

## Welcome Back Student Veterans - Opportunities Available for All Students



# VETERAN TALON



As the new fall term begins I want to welcome you to or back to USI. This year will have more opportunities than past semesters.

Make sure you are taking advantage of all that is available to you.

The **Veteran Military and Family Resource Center lounge** is located in the Education Center in room EC 0114. This space offers all of our students an opportunity to relax, study and be around those with similar experiences. The space offers four (4) computer workstations, refrigerator, microwave, coffee resources and free printing if

you are a VA education benefit recipient. We also have student organizations that you can join to not only get you involved, but also be a way of promoting Veteran activities and programs for the campus. These organizations give you a voice on campus, but you have to be involved.

Mr. Mike Benner is in his second year as our Student Veteran Association (SVA) President. Our SVA is a local chapter of the national organization and is the voice for student concerns on campus. Mike is also working to bring student trips and activities to our campus. If you are interested in being a part of this student organization, please contact Mike at the student lounge in room EC 0114.

We are also very fortunate to have an on-campus American Legion Post. We are one of the few institutions across the country that have this attached to our campus and our small post has already made the nation take note with its initiatives.

Our post was named after a local United States Marine, Sgt Brock Babb, who was killed in Iraq. We are honored to have his name and family associated with our post. Mr. Pete Snowden is our Post Commander and works tirelessly in supporting our student Veterans and community. The American Legion is a great organization and we invite you to join today in the campus office in room EC 0114.

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<b>OCTOBER</b>	<b>NOVEMBER</b>
4 - SVA / AL Post 324 Meeting - EC 0114 - 2:30 - 3:00 pm	1- Election Day
4 - Group Hiring Event - Work One Evansville - 10:00 am - 1:00 pm	2, 7, 9 - USI Veteran Dental Hygiene Days - (See story on page 3)
13 - United States Navy Birthday	10- United States Marine Corps Birthday
29 - Norwegian Foot March - USI Campus	11- Veterans Day
31 - November 4 - OJRV Employment Seminar - VA Clinic	12 - Military Stand Down - Franklin Park - 10:00 am - 1:00 pm (See back page)
	12 - Veterans Day Parade - Franklin Street - 2:30 - 4:00 pm (See story below)
	18-19 - Army Medical Command Simulation Center - HP Lawn - 9:00 am - 4:00 pm (See page 3)

### Four Freedoms Veterans Day Parade Changes the Parade Route This Year

Once again this year, the USI VSS, SVA and American Legion Post 324 will participate in the Four Freedoms Veterans Day Parade which is held on November 12, 2016.

SVA was able to get the USI float again this year, but still need Student Veterans to ride or walk behind the float and hand out candy to the spectators. This event is open to families and is

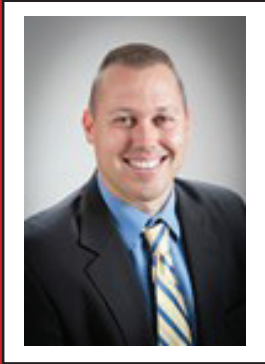
a first come, first served basis for space on the float. Sign up



sheets are located in the VSS office. Please let us know how many will be attending so we can

plan for space on the float. The parade has a new route and will go down Franklin Street this year. Staging area is located in the Case Engineering parking lot 1:30 pm.

For more information, please contact Mr. Chaze Patrick in the Veteran Office in the Education Center or [clpatrick@eagles.usi.edu](mailto:clpatrick@eagles.usi.edu).



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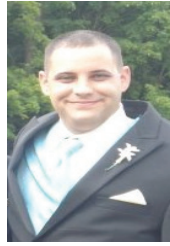


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## Did You Know?

During the Supreme Court's first term (1790) it had no docket and made no decisions. When the nations capital moved to Washington D.C., in 1800 it did not even have a courtroom. Congress provided a small committee room in the basement of the Capitol, where the Court remained until after the Civil War.

### *From the Desk:* Student Veterans Association - Mr. Mike Benner



Today's veterans face numerous obstacles in their path of attaining a college degree. These challenges range from a missing sense of camaraderie to feeling like an outsider amongst 18 year old traditional students to a lack of understanding by university faculty. When coupled with the visible and invisible wounds of war, a college degree can be an elusive goal for men and women returning from military service.

