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# Veterans Upward Bound Voice

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## VUB Spring Semester Information and Instructions

Page three of the newsletter contains the VUB 2015 Spring Semester schedule of classes. It is very similar to previous semesters and it contains all the precollege class opportunities for most veterans to prepare for entrance into and success in a postsecondary 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 computer skills class meets twice per week, while the remainder (algebra, science, and stats) meets only once per week. Also note that the semester is 10 weeks in length.

Check out the schedule and contact any VUB staff member if you have questions. You may register by phone.

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 postsecondary program.

We have designed the schedule so you will be able to register for up to four 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.

## 2015–2016 TRiO Programs' Scholarships

The 2015-16 TRiO Programs' annual academic scholarships for veterans began in late November 2014. The first competition to be announced was by the Southeastern Association of Educational Opportunity Program Personnel (SAEOPP) with a submission date of December 15, 2014.

All VUB participants in college are considered for scholarships sponsored by three TRiO organizations: the National Association of Veterans Upward Bound (NAVUB), the Tennessee Association of Special Programs (TASP), and SAEOPP. These three organizations allow and encourage one application from each VUB within their geographical areas.

ETSU VUB Staff continually reviews the academic records and other accomplishments of eligible participants expressing an interest in competing for the awards. The participant who best meets the selection criteria of the scholarship is the one who is nominated.

The ETSU VUB staff has nominated John Ryan Galyon, a second-year student at Northeast State Community College for the impending award.

Ryan has maintained an impressive GPA of 4.0 while at Northeast State and has participated in numerous activities. He has been very cooperative, determined, and has a positive attitude. He demonstrates professional demeanor and motivation to be successful.

Ryan received the highest recommendation from VUB and we wish him the best of success in the competition.

# *From the Halls of Montezuma to the Shores of Tripoli: A Final Tribute to a Marine*

By: Carl Cole, VUB Education Advisor



Regardless of which service any veteran has serviced, when the familiar words, *From the halls of Montezuma to the shores of Tripoli* is heard, one knows it is all about the first-to-arrive hard-fighting spirit of the United States Marines. This article is about one of those Marines; MSgt Alan Koch, who passed away due to complications of cancer on December 9, 2014. Alan honorably served in the Marine Corps over 23 years. Following his retirement in January 2002, he and his family moved to Mountain City, TN.

I first met Alan in March 2002 when he was referred to VUB by the Johnson County Veterans Office. Alan immediately enrolled in our pre-college classes held in Mountain City. After a few months, he decided to put his schooling on hold and answer a calling from a local church in Johnson County to be their pastor. Not only was Alan a Marine, but also an Ordained Southern Baptist Minister. Little did he and I know, it would be seven years before he would call again.

Alan called me in the summer of 2009 to tell me he was ready to start Northeast State Community College

for the fall to begin working on his associate degree in Philosophy and Religious Studies. While pastoring a church full-time, he started that fall and completed his associate degree in May 2012 with a 4.0 GPA. Along the way he was selected twice (2009-2010 and 2011-2012) for the ETSU Veterans Upward Bound Polly Archer Achievement Award, which recognizes a student's academic achievement for the previous academic year. Alan is the only VUB student to ever be selected twice. While at Northeast State, he was selected for the Honor Society, President's List for three semesters and chosen as the Philosophy Student of the Year for 2011-2012.

Upon graduating from Northeast State, Alan was awarded a full scholarship in Philosophy at ETSU where he started his bachelor's degree program in the fall of 2012. During the spring 2013 semester, he once again felt he was being called in a different direction and he left ETSU and enrolled into Liberty University in Virginia to finish his bachelor's degree and to seek a seminary degree. Toward the end of spring, his road took a different direction; he was diagnosed with cancer.

Alan bravely battled the disease the best he could but last month he went home to be with his Lord. Alan was a man of strong faith and never wavered or comprised his beliefs. He was in civilian life as he was in the Marines: first-to-arrive and a fighting spirit to the end. Alan, our comrade-in-arms will be missed but we know he's singing a new song, *From the halls of Montezuma to the Celestial Shores of Heaven*, so we say for the last time our brother, Semper Fi!

## **Financial Literacy Information**

One very useful source of information regarding money management provided by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) is the [FDIC Consumer News](#). This is a quarterly publication containing lots of ideas, hints, and money management procedures to educate and assist consumers make wise decisions regarding their money.

The most recent edition is the one for Fall 2014 entitled "Is it Time for Your Financial Checkup?". Included are tips that can help consumers improve their money management regarding saving, spending, and borrowing money. Also included are precautions to take in several other money related areas such as insurance adequacy, preparation in cases of an emergency, and information regarding protection of personal financial information.

We recommend you check out this and other sources of information that FDIC provides regarding money management.

