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NAVUBPP Members relaxing with Mike Ditka after COE meetings September 2001.

VETERANS UPWARD BOUND ANNOUNCES SCHOLARSHIP WINNER

Submitted by Martha Stuckey

Pictured above, left to right: Rhitta Bounds, VUB tutor, Keith Radomski, scholarship winner and Marcia Stuckey, VUB Assistant Program Director

The Western Nebraska Community College Veterans Upward Bound program recently awarded Keith Radomski a \$200 scholarship given to Veterans Upward Bound by Soroptimists International of Scottsbluff.

Keith is a sophomore in Electronics and Information Technology. Last semester Keith received recognition as a member of the President's List for receiving a 4.0. Keith is active in both Veterans Upward Bound (VUB) and the Student Support Services program (YES) at WNCC. He has attended workshops and training sessions sponsored by YES and recently attended the Broadway play, Beauty and the Beast, as part of a cultural opportunity offered by YES.

Currently Keith is employed as a tutor in the Veterans Upward Bound program helping other veterans.

Keith and his wife Bev live in Mitchell and between them have 3 grown children. Keith intends to graduate with his Associate of Arts in both Electronics and Information Technology in May of 2002.

NEWS FROM MSU-NORTHERN-VETERANS' UPWARD BOUND

Submitted by Fred Betz

The VUB program in Montana has been taking some interesting directions to serve Montana vets. In the Spring of this year we began hearing a desire for some programs beyond the Spring and Fall programs offered at the MSU-Billings campus. We thus began a pilot program at MSU-Great Falls – College of Technology in Basic Computer's. The first class had 10 students enrolled. By this Fall the class grew to 21 students.

Missoula, Montana (that's the city on the other side of the State and across the Rockies) has shown an interest in a pre-semester immersion program to begin next Spring. We are also actively exploring Distant Education as a VUB program offering in the future.

A number of the American Legion and VFW posts in Montana have asked about computer training for their members. The staff has been actively examining needs, instruction that can be presented and logistics of this additional area of services for vets.

We have been, of course, also carrying on our established VUB programs in Billings, as well as at the 7 tribal colleges across the state. The Math-Science summer immersion program, which runs from mid-June through the end of July, is still going strong. New program offerings are being evaluated and reviewing in order to best serve Montana vets. (Reminder: It is never too early to send in MSI applications!)

Which reminds me! Be sure to visit our New and Improved Veterans' Upward Bound web site at: <http://www.msubillings.edu/vub> where you can also complete on-line applications to include all forms needed for registration.

Well, that's it from the Big Sky State for now. We hope to hear from some of your sister programs across this great nation soon. Please feel free to call for information on our programs and to share information about your programs with us.

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DELEWARE STATE UNIVERSITY'S FIRST VETERANS UPWARD BOUND AWARDS BANQUET

Submitted by Carol L. Wilson, Program Secretary

Delaware State University's Veterans Upward Bound Program held the First Annual Awards Banquet and Graduation on August 23, 2001. The guest speaker was retired Air Force Colonel Michael Wright.

Highlights of this First Awards Banquet included the Posting of Colors and MIA/POW ceremony. Retired Air Force Colonel Joe Lindsey presided over the ceremony. The banquet was closed with the graduates speaking on the rewards of the Veterans Upward Bound Program on their lives.

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Submitted by Tracy Kirk

The USS Arizona Memorial at Pearl Harbor, Hawaii. The

memorial serves as a cemetery for 1,177 service members.

IMPORTANT DATES

Technology Tools For Teaching And Learning Conference	San Juan, PR	El San Juan Hotel & Casino	December 9-12, 2001
22nd Annual Policy Seminar	Washington, DC	Renaissance Washington DC Hotel	March 17-19, 2002
17th Annual Relations With The U.S. Dept. of Ed.	Washington, DC	Renaissance Washington DC Hotel	March 20, 2002
24th Annual NAVUBPP Conference	Washington, DC	T.B.A.	March 2002

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VUB AT Western Kentucky University Participates In Local Veterans Day Parade

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VETERANS UPWARD BOUND ENROLLS FIRST FATHER/SON

By Mary Stuckey

This fall will see the first father/son enrollment in Veterans Upward Bound at Western Nebraska Community College in Scottsbluff, Nebraska. WNCC has 3 TRIO grants, Student Support Services, Upward Bound and Veterans Upward Bound, with VUB being the most recent addition. Staff for the program include:

Ce Merrigan, TRIO Director; Marcia Stuckey, Assistant Program Director, Robyn Iossi, Advisor/Instructor; Donna Bare, Secretary; Rhitta Bounds, Tutor and, Don Ingraham, Tutor. WNCC has also signed agreements with colleges in Wyoming and South Dakota to offer VUB through satellite sites in both Torrington, Wyoming and Rapid City, South Dakota.