The on-campus Student Veterans Association is a local chapter of the

national Student Veterans of America (SVA) and is designed to help make your goals a reality.

Membership is FREE and provides a means for you to have a voice on campus and make a difference for current and future student Veterans.

We have worked hard to bring different events to campus for you, but we must maintain our membership to keep this torch burning. If you have questions or would like to participate in our SVA, please contact me at [gmbenner@eagles.usi.edu](mailto:gmbenner@eagles.usi.edu) or stop by the Student Veterans Lounge in EC 0114.

### *From the Desk:* American Legion Post 324 - Mr. Pete Snowden



The American Legion Post 324, SGT Brock Babb was founded in 2013 and is one of the few on-campus American Legion Posts in the nation. We are very proud of that and of the nation-wide impact this small post has contributed to assisting veterans to obtain their goals.

The American Legion was chartered and incorporated by Congress in 1919 as a patriotic veterans organization devoted to mutual helpfulness. It is the nation's largest wartime veterans service organization, committed to mentoring

youth and sponsorship of wholesome programs in our communities, advocating patriotism and honor, promoting strong national security, and continued devotion to our fellow service members and veterans.

If you have served federal active duty in the United States Armed Forces during any of the war eras listed below, and have been honorably discharged or are still serving -- you are eligible for membership in The American Legion!

Join today by contacting me at [rpsnowden@eagles.usi.edu](mailto:rpsnowden@eagles.usi.edu) or call our office at 812-464-1878

### Evansville Vet Center Seeking VA Work-Study Applications

The Evansville Vet Center, located on Burkhardt Road in front of the VA Clinic, is looking for students on VA educational benefits who are interested in work-study opportunities.

If you're a full-time or 3/4-time student in a college degree, vocational, or professional program, you can "earn while you learn" with a VA work-study allowance.

VA will select students for the work-study program based on different factors. Such factors include:

- Ability of the student to complete the

work-study contract before the end of his or her eligibility to education benefits

- Job availability within normal commuting distance to the student

The number of applicants selected will depend on the availability of VA-related work at VA facilities in your area. Veterans with service-connected disabilities of at least 30% may be given priority consideration.

For more information, contact Paul Greene at 812-473-5993 or visit <http://www.benefits.va.gov/gibill/workstudy.asp> for details.

## USI Dental Hygiene Clinic to Offer FREE Dental Cleanings for All Veterans of All Era's Again for the Third Year

The University of Southern Indiana Dental Hygiene Clinic will provide free dental cleaning, fluoride and X-rays for military veterans on November 2, November 7 and November 9, 2016. This year, the USI Dental Hygiene Program has expanded its schedule to include evening hours to serve more veterans.

"In the past, these dental cleaning appointments have booked very quickly," said Joel Matherly, manager of the Veteran, Military and Family Resource Center at USI. "The huge response points to the need in our community for veterans to have access to this type of care. We appreciate how the USI Dental Hygiene Clinic has responded to the veterans."

The USI Dental Hygiene Program collaborates with Southwest Indiana Area Health Education Center (SWI-AHEC)

and USI's Veteran, Military and Family Resource Center to offer the special clinic hours for veterans. USI Dental Hygiene faculty will supervise the students who will be working in the clinic. Appointments are required and can be made by calling 812-464-1706. Proof of military affiliation and a picture identification is required.

The USI Dental Hygiene Clinic is located on the USI campus in the Health Professions Center Room 1040.

The Dental Hygiene Program at the University of Southern Indiana is accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation of the American Dental Association, a specialized accrediting body recognized by the Council on Postsecondary Accreditation and by the United States Department of Education.

## US Army Medical Command to Provide Training to Students

The University of Southern Indiana's College of Nursing and Health Professions and the Veteran Military and Family Resource Center is bringing a new innovative type of experiential learning to the students and community health care providers.

On November 18 and 19, the US Army Medical Command from Fort Knox, Kentucky will begin to offer hands on experience and subject matter experts in many fields to give our students an opportunity to gain valuable knowledge from soldiers that perform in their areas of military occupational specialties.

