a newsletter for Veterans

Dedicated OEF/OIF Program at the VA by Barbara Kae

The VUB Ramparts \overleftrightarrow

Veterans Upward Bound (VUB) now has brochures for the OEF/OIF Program offered through the Robert J. Dole Medical & Regional Office Center in Wichita. This national program offered at medical centers across the country is specifically dedicated to assisting OEF/ OIF Veterans. The program in Wichita has its own clinic, physician, two nurses, and three case managers. This team of individuals helps Veterans connect with the services offered at the medical center. They assist with enrollment, basic education, explain benefits, walk the Veterans through the system, and continue to assist any who are struggling. A variety of health care services are offered including Specialized Health Care for Women Veterans, Readjustment Counseling, Primary & Specialty Medical Care, Vocational Rehabilitation, and Low Vision Services. Additional services include TBI Clinic, PTSD Clinic, Chaplain Services, and Pain Management Clinic. There are several community-based outpatient clinics located in Fort Dodge, Hays, Hutchinson, Liberal, Parsons, and Salina. Contact VUB for a brochure or call the VA at 1-888-878-6881 or locally at 685-2221.



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TRIO Quest Activities by Barbara Kae

TRIO Quest operated by the University of Washington's TRIO Training Program has planned five major activities. All of the activities are open to TRIO students and one of the activities, TRIO Live 2, is also open to TRIO staff and alumni. Deadline for TRIO Live 2 entries is **April 30, 2010**. The other activities are Media Quest Audio or Video involving an original short audio or video production. The deadlines are **August 12, 2010** for either competition. The popular Student Photo Essay is offered again. Its



deadline is **August 10, 2010**. TRIO Sites competition can be created by individuals or teams. Students create educational Web sites that meet high standards of quality and intellectual honesty. The deadline is **August 6, 2010**. For more information go to **http://depts.washington.edu/trio/trioquest**.

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US Postal Service Honoring Naval Heros

by Barbara Kae

I needed stamps recently and was pleased to see that the US Postal Service had a new choice: distinguished sailors. This set of first class stamps honors Arleigh A. Burke, William S. Sims, John McCloy, and Doris Miller. Their photographs along with the crest of the ships that bear their names are featured.

Admiral Arleigh Albert Burke (1901-1996) served during World War II and the Korean War with distinction and received many combat awards during his 42 years of service. He served as Chief of Naval Operations for three terms. He initiated the Polaris Ballistic Missile Program and he oversaw the development of nuclear-powered submarines. The USS Arleigh Burke was launched in September 1989 and commissioned in July 1991. Retired Admiral Burke and his wife were present at the launch ceremony. This ship was the first destroyer of her class to be built. Currently the Arleigh Burke Class (Aegis) ships are



the US Navy's only active destroyers. It has seen service in the Mediterranean, Adriatic Sea, Red Sea, Black Sea, and the Persian Gulf. She participated during Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom. In 2007 the ship was involved in anti-pirate operations in Somalia. The USS Arleigh Burke is still on active duty.



Vice Admiral William S. Sims (1858-1936) graduated from the US Naval Academy in 1880. He actively sought to reform naval gunnery and after writing to President Theodore Roosevelt, he was given the position of Navy's Inspector of Target Practice. He served as a vice admiral during WWI ending the war in command of all US European naval forces. Afterwards he returned to his post as president of the Naval War College. During his 46 years of service he was an outspoken innovator who help create the modern navy of today. The USS W.S. Sims was launched in Janu-

ary 1969 and commissioned in January 1970. This Knox class ship had a distinguished career. She participated in Operation "Joint Effort" in the North Atlantic with six other NATO nations. The ship and crew were invited to visit Casablanca, Morocco by King Hussein after escorting the king's yacht to and from an OPEC conference in Algiers. Later the USS Sims was assigned to work with US Drug Enforcement. The ship was decommissioned in September 1991.



