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VETERANS UPWARD BOUND ANNUAL AWARDS BANQUET

Veterans Upward Bound held their 21st annual awards banquet at the Carroll Knice-ly Conference Center on WKU's south campus on May 3.

We were honored this year to have as our quest speaker Brigadier General Dan Cherry, USAF (Ret.), the author of *My Enemy, My Friend, a story of reconciliation from the Vietnam War*. This inspiring book chronicles an intense 1972 dogfight between General Cherry's F-4 Phantom and a North Vietnamese MiG-21 and his subsequent meeting and friendship with the MiG pilot, Nguyen Hong My.



Brigadier General Dan Cherry, USAF (Ret.)

He is a founding member of the Aviation Heritage Park, an educational facility in Bowling Green, Kentucky dedicated to inspiring the youth of today by exhibiting aviation artifacts that represent the careers of distinguished aviators from South Central

Kentucky. He is currently still an active member of the park.

This year's banquet was the seventh year of awarding the Col. Joe Wright Memorial Scholarship sponsored by the Military Officers Association of America Cumberland Trace Chapter. The recipients of the two \$600 scholarship were John Henning and Philip



Bill Lytle, President of MOAA, and John Henning



Bill Lytle, President of MOAA, and Philip Parsons

Parsons.

John is attending Daymar College majoring in paralegal studies. Philip is attending Hopkinsville Community College majoring in counseling. Philip is also this year's nominee for the NAVUB scholarship. The winner will be announced in late summer, 2013.

Other scholarship recipients were Randall Bratcher, receiving a scholarship of \$500 from the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post #1298. Randall is attending Bowling Green Technical College



Randall Bratcher and Dean Frazier, VFW representative

majoring in medical diagnostic sonography.

Wilbert Bascom, Jr. received the \$500 scholarship from the American Legion Post #23. Wilbert is attending Owensboro Community & Technical College majoring in human services.

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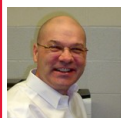
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Wilbert Bascom, Jr. and Mike Kenney,
American Legion representative



Greg Stokes, Student of the Year and
David Angle, VUB Education Specialist.



Rick Spears and Col. Spiller

Award winner for the *Alumnus of the Year* was Kent Johnson. Kent is attending WKU majoring in international affairs. Kent is also the Military Stu-



Kent Johnson, Alumnus of the Year

dent Services Associate for the department of Military Student Services at WKU.

Student of the Year was awarded to Greg Stokes. Greg is attending Bowling Green Technical College majoring in culinary arts.

Veterans Upward Bound was very pleased to have two new scholarships awarded this year. The first was a \$300 scholarship provided by



Col. Spiller, Davy Stone, VUB Director, and
Teresa Jameson.

Colonel and Mrs. Spiller. Teresa Jameson was the recipient of the scholarship. Teresa is attending WKU majoring in social studies.

The second scholarship was provided by the wives of the Military Officers Association of America (MOAA). Rick Spears was the recipient of the \$100 scholarship. Rick is attending Bowling Green Technical College majoring in air conditioning technology.

This year's postsecondary degree completers were all WKU graduates:

- Jessie Varner, Fall 2012—BA in Interdisciplinary Studies

- Jason Adkison, Spring 2013—BA in Sociology
- Justin Hayes, Spring 2013—BA in Sociology
- David Phelps, Spring 2013—BS in Systems Management
- Kevin Crum, Fall 2013—BA in Social Work
- Brandon Coffey, Fall 2013—BA in Psychology

VUB students that have completed our program and applied to or enrolled in postsecondary education during 2012/2013 are:

WKU

Michael Basham
Marlin Bennett
Charlie Bingham
Joseph Botkin
Jimmy Cowles
Alan Eubank
Jacob Evans
Dusty Glass
Sara Glover
John Gonzalez
Preston Gordon
Dustin Grimando
Michael Hayes
Rich Henderson
Wayne Hickman
Dorothy Isomura
Billy Jarboe
Dale Korn



Bobby Morgan
Tad Phelps
Joshua Rabb
Ken Robertson
Kevin Roedl
Fred Rowe
Brandon Russell
Eric Sanders
Colin Smith
John Smith
Robert Tittle
Benjamin Walters
Ryan Weilage
Earl Wiefek
Angela Will
Justin Williams

BOWLING GREEN TECHNICAL COLLEGE

Todd Alexander
Joseph Avis
Douglas Bowers
Randall Bratcher
Aaron Brooker
Terry Burr
Scott Bush
Philip Carson
Mark Chapman
James Dawson
Eddie Driver