Steve Demaranville has returned to college to enroll in the Network Technician Certificate program while his son Robert will enroll in the Criminal Justice program. Robert was discharged in July from the Marines and under the recommendation of his father, approached the VUB staff about services less than a week after returning home.

Since that time both father and son have taken advantage of tutoring services working with VUB tutor Rhitta Bounds on basic skills as well as utilizing the PLATO program and the Career Assistance and Internship Center. Robert will be spending time working on his math and Steve has been concentrating on enhancing his computer skills. Due to the combined

efforts of the VUB staff and the assistance from the Financial Aid office in the form of Pell grants and scholarships, both father and son will attend college full-time this fall. Steve has also received assistance in updating his resume in preparation for new employment.



Robert is also eligible for the Veterans Administration work-study program and will be assisting the Veterans Upward Bound staff with basic computer instruction for veterans while enrolled at WNCC.

NAVUBPP TREASURER RESIGNS - ELECTIONS TO BE HELD AT NATIONAL CONFERENCE IN WASHINGTON D.C.

Laura Clark, has resigned her position as Treasurer of the National Association of Veterans Upward Bound Project Personnel. According to the current bylaws, Article IV Section 4.2 Paragraph 3 (d), until an election can be held at the national conference, responsibility for completing the work of the Treasurer falls on the Secretary, Diane Sandefur who has already undertake the responsibilities.

In a few months, the membership will receive official notice about the election so they can make nominations and be prepared for a vote at the conference in Washington, DC.

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VUB TRIP TO NEW YORK

August 17, 2001 Submitted by
Submitted by Tanya F. Brown

My Perspective

By Adam Nieves, VUB Student

The trip to New York City with the Veterans Upward Bound class on Friday, August 17, 2001 was an awesome experience. When we arrived in Manhattan we toured the Intrepid Museum. The Intrepid is a 900 ft. decommissioned United States Navy Aircraft Carrier. The tour included a submarine and a cruiser ship. I had never been inside a submarine so that experience was new to me.

Touring the cruiser brought back some memories of ship life and its great inconveniences when I was an active duty Marine.

After the Intrepid we went to the United Nations. The United Nations was another great experience. We received a tour of the different conference rooms and learned about the history of the United Nations and how it functions.

When we finished with the United Nations we rode the bus over to the Penn Club and were given two hours of free time before we all had to meet for dinner. I took advantage and went over to Times Square which is one of the places I always wanted to set foot on. The highly illuminated signs and marques were overwhelming. I took pictures and did a lot of sightseeing.

Dinner at the Penn Club was very good. After dinner we walked over to the Amsterdam Theatre to see the play, The Lion King. The Lion King was a great experience that I will never forget. The costumes and stage design were splendid. The trip to New York City was an event that I will always remember for the rest of my life.



Louis Niro, Martha Kenney, and Tracey Kirk represented Veterans Upward Bound programs from Ohio, Kentucky, and Tennessee at the TRIO Training Seminar.

THE VETERANS MATH SCIENCE CENTER AT HUMBOLDT STATE UNIVERSITY

June 18, 2001-July 27, 2001

Submitted by Tanya F. Brown

My name is Richard Wright, and thanks to the Veterans Upward Bound Program at the University of Pennsylvania, I had the opportunity to attend the Veterans' Math and Science Center at Humboldt State University in Arcata, California. It was my pleasure to represent the staff and veterans in our program and I would like to tell you about the opportunity.

The whole journey started when I received a phone call last January. It was my counselor, Tanya Brown, calling to ask if I would like to attend the Veterans' program in Arcata, California. I had been to that state before, when I was on active duty, so this would be a sort of homecoming. I found out that Arcata is 200 miles north of San Francisco, in the Redwood forests territory. It is a small coastal town of about 2000 inhabitants. My bags were packed two weeks before my departure date, that's how anxious I was.

The route that I took called for me to fly to Las Vegas, transfer to another flight going to San Francisco, and then on to one last flight taking me directly into Eureka-Arcata airport. I can remember feeling homesick once the plane landed at the airport. This wasn't like it was 30 years ago when I was 18. The adventurous spirit was still there but I was leaving a wife and settled lifestyle for the first time in my life. I thought of my wife constantly, but I was there to get a job done. This was to further my education.

