

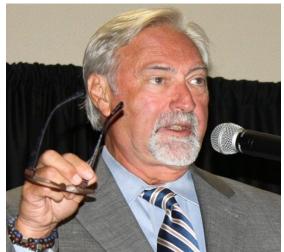
## **VETERANS UPWARD BOUND CELEBRATES 25TH ANNIVERSARY**

Veterans Upward Bound celebrated its 25th anniversary with not only honoring veterans with awards and scholarships, but also celebrating the fact that we have served southern Kentucky veterans for 25 years. Our program is the only one in the state of Kentucky and we serve veterans from Warren, Allen, Barren, Butler, Edmonson, Hart, Logan and Simpson counties.



The banquet took place on August 18 at the Sloan Convention Center.

The guest speaker was Gary Gray, Veteran Upward Bound's original director and the individual that wrote the program's initial grant.



Gary Gray, guest speaker and original VUB director



Davy Stone, director of VUB, receiving the proclamation from Lt. Governor Jenean Hampton



Missing Warrior table

Governor Matt Bevin declared August 18 Veterans Upward Bound Day in Kentucky and the proclamation was read at the banquet by Lt. Governor Jenean Hampton.

Nearly one hundred attendees made this the largest banquet in our history. VUB also gave out the highest number of scholarships, totaling \$3,300, than it has in the past and honored 46 degree completers, the highest number ever.



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Joshua Denham VUB Student Tutor



Hannah Salman receiving the \$500 MOAA scholarship from Lt. Col. Roy Lawrence



Wyatt Southerland receiving a \$400 MOAA scholarship from Lt. Col. Roy Lawrence



Joshua Hall receiving a \$400 MOAA scholarship from Lt. Col. Roy Lawrence



Gerald Nichols receiving a \$400 MOAA scholarship from Lt. Col. Roy Lawrence. Mr. Nichols' daughter is to the right of Lt. Col. Lawrence



Carl Miller receiving Student of the Year Award from Joshua Denman



Carl Miller receiving the \$300 SOKY Vet Council scholarship from Tim Allen







Shawn Hume receiving the \$300 Spiller scholarship from Lt. Gov. Jenean Hampton



Director Davy Stone presenting the Alumnus of the Year award to Joshua Ferriell



George Edwards receiving a degree completion award from Lt. Gov. Jenean Hampton



Francisco Flores receiving a degree completion award from Lt. Gov. Jenean Hampton



Brian Harrell receiving a degree completion award from Lt. Gov. Jenean Hampton



Nikki Hudgens receiving a degree completion award from Lt. Gov. Jenean Hampton



Leeman Pope receiving a degree completion award from Lt. Gov. Jenean Hampton



John Kirkpatrick receiving a degree completion award from Lt. Gov. Jenean Hampton



Justin Lindsey receiving a degree completion award from Lt. Gov. Jenean Hampton



Phillipp Parsons receiving a degree completion award from Lt. Gov. Jenean Hampton



VUB would like to take the opportunity to thank the Sloan Convention Center and all their staff that were involved in preparing and helping making our 25th anniversary celebration not only a memorable occasion, but the most successful banquet in the history of Veterans Upward Bound.



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#### **WEATHER ADVISORY**

Soon it will be fall in Kentucky followed by winter when the roads will be at the mercy of changing weather that can leave them snow or ice covered. You may wonder if you should come to a scheduled appointment with our counselor/coordinator or scheduled appointment with our classroom tutors. Our rule of thumb is that, if WKU is having classes, we are also open for business. WKU announces closings on all local radio stations and WBKO.

The best source would be WKYU-FM. Weather closures are also posted on WKU's homepage or students can call 270-936-0000 or you can call our office at 270-745-5310 before you decide to depart your home. Even if WKU is open for classes, we urge you to use your own best judgment. If you feel it is dangerous to be out, then call us and let us know you will not be able to make any scheduled appointments.

### **NATIONAL SUICIDE PREVENTION MONTH**

September is National Suicide Prevention Month, which makes it an important time to move the conversation about suicide forward. Suicide is a major concern with veterans and active duty military members. According to the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, each day there are around 20 veterans who commit suicide. Those who suspect someone they know may be considering suicide should seek immediate professional assistance. The Columbia Suicide Severity Rating Scale (C-SSRS) has shown that it is a critical tool in preventing suicide and identifying those suffering in silence. The C-SSRS supports suicide risk assessment through a series of simple, plainlanguage questions that anyone can ask. The answers help users identify whether someone is at risk for suicide, assess the severity and immediacy of that risk, and gauge the level of support that the person needs.



# Important Numbers and Dates

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NOV 3 ACT Registration Deadline for DEC 9

NOV 11 Veterans Day

NOV 22-24 Thanksgiving Holiday, VUB Closed

DEC 9 ACT Test Date

DEC 18-29 WKU Winter Break, VUB Closed

JAN 1 New Year's Day, VUB Closed

JAN 15 MLK Day, VUB Closed

MAR 9 ACT Registration Deadline for APR 14

APR 14 ACT Test Date

MAY 4 ACT Registration Deadline for JUN 9

MAY 28 Memorial Day, VUB Closed

JUN 9 ACT Test Date

<sup>\*</sup>Please call early for information on test dates. VUB may pay testing fees, but to do so we must have your application at least six weeks prior to the registration postmark deadline.