



VETERANS UPWARD BOUND - ALWAYS HERE FOR YOU!

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**We encourage all
participants to stay
in contact with VUB
Staff during the
Pandemic.**



April 13, 2022

Letter from the Director.

Working mostly with finances and program planning and not much directly with students, sometimes I forget to celebrate the good work we do. This past week, I was overjoyed to be reminded! Two former students approached me to share their successes following participation in the New Mexico Veterans Upward Bound program (NMVUB).

One found me at a local restaurant and timidly asked if I remembered him. Of course, I did! In fact, I have thought of him often over the years as we lost touch after he left us to start school. He happily relayed that he had finished his Bachelors program. During the COVID-19 pandemic no less!

The other has been working hard to get his Associates Degree and, as a service provider to veterans, stays in close touch on a regular basis. He often sends notices of potential collaborations and events NMVUB can support. He is graduating with his Associates Degree this semester and going on to a Bachelors, which he never thought he would do! He invited us to his graduation ceremony and said "you are a very big part of my success."

I want to congratulate all of our students who have achieved their educational goals, those that are still working on it and remind those that have left us without completing that there is still time to come back to the program. NMVUB is still here for you!

I also want to thank the hard-working, committed and caring staff of NMVUB. With the exception of myself, they are all veterans themselves and many were low-income, first generation students as well. They know what NMVUB veteran students are going through and are always ready to help!

Of course, we couldn't do this work without the support of our collaborating schools, agencies and veteran serving programs. If you are one of those, I hope you know how grateful we are for your support and for sending your veterans to us so we can help change their lives through education.

Lastly, while the majority of NMVUB students go to institutions in other parts of the state and do not attend UNM-Taos, I want to thank UNM-Taos for being our host institution. They show unflagging support for this worthwhile project and the deserving veteran students we serve.

"Success usually comes to those who are too busy to be looking for it." ~Henry David Thoreau

Thank you all!

Brandy Corry

A Proclamation on the Month Of The Military Child

MARCH 31, 2022

PRESIDENTIAL ACTIONS

Each April, the Month of the Military Child provides a chance for us to recognize and thank the children of our service members and veterans. I have always believed that America has a sacred obligation to prepare our troops when we send them into harm's way and to support them and their families both while they are deployed and after they return home. The First Lady and I recognize that it is not only those who wear the uniform that serve our country — it is also their loved ones, and especially their children. In the timeless words of the poet John Milton, "They also serve who only stand and wait."

Military-connected children shoulder the burdens of service, facing unique challenges from a young age. They move frequently with their families — leaving friends, schools, and communities behind. They say goodbye to deploying family members, not knowing when they will see them again. Some of these young people endure deployments and separations, spending months or even years away from their beloved parent. Birthdays, holidays, graduations, and other important milestones are celebrated with just a phone call or virtual hug. The First Lady and I witnessed these sacrifices firsthand, when our grandchildren experienced their father's deployment to Iraq.

Even after their parent has left the military, children can continue to face challenges as their parent transitions to civilian life and they may be called on to care for wounds or injuries their parent suffered

during their service. Too many live with the pain and loss of a parent or family member who made the ultimate sacrifice in service to our country.

This month — and every month — we share our gratitude for these children. We recognize the hardships they face and commit to supporting the physical, social, and emotional health and safety of their families. That is why the White House's Joining Forces initiative, guided by the First Lady, is focused on supporting the military and veteran families, caregivers, and survivors.

As a symbol of our support and gratitude to our military children, during the Month of the Military Child, the Department of Defense uses the color purple — representing all services in the military community. I encourage Americans everywhere to find ways to support our military-connected children, including by wearing purple to honor their service. Let us recommit ourselves to our sacred obligation to provide our military children and their families with the full support of our communities and our Government.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JOSEPH R. BIDEN JR., President of the United States of America, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of the United States, do hereby proclaim April 2022 as the Month of the Military Child. I call upon the people of the United States to honor military children with appropriate ceremonies and activities.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this thirty-first day of March, in the year of our Lord two thousand twenty-two, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and forty-sixth.

JOSEPH R. BIDEN JR.



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NM VETERANS MEMORIAL PARK

1100 LOUISIANA BLVD SE, ALBUQUERQUE 87108

9:00AM MUSICAL PRELUDE 10:00AM CEREMONY

Join us on Thursday, April 28 for an informative webinar:

VETERAN WORKFORCE READINESS

Join leaders in this hour-long session to discuss work after service and veteran workforce readiness. This session will be moderated by Dr. Jeff Harley, Director, Military Engagement at WGU.

Session Time: 12:00 p.m. CDT | 11:00 a.m. MDT

Speakers:



Charles Stevens
Principal, Global
Military Affairs
Amazon



Diana Feeley
Senior Customer
Success Account
Manager
Microsoft



Sultan Camp
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Since Veteran’s Day is all about veterans, the New Mexico Veterans Upward Bound team wants to give them a voice this upcoming Veteran’s Day. NMVUB is soliciting submissions of brief videos (less than five minutes) and/or brief written content (3-4 paragraphs or less) for our 2022 Veteran’s Day Honor Ceremony scheduled for some time in November.

Entries can be submitted by anyone; veterans, family members, or the general public. We ask only that the content be relevant to U.S. military service members, veterans, the Veteran’s Day holiday, veterans in education and that it be respectful. Some suggestions are:

1. What does Veteran’s Day mean to you? As a veteran? As a civilian? As an American? As someone who knows/knew a veteran?
2. Do you commemorate Veteran’s Day? If so, how? If not, why not?
3. Honoring a loved one or family member who is/was in the U.S. military
4. For veterans, what does it mean to you personally to be a veteran?
 - What made you decide to enlist or receive a commission in the military?
 - Why did you choose the branch of service you chose; family tradition or something else?
 - How do you want to be remembered by your country?
 - Memories of your time in service: funny stories, hardships, poignant memories, duty stations, etc.
 - Thoughts or stories of your educational experiences following military service
5. Anything else to help us honor and support the men and women who have served this country.

There is plenty of time to consider your responses. Please have all submissions to us by August 31st. The NM VUB team will select as many as we can fit within ceremony time constraints. Submissions may also be used on our Facebook page or in our monthly newsletters. Please indicate if you prefer to remain anonymous or if we can publish your name, title or rank, branch of service, etc. We look forward to hearing from you!



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