THE VETERANS VIEW

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Steve Kraushar is our math instructor and Shayla Ingalls is our English instructor. These workshops are self-paced, and give ample opportunity to focus on a specific subject you might be struggling with. Mix and match your sessions!

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VUB Student Appreciation Day

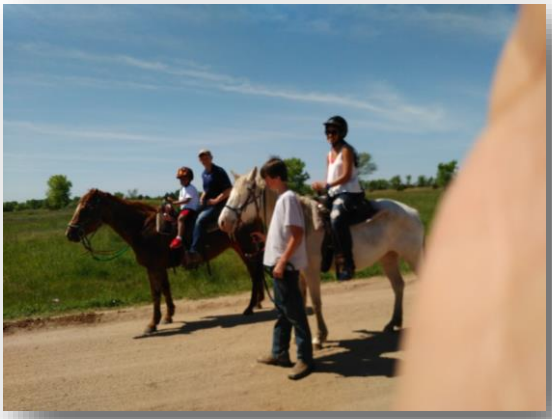
May 6, 2016

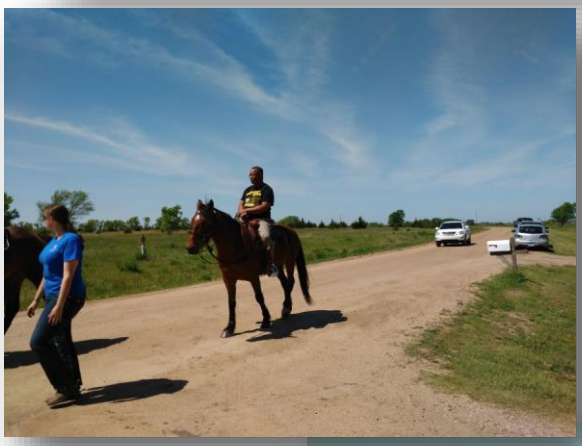
At the Cloud 9

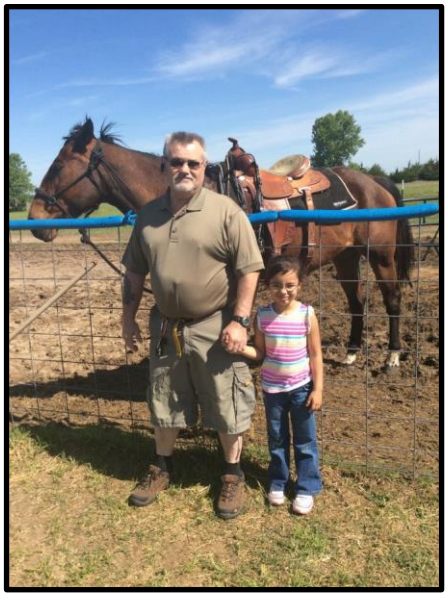
Ranch

Therapeutic Equine Foundation, Inc

We had an absolutely great time at our first ever "Student Appreciation Day" hosted by Cloud 9 Therapeutic Equine Foundation, Inc. and their executive director, Jamie Wohlgemuth .Horseback riding, hay rides, food, games and fun for our participants and the their families. It was so much fun we're going to do it again next year!







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VUB Veteran's Vision

Veterans Upward Bound

Amber McAnulla

Introducing one of VUB's most prized participants:

Amber McAnulla

Amber joined the U.S. armed forces at age 17, just before her senior year of high school. She served in the Army National Guard for 10 years prior to joining Veterans Upward Bound in 2009.
Upon returning home she struggled with transitioning from military to a civilian life. Amber assisted with the Greensburg Tornado aftermath in 2007 and started school at Wichita State University in 2009. In her freshman year at WSU she was diagnosed with PTSD. She didn't let that stop her and with the help of Shaunna Millar, clinical educator and the director for the bachelor of social work program she overcame her adversities.

Currently, Amber is a social work major, with minors in Ethnic Studies and Sociology and has a Tillford certificate in diversity. Amber Graduated in 2016 with her master's degree. Her goals are to work with the veteran population at the veterans' hospital and continue serving in some capacity with the VUB pro- gram and the WSU's Student Veterans Organization. McAnulla says that the VUB program continually checks up on her and has stayed with her throughout her college career. We are proud to call Amber one of our own....

When you feel like giving up, remember why you started in the first place. -unknown

Veterans Groups Seek a Crackdown on Deceptive Colleges

Ever heard of Predatory lending?? Well now there is a scam to prey on veterans by charging excessive fees for degrees by several for-profit schools. I call it "*PREDATORY EDUCATION*." A May 2016 article by Gardiner Harris of the My Time Edition states that some of the nation's largest veterans and military organizations sent letters to the Veterans Affairs Department asking it to crack down on colleges that prey on veterans by charging them exorbitant fees for degrees that mostly fail to deliver promised skills and jobs.

The career training and for-profit college industry has been accused in recent years of exploiting veterans, poor people and minorities. Veterans are an especially enticing target because, under a loophole in federal law, money from the G.I. Bill does not count against a cap on federal funding to for-profit schools.