They will offer this unique training in the same environment that our service members experience it. Mobile surgical tents will be placed on the lawn of the College of Nursing and Health Professions where students can tour, meet with these soldiers and ask in depth questions in their field of study. They will also be able to have hands on

experiences in many areas to determine their skill level at that job.

"This is a unique opportunity for our underclassman to experience their intended occupation to determine if this is the field they want to pursue, field they thought was something else, or experience other fields that might be a better fit for them" said Joel Matherly, Manager of the Veteran Military and Family Resource Center. "Furthermore, it will open up opportunities for our students to compete for scholarships through the US Army Medical Command. Students have often asked me about scholarships through the military that will pay for medical school where they would have an obligation to the Army, but have their school paid for, well, this is that opportunity" said Matherly.

For more information about these opportunities, contact James Ryherd at (502)423-7342 or james.w.ryherd@mail@mail.mil.

**VETERAN HOLDS**—Veteran holds are placed on the Monday following the 100% drop/add period and run until priority registration. They are reestablished after the PR period ends and will come off during finals.

**PRIORITY REGISTRATION**— If you are currently using VA Benefits (GI Bill), you qualify for priority registration regardless your academic alignment (Freshman—Senior). Plan you next semester before this date and schedule an appointment with your advisor.

**VA CERTIFICATE OF ENROLLMENT FORM due EACH SEMESTER** you plan to use benefits. Find this form at <http://www.usi.edu/reg/ssl/vaformlogin.asp> . Complete yours as soon as you register for classes.

**VFW 1114 Dining Room Open to Public—Friday, Saturday, Sunday Brunch**  
Breakfast \$6.00 1st/3rd Saturday  
Prime Rib 1st/3rd Saturday  
Buffet Friday Night \$9.95

**August Employment Information:**  
The national unemployment rate decreased from 5.3% to 5.1% and the Veteran unemployment numbers decreased from 4.7% to 4.2%.

## Become a Member of the On-Campus American Legion Post 324

The American Legion conducts many major programs and is a good way to remain active with your comrades in arms. Our Legionnaires participate in many community activities and is one of two on a college campus in Indiana. Like everything else, it lives off of participation and your help is needed. Meetings are held the first Tuesday of each month. Contact Pete Snowden, Post 324 Commander, at 812-464-1878.

## Trump, Clinton Sidestep Key Veteran Issues - *By Henry Howard. The American Legion*



In their first face-to-face debate, presidential candidates Hillary Clinton and Donald Trump traded barbs and touted their experiences

on jobs and the economy, tax cuts, race relations and other issues on Sept. 26.

Toward the end of the 90-minute nationally televised debate, the Republican and Democratic nominees turned to the Islamic State and national security.

Clinton called for more air strikes on ISIS and to work with other nations to eliminate the militant group. "We have to make this the top priority and take out their top leadership," she said. "We have to take out ISIS and do everything we can to take them out online."

Trump also vowed to take out the Islamic State. "The way President Obama and Secretary Clinton got out of Iraq was a disaster," he said. "That's why ISIS was formed."

Through all the heated exchanges, neither candidate addressed issues

facing our nation's veterans such as health-care access, claims appeals and lack of lifetime electronic medical records.

"We are glad to see the candidates address national security issues," American Legion National Commander Charles E. Schmidt said. "But at the same time, we need the next commander in chief to address real solutions to our most critical challenges as a nation. We're hopeful that we will hear those in the upcoming debates."

There are hundreds of thousands of veterans awaiting decisions on their claims appeals, Schmidt cited as an example. "The House has approved Legion-supported appeals modernization," he said. "If that does not become law before the new president is sworn in and the new Congress seated, it must be a priority in 2017. We owe it to our veterans who deserve timely decisions on their health care. And the presidential candidates owe our constituents real solutions to their problems."

The nominees also discussed cyber warfare and recent high-profile cases of hacking.

Clinton called cyber warfare one of the next major challenges facing the next president. "We are seeing cyberattacks coming from states, the most troubling of these is from Russia," she said, noting that both government and private citizens' records have been hacked. "I am deeply concerned about this. We will defend the citizens of this country and the Russians need to understand this."