**EAST TENNESSEE STATE UNIVERSITY VETERANS UPWARD BOUND**

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**VUB 2015 SPRING SEMESTER : January 26—April 9**

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

	<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>THURSDAY</b>
<b>Flexi- ble Time</b>	<b>MATH I / ENGLISH I TUTORING</b> VA Bldg. 2, Room 013 Call VUB to arrange date & time	<b>MATH I / ENGLISH I TUTORING</b> VA Bldg. 2, Room 013 Call VUB to arrange date & time	<b>MATH I / ENGLISH I TUTORING</b> VA Bldg. 2, Room 013 Call VUB to arrange date & time	<b>MATH I / ENGLISH I TUTORING</b> VA Bldg. 2, Room 013 Call VUB to arrange date & time
<b>1:30- 3:30</b>	<b>INTRO TO THE ACTIVE PRACTICE OF STATISTICS (Mon only)</b> VA Bldg. 2, Room 013 <i>Topics include distribution, correla- tion, hypothesis testing, relationships, etc.</i>		<b>SCIENCE (Wed only)</b> VA Bldg. 2, Room 013 <i>Includes physics, chemistry, earth science</i>	
<b>3:45- 5:15</b>	<b>COMPUTER SKILLS (Mon &amp; Wed)</b> Brown Hall 264 <i>Consists of Windows 2007, MS Word, Internet &amp; E-mail</i>		<b>COMPUTER SKILLS (Mon &amp; Wed)</b> Brown Hall 264	
<b>5:40- 8:40</b>			<b>ALGEBRA (Wed only)</b> Brown Hall 304 <i>Factoring, rational numbers, inequalities &amp; polynomials, etc.</i>	

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

<b>OFF ETSU MAIN / VA CAMPUS SITES</b>	<b>SUBJECT</b>	<b>DAY(S)</b>	<b>TIME(S)</b>	<b>ROOM</b>
<b>Bristol Public Library</b>	<b>MATH / ENGLISH</b>	<b>Tue</b>	<b>3:00-4:30/4:30-6:00P</b>	<b>Mtg. Room</b>
	<b>COMPUTER SKILLS</b>	<b>TBD</b>	<b>TBD</b>	
<b>ETSU Kingsport - Allendale</b>	<b>COMPUTER SKILLS I</b>	<b>Tue</b>	<b>9:00-10:30</b>	<b>216</b>
	<b>COMPUTER SKILLS II</b>	<b>Tue</b>	<b>10:30-12:00</b>	<b>216</b>
	<b>MATH / ENGLISH TUTORING</b>	<b>Tue</b>	<b>TBD</b>	<b>216</b>
<b>ETSU Nave Center Elizabethton</b>	<b>ENGLISH / MATH I</b>	<b>Mon</b>	<b>5:30-7:30/7:30-9:30P</b>	<b>122</b>
	<b>COMPUTER SKILLS / MATH II</b>	<b>Wed</b>	<b>5:30-7:30/7:30-9:30P</b>	<b>122</b>
<b>Johnson County Extended Service Center</b>	<b>ENGLISH / MATH</b>	<b>Wed</b>	<b>4:30-5:30/5:30-6:30P</b>	<b>JCESC</b>
	<b>COMPUTER SKILLS</b>	<b>Wed</b>	<b>6:30-7:30P</b>	

*You may register by phone not later than Friday, January 23, 2015. Consult a VUB staff member at (423) 439-2281 if you have any questions or need assistance.*

## 2012-13 Polly Archer Award Winner



Congratulations to Eric Borman for being selected as the recipient of ETSU VUB's Polly Archer Award for academic year 2012 – 2013. He completed

with an academic year GPA of 3.962 and made the ETSU Dean's List for both semesters. Subsequently in May 2013, Eric graduated Summa Cum Laude with a 3.855 GPA.

Following the completion of high school Eric attended a community college but after a year he stopped out to join the U.S. Navy. He left the Navy in 2002 with an honorable discharge and began a promising career as a construction and production consultant.

In 2010 the economic downturn left him without work and money and his best option was to reenter college. He determined that he needed additional education to supplement his work experience and improve his chances of employment in his chosen field.

During his search for the best approach to attend college, he was referred to ETSU's Veterans Upward

Bound. VUB's academic assessments indicated that his proficiency and achievement in all areas was at college level and he was provided the supportive services needed to facilitate the transition back to college.

Eric enrolled at Northeast State Community College (NSCC) in the fall of 2010 and by the end of the summer semester 2011, he had earned 32 semester hours' credit with a 4.0 GPA, an A.S. in General Education, and graduated Summa Cum Laude.

Eric enrolled at ETSU in the fall of 2011 to pursue a B.S. in Interdisciplinary Studies with minors in Public Administration (Urban Planning) and History. While attending ETSU, Eric was recommended and selected for the 2012 National Association of Veterans Upward Bound (NAVUB) Scholarship of \$1,000 for his outstanding academic performance.

Eric is commended for his extraordinary efforts in completing the requirements for a degree, his persistence, diligence, and example set for others to emulate. Congratulations, Eric. The VUB staff wishes you the best in all you do.

Congrats to runners-up: Michael White, NSCC and Phillip Guest, ETSU.

### DATES TO REMEMBER

VUB Spring 2015 Semester ~ January 26-April 9

Financial Literacy/College Success Workshop ~ Tuesday, February 24 ~ 4:30-6:00 ~ VA Bldg. 2, Room 128

Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday ~ January 19 (offices closed)

ETSU/VUB Spring Break ~ March 9-13 (VUB office closed)

VUB Summer 2015 Semester ~ April 27– June 25

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.



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