The Veterans Affairs Department has traditionally done little to police the for-profit college industry despite handing more than $ 1.7 billion for the 2012-13 school year to for-profit colleges. A 2014 Senate report found that seven of the eight for-profit college operators that received the most money from the department were under investigation by state or federal authorities for misleading recruiting practices or other violations of federal law.

Another article from The Chronical of Higher Education (January 2014) states:

Several companies that own for-profit colleges have recently announced that they are under investigation by more than a dozen state attorney generals. In filings with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission, the Career Education Corporation, Corinthian Colleges Inc., the Education Management Corporation, and ITT Educational Services said they had received letters from a coalition of state prosecutors focusing on student-recruitment practices, employment statistics for the colleges' graduates, graduate certification and licensing results, and student-lending activities.

Individual lawsuits have occasionally resulted in victories for students who felt wronged by the practices of for-profit colleges.

In June a jury awarded a Missouri woman more than $13 million in a lawsuit against the for-profit Vatterott College. The former student had accused the institution of misleading her about what health-care degree program she was enrolled in.

Despite those rulings, the real challenges for proprietary colleges will continue to be the pressure from federal regulators and the competitive market for students, who are now more sensitive to the cost of their degrees and better able to get an online degree from traditional nonprofit institutions

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VUB Summer 2016 Academic Bootcamp

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Alefs Harley-Davidson Birthday Bash
16 July 2016
9:00am-4:00pm

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Veterans Family Reunion

15-17 July
2016

El Dorado Lake:
www.ksvetsreunion.org

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Diversity Job Fair at Century II:

13 July 2016

10:00am-2:00pm

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HUD-VASH Final Friday Art Show: 29 July 2016 at the WSU Shiftspace Gallery; this art show will feature the works of veterans in the HUD-VASH program.

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Veterans Preference Program

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

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AccreditedOnlineColleges.org, recently released their 2016 Guide to Veteran Education Benefits. This is a veteran's guide to all the grants, scholarships, and education resources that are available to them.

The guide is a user-friendly guide that includes features like our GI Bill calculator, grants and scholarship directories, and interviews with the top universities that have programs designed specifically to support veteran higher education. It is located at this website :

http://www.accreditedonlinecolleges.org/resources/veteran-continuing-ed/

Scholarship Announcements

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 and Forty Lung and Respiratory Disease Nursing Scholarship

Visit their website for more information.

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http://www.legion.org/scholarships

VUB Legend

A legend treads the halls under the Georgia Dome. Distinguished with a wit bred of wisdom, unwavering patriot Rep. John Yates is the only remaining WWII veteran in the Georgia House. At 94 years of age, Yates is also the oldest state legislator in America, according to the National Conference of State Legislators.

John Phillip Yates was born 6 miles north of Griffin in Spalding County on Thanksgiving Day, 1921. “We were a farming family,” Yates recalled recently. “All seven of us kids were born in the front room, all five boys served in WWII, two became POWs, but we all made it home. Our father raised enough cotton to pay the $56 property tax on 140 acres but earned his living as a truck farmer. He sold turnips, sweet potatoes, tomatoes, watermelons, shoot …. we didn’t know we were poverty stricken until the government told us so. I remember the day my father came home from town and told our mom that he’d joined the 4-H Club …. Harding, Hoover, Hard times and Hell.”

Speaker of the House David Ralston devised a unique parking space for Yates. As Yates tells it, “Dave had an iron grill installed in our new parking lot with the words, ‘State Rep. John Yates, Distinguished WWII Veteran.’ Knowing Dave, after I depart this world he’ll have the wording changed to ‘Extinguished WWII Veteran.’”

Dec. 7, 1941: “I was in California working for Union Oil when Pearl Harbor was bombed. I remember stepping off a streetcar in downtown Los Angeles and hearing the news on the radio. We hated the Japanese for their sneak attack and knew our country was at war.”

Preparing for war: “My older brother and his outfit rode Army horses to Fort Benning where they exchanged their mounts for WWI tanks. Hitler was that far ahead of us. I joined in 1942, then was sent to Fort Sill, Okla., for Officer Candidate School. We studied all day long but didn’t realize we were officer candidates until sent to Camp Roberts where an upset sergeant told us, ‘Officer Candidates, you S.O.B.s, you couldn’t make a private first class in my outfit!’ Officer candidates? Only then did we realize we were training to be officers.”

Yates said OCS was the toughest three months of his life. “They didn’t give us enough to eat nor the time to eat it,” he recalled. “They did their best to break us; the washout rate was about 75 percent. I was up against Notre Dame, Ohio State, and Michigan graduates. They’d go to bed early, but we high school graduates studied until midnight. We lived in six-man huts and at night it was so dark you had to count off huts to find your own. Well, I miscounted one night and crawled into the wrong bed. A soldier screamed, ‘What are you doing?’ I’d never been so embarrassed in my life.”

As a 2nd lieutenant, Yates discovered liaison pilots received 50 percent extra pay for flying. “Yep, that was for me,” he said. “We reported to North Texas State Teachers College to be trained by former crop dusters on Taylor Craft. You had to learn fast. A Taylor Craft could go into a spin at the drop of a hat.”

