Graduating this Semester? Let us know!
With graduation coming up, most of you are preparing for the coming weeks with studying and classes. We know you are busy but would like to know which Veterans are graduating in 2015 so we can provide you a stole for Commencement. The stole is worn at Commencement with cap and gown and is yours to keep! The stole is in Sonoma State colors and shows your branch of military. If you are interested in getting one please send an email with your name and branch to veterans@sonoma.edu

There’s a new way to contact SSU VA!
The Veterans Affairs office is finally coming into the social network era with a Facebook page! You can now reach the Sonoma State Veterans Affairs office @ https://www.facebook.com/SSUVeterans If you have any questions, please feel free to message the Facebook account. We hope this helps in serving our Veterans/Dependents.

Scholarships are available!
News on scholarships for Veterans:

The goal of the Marines Memorial Association Scholarship is to support veterans with financial help to pay for education expenses. For more info: www.marineclub.com

Hammer Family Scholarships are available in the amount of $5,000 each. All eligible U.S. Veterans who wish to study in the fields of Math, Statistics, Chemistry, Physics, or Engineering (Aerospace, Civil, Computer, Electrical, Industrial, Manufacturing, Materials, or Mechanical) are welcome to apply. James and Linda Hammer are Benefactor Members of the Marines’ Memorial
Association and are eager to assist student Veterans committed to advancing their education.

**Memorial Tribute Scholarships** are available in the amount of $2,500 each. The Memorial Tribute Scholarship is available for military personnel leaving full time service and entering an undergraduate college program. All US military personnel who have transitioned from Active Duty to reserve or civilian status within the past 3 years may apply.

The link to the Hammer Family Scholarship online Application and the Marines Memorial Tribute Scholarship online Application is: [http://mmanetcom.marineclub.com/scholarships/vets](http://mmanetcom.marineclub.com/scholarships/vets)

**Women’s Military History Month**

Women’s History Month is about highlighting the extraordinary achievements of women throughout our history while recognizing the equally significant obstacles they had to overcome along the road to success. It is also about the women who donned uniforms to serve our country. Women’s Military History Month recognizes the millions of unsung women whose contributions have made life better for their military families and their communities.

For more information:
- [https://www.calvet.ca.gov/calvet-programs/women-veterans](https://www.calvet.ca.gov/calvet-programs/women-veterans)

**Veterans Crisis Line**

We understand that there are struggles in life. If you ever feel that way, please contact the Veterans Crisis Line. The caring professionals at the Veterans Crisis Line are specially trained and experienced in helping Veterans of all ages and circumstances. Many of the responders are Veterans themselves and understand what Veterans and their families and friends have been through and the challenges Veterans of all ages and service eras face. The Veterans Crisis Line has answered more than 1.35 million calls and made more than 42,000 lifesaving rescues. The Veterans Crisis Line introduced a text-messaging service to provide another way for Veterans to connect with confidential, round-the-clock support, and since then has responded to more than 28,000 texts.

- **For texting**: Text 838-255 with your message
- **For Calling**: Call 800-273-8255
- **To contact online**: [http://www.veteranscrisisline.net/ChatTermsOfService.aspx](http://www.veteranscrisisline.net/ChatTermsOfService.aspx)

**Here’s a Helpful Job-search Resource!**
The Employment Development Department (EDD) assists veterans and their eligible spouses maximize their employment and training opportunities. Veterans are entitled to many resources designed to help in their search for employment. The EDD veterans’ representatives specialize in assisting veterans in their efforts to return to work and are located in many local EDD offices. Services provided include a veteran 24-hour priority hold on all job listings, customized job search assistance, job fairs, employer recruitments, and other events and resources. Two important resources are the Job Fairs and workshops that they provide as well as the O*Net Online tool for career exploration and job analysis.

For more information: [http://www.edd.ca.gov/Jobs_and_Training/Services_for_Veterans.htm](http://www.edd.ca.gov/Jobs_and_Training/Services_for_Veterans.htm)

**SPRING BREAK**

*We send you best wishes for a fun, relaxing, and safe break.*

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