Trump insisted that it was unclear who conducted the cyberattacks. "We don't know that it was Russia that broke into the files," he said. "It could have been Russia. It could have been China. It could have been a 400-pound guy sitting on his couch. When you look at what ISIS is doing with the Internet, they are beating us at our own game. There are many things we have to do better and one of them is cyber."

There will be two more presidential debates before the election in November.

In the October issue of American Legion Magazine, both candidates discussed key veterans issues in exclusive one-on-one interviews.

## This is Your Brain on War - *By Adam Linehan - Task & Purpose*

Task & Purpose teamed up with former West Point psychology professor and author Lt. Col. Dave Grossman to produce this visual guide to what happens to the mind and body before, during, and after combat.

In 2012, legendary BASE jumper Felix Baumgartner jumped from a helium balloon 24 miles above the Earth to set the record for highest ever free-fall. Red Bull, the sponsor, had poured more than \$65 million into the project and employed some of the world's most eminent scientists and engineers to see it through, but the mission was nearly a complete failure — not because of any technical issues, but because in the months leading up to the jump, Baumgartner had developed a crippling fear of his space suit.

Even under the most extreme circumstances, undesirable emotions can be managed. The sports world realized that a long time ago, which is why today mental training is incorporated into nearly every professional sport. When Baumgartner tried to back out of the jump, Red Bull called in their secret weapon: a renowned performance psychologist named Dr. Michael Gervais, who quickly got the 43-year-old athlete's anxiety under control. Baumgartner's fall, which broke the sound barrier, was

flawless. Elite athletes have benefited from performance psychology for decades, but it wasn't until the 1990s that the U.S. military started to realize that it could be used to enhance battlefield performance, too. That realization owes largely to the efforts of then-West Point psychology professor Lt. Col. Dave Grossman, whose theories on the psychology and physiology of deadly combat, explicated at length in his best-selling nonfiction books "On Combat" and "On Killing," draw heavily from what he hyperbolically refers to as the "multi-trillion dollar field of sports psychology." "The generals thought it was crazy," Grossman tells Task & Purpose. "They said, 'Just because it works in some stupid game doesn't mean it works when someone is trying to kill you.' We were looking at a fundamental question: Is the fear that you feel in the Super Bowl the same fear as the fear you feel in combat? The answer, it turns out, is yes. That's huge. Anything that we can use in the athletic world we can use in combat. That's one of the greatest revolutions of our time in improving performance on the battlefield."

Of course, popular sports haven't involved deadly combat since the fall of the Roman Empire, but, as Grossman is quick to point out, "Physiological arousal is physiological

**(This is Your Brain on War Cont)** arousal.” In other words, on a physiological level, there’s no difference between preparing to free fall from the edge of space and preparing to kick down a door in an insurgent-held sector of Ramadi. In both scenarios, the brain and body kick into survival mode. And in both scenarios, even the most capable minds almost always experience fear. Courage isn’t the absence of fear. It’s an ability to control it, or replace it with something else: anger, compassion, focus, loyalty to a cause greater than oneself. For a soldier, that ability can be enhanced by an understanding of how the brain and body function under extreme stress. Being able to identify these physiological processes, and knowing that they’re completely normal, can prevent crippling self-doubt, and thus more fear, from taking hold when they’re experienced in the heat of battle.

“We can educate people after the event, to help them understand and heal, but it’s much better to do it beforehand,” says Grossman. “We want a vaccine. Not penicillin. Forewarned is forearmed. If you are warned that these things will happen to your body they won’t blindsides you.”

Task & Purpose joined forces with Grossman to do just that. In a series of animated graphics created by our own Matt Battaglia, we’ll walk you through what happens to a person’s brain and body before, during, and after battle. Over the decades, Grossman has interviewed thousands of combat veterans and law enforcement officials to develop the theories presented here. But consider this a primer. For a more in-depth understanding of the psychology and physiologically of warfare, we recommend reading “On Combat” and “On Killing.”