Yates joined the 35th Infantry Division, Harry Truman’s old outfit during WWI. After intense training and learning to fly by the seat of his pants, Yates headed for the war in Europe. “The 35th advance party took the Queen Mary or Queen Elizabeth across ‘The Pond’. The other 2,500 of us moseyed along at 12 knots on the troop ship Edmund B. Alexander, but we were surrounded by a 75-ship convoy and crossed without any difficulties. At Travistock, England we picked up new L-4 Piper Cubs, a great forward observation plane, very forgiving.”

D-Day plus 30: “We flew across the English Channel with a major in the lead without the talent to fly a kite. We knew he was going the wrong way, but you’re trained to follow the leader no matter what. Well, this guy landed us at a British airfield that was under artillery fire. I recall a British officer telling our major,

'Sorry old chaps, Jerry has us a bit busy at the moment. In better times I'd have you in for a spot of tea.' Well, we got the hell outta there."

The observation flights started immediately. "We were about 2 miles out of Saint-Lo, France," Yates said. "There I witnessed the biggest air raid of all time — 3,000 planes dropping tons of bombs on the hedgerow country to make a path so our boys could advance. From the open top in my Piper I watched the bombs fall. It was awesome, but something went terribly wrong. Bombs started falling short. It was horrendous."

Yates was an eye-witness to Operation Cobra, the Allied attempt to break out of hedgerow country. The bombers came in from the north instead of an eastern approach as planned. The triangulation mistake caused the deaths of 111 American soldiers, 490 wounded, and killed West Point graduate Lt. General Lesley McNair.

One observer, a full colonel, was not a welcomed passenger. "He had a bad habit of peeing in your airplane," Yates said. "Not mine. I'd always suggest we take a leak before our flight. That worked, but I always kept an air sick bag handy just in case. The colonel really lost it watching all those bombs fall short. 'We're going to get killed! Get us out of here!' he kept yelling. Well, one glance from me and he calmed down. But he ordered me to fly to Omaha Beach to 'observe the fortifications' … all we saw were American troops unloading supplies."

Yates landed on "strips" cut by bulldozers through the hedgerows, many times using less than 50 feet. On one mission a German Messerschmitt fighter made a pass at him, guns blazing, but Yates evaded his fire. "He was traveling so fast he couldn't get me in his sights and blew right pass me," Yates said. "Then the P-47s jumped on his tail. I loved the P-47s. I'd spot for them and they'd dive on the target, wave at me on the way down, then cut loose with their eight .50 caliber machine guns. I'd see red tiles flying off buildings and watch P-47s maneuver around winding roads to hit a target. You'd see a German fighter occasionally, but he'd have four P-47s on his tail."

Battle of the Bulge: "Patton and the 35th broke through to relieve the 101st trapped at Bastogne," Yates recalled. "Over Bastogne I noticed a German Panzer tank positioned near the front lines, far too close in my opinion. I told my observer in the backseat to rig a 5-gallon gas can and we'd bomb the tank. I was less than 10 feet above the Panzer when he dropped the gas can. It landed beside the tank tracks. The tank driver must have thought the can was an artillery dud, so he backed up from the front lines about 100 yards. Well, we called in our artillery. Boom, no more tank."

With the German offensive defeated, the Allied columns raced for the German border. "We covered about 50 miles a day," Yates said. "I flew lazy 8s in front of the column, spotting targets, calling in artillery. We eventually ran out of gas and ammo so our push came to a halt."

On George Patton: "I don't care what they say, the soldiers loved the guy. I remember the story of Patton troops training stateside for the Invasion of North Africa. Patton spotted a guy up on a telephone pole in sloppy khakis and dirty shoes. He stopped his car, yelled at the guy, 'Get down from there!' then chewed him out for his sloppy dress and unshined shoes. 'What Company are you with?' Patton demanded of the guy. The man responded, "Bell Telephone, if it's any of your damn business!"

Out of 10 Piper Cubs, Yates' outfit lost two, one by anti-aircraft fire and the other by sniper fire. The pilots survived. Yates made it as far as the Rhine River. Infectious hepatitis ended his flying days.

On a lost opportunity by the Germans: "We captured a German Cognac train. If the Germans had any sense they should have let us capture it earlier. Each G.I. got two bottles….everything came to a screeching halt for a week."

On inspecting the Dachau Concentration Camp: "I saw the ovens and horrible living conditions. That changed my life forever. I never want anything like that to happen again."

On running for another term: "Yep, I'm running. It's the toughest job I've ever had and the lowest paying. California representatives receive $95,000 a year; I get $17,000. We have a AAA bond rating, California is bankrupt. Some politicians think of themselves, the good ones think of their constituents. You know, I bought a 5-cent bag of tobacco when I was a kid. It tasted horrible. With my next nickel I bought a Baby Ruth candy bar and been buying them ever since. My doctor advised me to leave them alone. I'm 94, why quit politics or Baby Ruths?".

Story written by Pete Mecca, May 5, 2016 www.rockdalecitizen.com

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⇒ Tutoring

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