Lieutenant Commander John McCloy (1876-1945) saw action in the Chinese Boxer Rebellion in 1900 and off the coast of Vera Cruz, Mexico in 1914. He received a medal of honor from each engagement. In Vera Cruz he drew enemy fire which enabled naval cruisers to save the men on shore. After World War I he commanded a minesweeper in the North Sea and was decorated with the Navy Cross for his valor. The USS McCloy was the second and last Bronstein-class frigate. It was launched in June

1962 and commissioned in October 1963. The ship had a varied career. It was employed as a school ship where sonar technicians were trained. It also tested anti-submarine warfare (ASW) weapons and participated in NATO exercises. The ship participated in some large drug busts and assisted in rescue operations for the USS Bonefish. It was decommissioned in December 1990.

Petty Officer Doris Miller (1919-1943) was a cook, his ship's heavyweight boxing champion and a hero of WWII. He helped rescue many of his shipmates from the USS West Virginia during Pearl Harbor attack. At one point during the battle he manned an unattended Browning .50 caliber anti-aircraft gun and fired until he ran out of ammunition shooting down several planes. He was the first African American to be awarded the Navy Cross. He also received the Purple Heart from this same battle. His last assignment was aboard the USS Bay. During which was in the





US Postal Service Honoring Naval Heros (continued)

Battle of Tarawa in the Pacific Ocean the ship went down after a Japanese submarine torpedoed it. Miller was listed as "Missing In Action" and later "presumed dead." The ship named in his honor was a Knox-class escort ship commissioned in June 1973. The USS Miller (FF-1091) served with the Atlantic Fleet in the Mediterranean, Northern Europe, the Persian Gulf, and the Black Sea. It was reclassified as a frigate and transferred to the Naval Reserve Force in January 1982 where is served in the Atlantic and the Caribbean. It was decommissioned in October 1991.

In previous years the US Postal Service has honored both distinguished soldiers and marines. In 2000 the four soldiers honored were Omar N. Bradley, John L. Hines, Audie L. Murphy, and Alvin C. York. In 2005 the marines honored were John Basilone, Daniel J. Daly, John A. Lejeune, and Lewis B. Puller. Each one had a ship named in his honor.



Soccer Ball Drive

A soccer ball drive at the Heskett Center is being held to gather soccer balls to send to US soldiers in Iraq to give to children. Soccer balls may be left at the drop-off location in the lobby of the Heskett Center located on the Wichita State University Campus until Friday, May 7, 2010. To find out more about the soccer ball drive or to make a monetary donation go to http://dandrproject.blogspot.com.

Veteran's Quote

"The algebra tutors at Veterans Upward Bound have taught me a great deal. They have helped me understand and apply algebraic concepts." Brent L. Underwood



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Several new products are under way and due to be on the market in 2010. All of them mark advances in technology. Electronic and computer engineers design cool electronics hardware. Other people in this field manage the designers or take leading roles in designing new technology.

1) Canova Dual Touch Screen Laptop

The new version of the Canova laptop is the work of V12 Designs, an Italian company. What distinguishes this LCD laptop is the dual touch screens providing portable multi-tasking for the busiest person.

2) 4G Phones

The race is on to see which company, Sprint or Verizon, will release their version of the 4G (Fourth Generation) phone first. These high speed phones are reported to download an entire DVD in one minute!

3) Hydrogen-powered Mobile Phones

French researchers are working to decrease dependency on electricity. The new hybrid phone will use a hydrogen fuel cell as a backup power source. One month on a single charge is possible. A water-powered phone ... what next?

4) Project Natal

This control-free gaming device by Microsoft recognizes gestures, facial expressions and spoken commands. For use with the Xbox 360 this interactive game experience is the next step in fun. Type "YouTube Project Natal" in your favorite search engine to find a preview.



- that there are 48 VUB programs in the United States
- that 31 states have VUB programs and Kansas has two
- that 6,000 Veterans are served by VUB programs annually
- that 19 states and Washington DC have no VUB programs
- that the VUBs began in 1972

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