 2, Room 013 Call VUB to arrange date & time	MATH I / ENGLISH I TUTORING VA Bldg. 2, Room 013 Call VUB to arrange date & time	MATH I / ENGLISH I TUTORING VA Bldg. 2, Room 013 Call VUB to arrange date & time
1:30-3:00	INTRODUCTION TO PROB/STATISTICS (meets Mon & Wed) Mini-Dome E 205 <i>Topics include distribution, correlation, hypothesis testing, relationships, etc.</i>		INTRO TO PROB/STATISTICS (meets Mon & Wed) Mini-Dome E 205	
2:00-4:00		SCIENCE (meets Tue & Thu) Mini-Dome E 205 <i>Includes physics, chemistry, earth science</i>		SCIENCE (meets Tue & Thu) Mini-Dome E 205
3:15-5:15	COMPUTER SKILLS A (meets Mon & Wed) Brown Hall 264 <i>Consists of Windows 2007, MS Word, Internet & E-mail</i>		COMPUTER SKILLS (meets Mon & Wed) Brown Hall 264	
5:30-8:30	LITERATURE Brown Hall 304 <i>Emphasis on reading</i>	ENGLISH II Brown Hall 304 <i>Composition of English including grammar, punctuation, spelling, composition & vocabulary</i>		MATH II Brown Hall 304 <i>Factoring, rational numbers, inequalities & polynomials, etc.</i>

OFF ETSU JOHNSON CITY / VA CAMPUS CLASSES (Dates/times may be adjusted to meet student needs)

OFF ETSU MAIN / VA CAMPUS SITES	SUBJECT	DAY(S)	TIME(S)	ROOM
Bristol Public Library	MATH / ENGLISH	Tue	3:00-4:30/4:30-6:00P	Mtg. Room
	COMPUTER SKILLS	TBD	TBD	
ETSU Kingsport	COMPUTER SKILLS	Tue	9:00-11:00A	216
	MATH / ENGLISH TUTORING	TBD	TBD	216
ETSU Nave Center Elizabethton	ENGLISH / MATH I	Mon	5:30-7:30/7:30-9:30P	122
	COMPUTER SKILLS / MATH II	Wed	5:30-7:30/7:30-9:30P	122
Johnson County Extended Service Center	ENGLISH / MATH	Wed	4:30-5:30/5:30-6:30P	JCESC
	COMPUTER SKILLS	Wed	6:30-7:30P	

You may register by phone, by e-mail, or you may remove this page, circle the scheduled classes listed above and complete the box below, fold it so that the VUB address is on the outside, staple or tape it and mail it to us not later than April 13, 2012. Consult a VUB staff member at (423) 439-2281 if you have any questions or need assistance.

Name: _____ Phone #: _____



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DATES TO REMEMBER

VUB Summer 2012 Semester ~ April 16 – June 14

Financial Aid/College Success Workshop: Tuesday, May 22, 2012 ~ 4:00-6:00 P.M. ~ VA Bldg. 2, Room 128

Memorial Day Holiday ~ May 28, 2012 (Offices closed)

VUB Fall 2012 Semester begins September 10

Veterans Upward Bound is a unique program designed to assist eligible veterans prepare for entering and succeeding in a program of post-secondary education. VUB has operated successfully at ETSU since 1980 helping hundreds of veterans achieve their educational goals. Through academic counseling, advising, encouraging, motivating, and providing basic skill and short-term remedial and refresher courses, VUB has been an important program in the lives of many veterans.

Take advantage of the many benefits VUB has to offer.

Veterans Upward Bound is a federal TRiO program funded by the U.S. Department of Education.

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