

Porterville College Veterans Resource Center Newsletter

March 2017



VRC Events & Announcements!



Welcoming the New Student Veterans

The Spring Semester brought in many new student veterans, and the VRC staff has been hard at work to ensure they are welcomed and provided with the tools and services they need to have great start at Porterville College.

All new student veterans were invited to a Veteran's Welcome and Orientation at the Veterans Resource Center where they got to have lunch, meet each other, and meet the VRC, Admissions, and Student Equity staff, all of whom were happy to answer questions and address any concerns. To further ensure they were prepared for their first day of class, the student veterans were given backpacks full of school supplies and VRC t-shirts and gear.

While some of the veterans admitted to still feeling a little nervous about going back to school, they agreed that the meeting prepared them and gave them a good idea of what to expect on their first day.



Veterans Counselor Maria Roman leads orientation for incoming student veterans



Spring semester new student veterans (left to right): David Rodriguez, John Cha, Cody Ridenour, Stephen Rhoads, Gustavo Mena, and Raudel Ortiz



Veterans Activities



PC Student Veterans

Left to right: John Anthony, Trent Lindsey, Ed Gallardo, Ruben Perez

PC Vets at UC Berkeley

The Veterans Resource Center took a trip to UC Berkeley, where the student veterans took part in the Cal Vets Veterans Showcase. They attended informational panels, explored the campus, and got to hang out with Mark Twain in the Bancroft Library.

Tule River AMVETS donate to Memorial

The Tule River AMVETS made a generous contribution to the Veterans Memorial at Porterville College. In attendance at their meeting were PC Student Veteran Ed Gallardo, PC Professor Richard Osborne, and Rotary Club President Greg Meister.



Tule River AMVETS Post 1987

PC Staff Attend Veterans Conference in Sacramento

PC staff Maria Roman, Erin Cruz, and Andrea Anaya attended this years California Community College Veterans Summit where they participated in several professional development and veterans panels and workshops. While there, they connected with the Region 5 Veterans staff, a group of Veterans Counselors and Coordinators from the Central Valley.



Region 5 Veterans Staff in Sacramento



PC Women Veterans

In honor of March as Women's History Month, the Veterans Resource Center would like to recognize some of the Women Veterans at Porterville College



Asha Melson

Asha, on the left, is a US Navy Veteran currently studying Administration of Justice. Picture taken next to a 50 cal in Pensacola, Florida.



Priscilla Petit

Priscilla is a US Army Veteran and is currently studying Industrial Maintenance and Fire Technology.



Dre Alanis

Dre is a US Army Veteran and is currently studying Administration of Justice.



Support the Veterans Resource Center!

There are many easy ways you can help the Porterville College veterans:

- **Make a donation at the business office**

Drop by the Business Office in the AC building and let them know you'd like to make a donation to the Veteran's Resource Center. Cash, card, or check, are all accepted.

- **Fill out a payroll donation form and donate a little each month**

You can choose to have a little (or a lot) automatically deducted from your monthly earnings and donated directly to the Veterans Resource Center. Believe it or not, even a \$2 or \$5 monthly contribution can make a big difference in helping us provide materials and services to the veterans. Come to the VRC or the Business Office to pick up a donation form. It only takes a few seconds to fill out, and you can cancel any time.

- **Drop by the VRC and pitch in to our "Butt Can"**

Originally used for cigarette butts in the Army, our big red Butt Can is where we collect small donations to purchase supplies for the VRC like snacks and water. Student veterans usually throw in whatever loose change they have in their pocket, you are welcome to come by and do the same!

- **Bring in snacks, drinks, water bottles, and other supplies to the VRC**

We try to keep the VRC stocked with food and water bottles so the student veterans can drop in for a quick snack in between classes. Chips, granola bars, crackers, and donuts are favorites, but any snacks are welcome. If you have any leftover food or drinks from a big meeting or event, feel free to bring them by!

- **Make a donation or buy a brick for the Veterans Memorial**

Construction for the Memorial at Porterville College is set to begin this semester. Come to the VRC for more info. The memorial is being sponsored by the Rotary Club.

Donations of any amount are greatly appreciated and are all tax deductible!

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