Unless you have the chance to visit a coastal town in the summertime, you wouldn't understand the weather pattern that's there. As long as the sun is out, the temperature is about 70 degrees. Should the sun duck behind a cloud or when night falls, the temperature suddenly drops about 20 degrees. Conversely, the inland towns that surrounded Arcata had temperatures in the low 90's. The first thing that greeted me when I deplaned at the airport was a strong wind that was about 55 degrees. I had my jacket in my carry on, so I was prepared. My ride was already waiting for me when I landed, the driver's name was Wilson, who was a college vet doing work-study. He was the first of many new friends that I would meet.

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THE VETERANS MATH SCIENCE CENTER



It took the van about 20 minutes to arrive at Humboldt State University. The trip was a wonderful sightseeing tour: The Pacific Coast, the Redwoods, and the surrounding mountain ranges. When we stopped at the University Annex, I saw some of the other Vet's that had arrived before I did. The Annex is a small, one story building that is on the outskirts of the University proper. This would be the place where we would eat breakfast and lunch for the next six weeks. One of my classes was also in this building. I met Cai, a beautiful little lady, who was the Director of the Veterans' Upward Bound at Humboldt. I also met Russell, Cai's right hand man.

There was James, a fellow Vet, who although he was about my age seemed to know a whole lot more than anyone else. I would come to consider Jim one of my best friends. I met Greg, from Detroit. He was voted most popular among all of us.

There was a host of people more than I could mention at this time. We all met Sunday, the next day, at a plentiful breakfast thrown in our honor. Classes started on that Monday.

My class was pre-calculus, a course in trigonometry. I wanted this class because, like a lot of people, I was frightened that college math would be too difficult for me. If it's that tough, at least I tried. What more can one be expected to do? Professor Lapp started the class in high gear. We covered the first two chapters on the first day, with homework due in two days. The next three chapters went down the next day. I think I forget to say that this was an accelerated course. I remembered getting a headache the first night while I was doing my homework. By the end of the week, I came to the conclusion that the only thing difficult about this course was the speed of the acceleration. The old man was hanging in there.

Not to give you the impression that this was all work, we did go on class trips to the surrounding area. One of our trips was to see Trinidad, CA. This small

town was founded on the site of a whale kill back in the 1800's. It lies directly on the Pacific Coast, and has rocky terrain like we would have in Maine. The trip was to see how scientists were converting water to electricity by it breaking down into its' hydrogen and oxygen parts. We then visited the Coast Guard base that was situated on the top of Trinidad Head. From there we had a beautiful view of the Pacific Ocean. It was very refreshing.

Our next trips were into town to shop or go to the movies. Arcata is very small compared to Philly or any other metropolis, but it did have a good share of shops and bargains. I was able to pick up a couple of jazz CD's that I couldn't find on the east coast. I did most of my shopping for my wife and grandchildren, buying the proverbial tourists t-shirts stenciled with I was here or there. We had time to take in a couple of the latest movies. I liked Pearl Harbor, hated Jurassic Park III. In the middle of town is a square that is called "The Plaza". This is the hot spot in town, with four bars and two nightclubs. Nightlife is really interesting, despite all the drinking, everything was orderly at all the bars.

But as I said before, I was there to take care of business. The course was six weeks of intensive math with a comprehensive final exam. As we moved toward the end of the semester, my confidence in math grew immensely. I was ready to take the final. I did better on the final exam than I thought I would, but my overall grade, was low because of a slow start.

At the end of the course, we had a graduation ceremony. This was held at one of the town's better restaurants. We had great food, from steak to fish, and plenty of refreshments. We received our certificates for completing the program, a picture of the class, and a pen for a present. It was then that we realized that we were all going our separate ways, never to meet again.



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THE G.I. PHOTOGRAPH MUSEUM OF HONOR

Submitted by John Dever

As we reflect on that terrible day of September 11, 2001, we all have mixed feelings about our nation's loss. All who have served their country were touched in some way - hurt, or part of us died in those tragic events. As we see all those pictures, we begin to realize life is very precious and we all are only here for a given time on this earth. Service to your country is one of the highest honors you have given to this nation. The VPC has located a way we can reflect and remember people who have served their country in our armed forces, past or present.



This simple way to save a piece of history - yours, someone you know, or someone you once knew is available on the worldwide web at The G.I. Photograph MUSEUM OF HONOR <http://members.aol.com/veterans/warlib3.htm>. The Museum of Honor is online 24 hours every day. From the Internet, you may download the free software or use your modem if you do not have Internet service. Modem dial: 1-310-715-1492. All veterans, Active-duty personnel, family members, researchers, students and historians can permanently display military, wartime or current photos. The free software can be distributed to friends and family.

Anyone can display a single, digitized photograph of a veteran or active-duty serviceperson, a family member of a military person, unit, group photograph, vessel, or incident at NO COST.

