



SCHOLARSHIP NEWS

The American Legion's Scholarship Programs were created to promote and provide programs that encourage children to make use of their educational opportunities. The Legion offers several scholarships:

- The American Legion Legacy Scholarship
- The American Legion Baseball Scholarship
- Samsung American Legion Scholarship
- National High School Oratorical Contest Scholarship
- Eagle Scout of the Year
- Eight & Forty Lung and Respiratory Disease Nursing Scholarship.

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2016 GUIDE TO VETERAN EDUCATION BENEFITS

AccreditedOnlineColleges.org recently released their 2016 Guide to Veteran Education Benefits. This is a veterans guide to all the grants, scholarships, and education resources that are available to them. The guide is user-friendly and includes features like the GI Bill calculator, grant and scholarship directories, and interviews with the top universities that have programs designed specifically to support veteran higher education.



The new computer lab at VUB

www.accreditedonlinescholarships.org/resources/veteran-continuing-ed

VUB COMPUTER LAB (NEW)

Exciting news! Our new computer lab is now up and running for participants. The lab has two computers and ample desk space to be used for studying, testing, printing, and meetings with your tutor. We designed the new lab with our participants in mind. Our goal is to give participants convenient computer access and to better enable them to fulfill program requirements and academic needs.

REMINDER OF VUB SERVICES

At VUB, our goal is to prepare veterans for post-secondary education, regardless of desired

institution. We strive to give our participants the best services, so that they may be confident in their skill level when they enter college.

SERVICES:

- Academic Advising
- Career Counseling
- Assessment of academic skills
- Help with admission forms
- Career Exploration
- Computer Literacy Workshops
- Financial Literacy Workshops
- Financial Aid Counseling
- Tutoring
- Assistance with GI Bill application

A TRIBUTE TO OUR VETERANS

THE BEST ON EARTH: A VETERANS DAY TRIBUTE

If someone has done military service,
They earn the title “veteran,” and more;
They earn our deep respect and admiration;
That they are special no one can ignore.

They sacrificed the comforts we enjoy;
The list is long of all the things they gave.
Our veterans are extraordinary people;
They’re loyal, dedicated, true and brave.

When terror and invasion were real threats,
They showed us they could handle any storm.
We owe our freedoms and our very lives
To our veterans, who served in uniform.

Our veterans should be celebrities;
They’re exceptional; no other group compares.
We’re grateful for the many things they’ve done;
They’re always in our hearts and in our prayers.

We owe our veterans support and friendship;
Let no one ever question what they’re worth.
These men and women served us and our country,
Our veterans--the very best on earth.

By Joanna Fuchs



VUB LEGEND: CHUCK YEAGER, PILOT (1923-)

Charles Elwood Yeager was born on February 13, 1923, in Myra, West Virginia, and primarily grew up in the town of Hamlin. In September 1941, shortly after graduating from high school, he enlisted in the Army Air Corps. Proving a superb pilot in training, Yeager was assigned to the Eighth Air Force for combat operations in World War II. In March 1944, his P-51 Mustang was shot down over France, but Yeager evaded capture and escaped to Spain. He could have gone home, but he put in a request to return to combat, a request that went all the way up to General Dwight D. Eisenhower. The request granted, Yeager returned to action in August 1944. Later, he was credited with downing five German planes in a single day. Yeager returned stateside with the rank of captain in early 1945, having completed more than 60 aerial missions during the war. After attending the Flight Performance School, Chuck Yeager was chosen to test pilot the Bell X-1 rocket in 1947. Naming the jet “Glamorous Glennis” after his wife, Yeager on October 14 reached a top speed of 700 mph at 43,000 feet, becoming the first person to break the sound barrier (Mach 1). Despite its historic nature, information about this flight was deemed classified and as such was not released to the general public until June 1948. Afterward, Yeager was honored for his aviation trailblazing with the Mackay Trophy and the Collier Trophy, the latter presented by President Harry S.



Truman at the White House. One of the military’s premier pilots, Yeager in 1953 was tapped to fly a Russian MiG that had fallen into U.S. hands via a North Korean defector, making him the first American to do so. That December, he set a new speed record in the air, pushing past Mach 2 in a Bell X-1A to reach a speed of 1,650 miles per hour. For his efforts he was once again called to the White House, this time by President Eisenhower, who presented him with the Harmon International Trophy. Yeager returned to combat operations in 1966 as commander of the 405th Fighter Wing based in the Philippines. After earning a promotion to brigadier general, he became vice commander of the 17th Air Force in Germany in 1969. Yeager then

was named U.S. defense representative to Pakistan in 1971, and in 1973, the same year he was inducted into the National Aviation Hall of Fame, he took on the role of director of aerospace safety at Norton Air Force Base in California. In February 1975, shortly after completing his final active duty flight, he retired from the Air Force. Chuck Yeager was prominently featured in Tom Wolfe's 1979 book *The Right Stuff*, which examined the development of the U.S. space program, and he appeared in the 1983 film adaptation. A well-known celebrity endorser, he released two autobiographies that decade. In 1985, he was awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom.

On October 14, 1997, to commemorate the 50th anniversary of his breaking the sound barrier, Yeager took to the skies to push past Mach 1 once again. Amazingly, he replicated that feat in 2012, at age 89, to mark the 65th anniversary of that historic date.

FUTURE FOCUS: UPCOMING EVENTS

- Veterans Day Parade in Downtown Wichita; Theme: "Commemorating the National Defense Act of 1916". If you are interested in participating, contact Lt. Col. (Ret.) Michael George at Wichita East High School between the hours of 0900-1600 at (316) 973-7284 or email at mgeorge1@usd259.net.
- Veterans Appreciation Concert presented by Alpha One Drop Zone: 5 November 2016 @ the Cotillion. Tickets \$5.00, Doors open @ 6pm. Acts: Mike Leichner, Bucky Fowler & Southern Charm, Mountain Deer Revival, Callahan Band, Timmy Jonas & The Whiskey Militia
- American Legion Christmas Toy Drive for the Warrior Transition Battalion at Fort Riley: The Legion will be collecting toys/donations at the 5 November Veterans Day Parade and the Veterans Day Ceremony at Century II (10 November 2016)
- Veterans Day Ceremony: 10 November 2016 at Century II, 10 a.m
- Honoring Our Veterans Dinner, 11 November 2016, 6pm at the Holiday Inn Wichita East

VETERANS PREFERENCE PROGRAM

WSU - The university's new Veterans Preference Program is designed to attract more veterans to work for the university. Wichita State has initiated a new outreach program --Veterans Preference in the Application Process-- in an effort to attract more military veterans to work for the university. Veterans Preference reflects Wichita State's recognition of the unique talents, skills, and experiences that former service personnel offer. The discover career opportunities for veterans at Wichita State, go to www.wichita.edu/employment/wsuveterans..

TALK TO OUR PROGRAM SPECIALISTS ABOUT GETTING IN TO COLLEGE. THEY ARE HAPPY TO HELP YOU MEET YOUR FINANCIAL NEEDS AND ACADEMIC GOALS.



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THE VETERANS VIEW

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