Joseph Duvall
George Edwards
Johnny Ford
Chuck Goad
William Goble
Archie Harris
Vicky Henderson
Steven Hesson
B.J. Honeycutt
Scott Hood
Eric Huff
Billy Jennings
Martin Jones
Phillip Justice
Walter Kennedy
John Kirkpatrick
Jason Lindsay
Michael Mills
Mark Montgomery
John Moss
Andrew Overton
Tony Page
Ashley Penn
Joyce Powell
Caleb Price
Barry Prude
Joe Rampy
Alan Reeves
Mike Schonschack
Richard Holloway
Frankie Spaulding
Rick Spears
Greg Stokes
Reginald Thomas
Adam VanDurmen
Kenneth Watson
Michael Wilder
Tom Williams
Cary Wolfe

HOPKINSVILLE COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Gennie Cherry

OWENSBORO COMMUNITY & TECHNICAL COLLEGE

Wilbert Bascom, Jr.

DAYMAR

John Henning

UNIVERSITY OF PHOENIX

Kevin Watkins

MID-CONTINENT UNIVERSITY

Maureen Hillard

We here at VUB wish to extend our thanks to all our guests who attended this year's banquet and made it a resounding success. We want to remind all our students that we owe our success to your participation in our program.

The scholarships we make available is our way of honoring a few of those students. Those students interested in scholarship opportunities for next year should apply between mid-March to early spring. Check with VUB if you are interested: 745-5310.

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Got Financial Aid Questions?

Call VUB at 270-745-5008



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Notes and News

PUTTING VETERANS BACK TO WORK

A wide-ranging bill introduced in January offers employees incentives to hire veterans, benefits for unemployed veterans and resources for veterans who own businesses. S.6—the *Putting Our Veterans Back to Work Act of 2013*—extends many of the provisions in the Veterans Opportunity to Work (VOW) to Hire Heroes Act of 2011.

Some specific provisions of the bill would:

- Extend for two years the Veterans Retraining Assistance Program (VRAP), which gives unemployed veterans up to a year of GI Bill benefits to learn marketable skills.
- Provide \$250,000 grants to hire vets as law enforcement officers.
- Require all federal agencies to consider veterans preference for contractors with at least a 5% veteran workforce. It applies to all contracts valued at \$25 million or more.
- Stiffen penalties for employers that violate laws protecting employment rights of veterans.

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The Director's Desk



VUB at WKU has seen many changes this year under our new grant, and I'd like to take a moment to tell you about our biggest changes: two new staff members.

Krystol Stinson is our new Outreach Coordinator, which is a new position in VUB.



Krystol Stinson

Since March, Krystol has been assisting Rick with outreach and recruitment, especially in the counties outside of Bowling Green. In addition to being a WKU graduate, Krystol is also a retired Navy Veteran.

Tyler Pruden is our new Adult Education Specialist. Tyler has taken my place in



Tyler Pruden

the VUB classroom as our math instructor. He's a graduate of both WKU and Morehead State University, and he has a Masters in math education. Before joining us at the beginning of June, Tyler taught math at Warren East High School.

We're excited to have both Krystol and Tyler with us, and we hope you give them a warm welcome when you meet them.

Important Numbers and Dates

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(270) 846-2092

Military Student Services, WKU
(270) 745-5837

Carrie Orning, BGTC VA Certifying Official
(270) 901-1003

Department of Employment Services, Bowling Green
Don "Mac" McGlothlin (270) 746-7265

VA Regional Office, Louisville
(502) 566-4482

VA Regional Office, Nashville, TN
(615) 695-6384

VA Medical Center, Louisville
(502) 287-4000

VA Medical Center, Nashville, TN
(800) 228-4973

Military Records Branch, Frankfort
(502) 607-6040

American Legion, Bowling Green
(270) 781-3574 Veterans Service Officer
Veterans of Foreign Wars, Bowling Green
(270) 781-1872

JUN 8

ACT Test Date

JUL 4-5

Independence Day, VUB Closed

AUG 1

Last Day of VUB Summer Classes

AUG 23

Registration Deadline for ACT, Sep 21

AUG 26

First Day of VUB Fall Classes

SEP 2

Labor Day, VUB Closed

SEP 21

ACT Test Date

SEP 27

Registration Deadline for ACT, Oct 26

OCT 26

ACT Test Date

NOV 11

Veterans Day & Remembrance Day

*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.