Photo file size should be no larger than 50,000 bytes. There is no limit on image size. File and image size are governed by the image dpi settings at the time the photo was scanned. Higher dpi's (1800_3600) produce better images, however, they produce file sizes that may exceed 1,000,000 bytes. Lower dpi's produce acceptable images while permitting a larger images and

smaller file size. To determine the file size of your image use any Directory search tool or (DOS) dir command.

It is FREE to install ONE digitized (.jpg, .gif, .cmp, .bmp or .tif) photo (less than 50,000 bytes) of any former or active-duty American military serviceperson, group photo, unit, vessel, military incident or equipment. But there is NO LIMIT on the number of photos you may install of different people, places, incidents, units, vessels or groups. When submitting a photo or image of an active duty military person or veteran, **the person in the photo must be in partial or full military uniform.**

What Are the Benefits of This Free Opportunity?

One, G.I. Museum photos are secure. Unlike photos accessible on the Web by Netscape, Explorer or other webrowsers, Museum photos cannot be downloaded or defaced by disreputable individuals or agencies who use web_based photos for disrespectful reasons. The Museum was established as a non-web utility because it is one of the most secure platforms on the internet that cannot be hacked or its data and photos corrupted. More than one million dollars has been invested in The Museum's software, operation and maintenance to ensure the highest security from your keyboard to The Museum.



Two, the average lifespan of a personal webpage __ where most veterans and family members display their photos __ is about eight months. That means, once you cancel or change your internet account your photos disappear. Photos installed in the American G.I. Photograph Museum are permanently accessible by you and immediately available to agencies such as the National Archives, The Center for Military History, The Naval Institute, The National Park and Memorial Service, The Smithsonian Institute and other agencies that preserve our military history.

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FINANCIAL AID AND SCHOLARSHIP WEBSITES

Submitted by Diane Sandefur

<http://www.finaid.org/> **Aid estimator and scholarship search**

<http://www.fastweb.com> **Database of private-sector scholarships, grants, and loans**

<http://www.fastaid.com> **Largest and oldest private sector scholarship database**

<http://www.collegenet.com/mach25> **Database contains over 600,000 awards totaling over 1.6 billion**

<http://www.collegeboard.org> **Scholarship search and financial planning resource**

<http://www.grantsandfunding.com> **Government information services/education funding**

<http://www.mapping-your-future.org> **Student site for aid and scholarships**

<http://www.cs.cmu.edu/afs/cs.cmu.edu/user/mkant/Public/FinAid/html/> **List of financial aid**

<http://www.excite.com> **Top jobs, resume tips, and career forecast**

<http://www.embark.com/> **Choice of majors, careers, links to colleges, scholarship search**

[Http://www.easi.ed.gov](http://www.easi.ed.gov) **Locate federal, state, and private sources of grants thorough links**

[Http://www.targetusa.com](http://www.targetusa.com) **College search, inf. of financial aid, a chance to win \$2000 scholarship**

[Http://www.faam.org](http://www.faam.org) **Financial aid calendar, selecting a college, finding aid**

<http://www.collegequest.com> **Financial aid and scholarships; Apply to over 1299 colleges**

<http://www.freschinfo.com> **The free scholarship search & information**

<http://www.pathfinder.com/money/college98>
Money Magazine's guide to making college affordable

<http://www.salliemae.com/scholar/slmcashe.html> **Apply for scholarships up to \$1000**

http://www.yahoo.com/education/financial_aid/ **Provides links and inf. about companies that give aid**

<http://www.collegeview.com> **Comparative college information from College View**

<http://www.collegeboard.org/fundfinder/html/ssrchtop.html> **2000 scholarships, internships, and loan programs**

<http://www.collegescholarships.com> **A list of scholarships from around the country**

<http://www.sciencewise.com/molis> **Minority Online Information Services**

<http://www.coca-colacompany.com> **Scholarships sponsored by the Coca-Cola Company**

<http://www.gmsp.org> **The Gates Millennium Scholars Program**

<http://www.cashe.com> **Database including thousands of private scholarships, grants, and fellowships**

<http://www.smexpress.com> **Provides scholarship services of 8,000 programs, national organizations**

<http://www.chase.com/educationfirst> **Information from the national bank about paying for college**

<http://www.plato.org> **Apply for student loans on line**

<http://www.free-4u.com/minority.htm> **scholarships for many ethnic groups and minorities**

<http://www.blackstudentfund.org> **Comprehensive program serving Black students in DC, Maryland, Virginia, and beyond.**

<http://www.nasfaa.org> **Information from NASFAA about applying for grants and loans**

<http://www.uncf.org> **Financial aid from the United Negro College Fund**

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