On the eve of battle, emotions within any given combat unit range from excitement, to intense focus, to crippling anxiety. All of those feelings, Grossman explains, are completely normal:

“Everybody interprets fear in different ways. Take musicians, for example. One musician says, ‘I’m a mess before I go on stage. I feel like I’m going to throw up. I get really bad stage fright.’ But he still does a good job. The other one says, ‘Man, I get pumped up before the show. My gut is rumbling. My nerves are tingling.’ They’re both experiencing the exact same thing, but one gets eaten up by it, and the other gets pumped.”

There is, however, one feeling that’s very common among soldiers preparing for combat: the urge to defecate — or, as Grossman likes to say, “Take a battle crap.”

“In the lower abdomen in every human being is a toxic waste site,” he says. “The body’s response is to dump that toxic waste before a life and death event, because if there’s trauma to the abdomen that stuff will leak out and infect the wound. So, before the event, there’s often stress diarrhea.”

The moment an engagement kicks off, the body initiates a dramatic response, beginning with the circulatory system, which immediately shunts blood away from the body surface. This, Grossman explains, is the body preparing to suck up damage.

“It’s called vasoconstriction. Just before the capillaries, there’s a mechanical shutdown of the blood flow, and now the arteries and the body core are holding up to twice as much blood. That’s why the face goes white.”

There are two primary reasons for this. One, it helps prevent bruising, which is what happens when the capillaries and veins burst from blunt force trauma. If there’s no blood, they remain intact. But more importantly, the redirected blood flow helps keep the person alive long enough to finish the fight. “Imagine it’s 5,000 years ago and a wolf is chewing on your arm,” says Grossman. “You’re caving its head in with a rock. Protecting your tribe. He can practically shred that arm and not get to the artery. You won’t bleed out in the heat of battle.”

The death of a comrade is the ultimate nightmare scenario for any soldier, but while the heart grieves, the midbrain — the portion of the central nervous system that helps coordinate sensory information with simple movements and also controls alertness — kicks into high gear.

“I call the midbrain the ‘puppy,’” says Grossman. “There’s a dog inside every one of us. And when faced with sudden, violent death, the dog says, ‘Whoa, that could’ve been us. Pay attention.’ It’s a fundamental law of survival. Before you can help anybody else survive, you have to preserve yourself. So it’s an almost universal response to think, ‘Thank God that wasn’t me.’”

That’s because, at its most extreme, vasoconstriction affects the brain, too. “As the blood drains from the face, blood drains from the forebrain, and there’s no rational thought,” Grossman explains. “I call that ‘condition black.’ And at condition black, the midbrain is in charge, and you’ll do what you’ve been trained to do — no more, no less. You will do what you’ve been programmed to do — no more, no less.” Thus, if a soldier reaches condition black and lacks adequate training, there’s a good chance he or she will freeze up. A well-trained soldier, on the other hand, will likely take action to neutralize the threat. “Given a clear and present danger, with today’s training almost everyone will shoot,” Grossman says.

“The lion’s roar is a deafening, stunning event,” says Grossman. “But the lion doesn’t hear his roar, just like the dog doesn’t hear his bark. Their ears shut down, and so do ours. Gunpowder is our roar.”

This phenomenon is called “auditory exclusion,” and it’s a result of the nerve that connects the inner ear and the brain shutting down in the heat of battle. According to Grossman, 90% of combat soldiers report having experienced auditory exclusion. “You get caught by surprise in an ambush. Boom. Boom. Boom. The shots are loud and overwhelming. You return fire, boom. The shots get quiet, but you’re still getting hearing damage.”

A soldier’s vision can also be affected by combat, and Grossman uses two different so-called predator models — the “charging lion” and the “wolf-pack dynamic” — to explain this.

**(This is Your Brain on War Cont)** Most soldiers experience tunnel vision. “The charging lion is like a heat-seeking missile. He locks onto one target and never lets go,” he says. “That’s tunnel vision.”

Sometimes, however, instead of zeroing in on his target, a soldier becomes intensely aware of all the moving parts on the battlefield, like a wolf hunting with its pack. “That’s what we want,” Grossman says. “When I work with high level civilian operators, like LAPD SWAT, it’s amazing to see how they’ve evolved. Almost all of them move between these two models: zooming in to eliminate a target and then back out to see everything going on.”

There is another phenomenon involving vision that is widely disputed, but which Grossman insists is real, and that’s the experience of what he calls “slow-motion time.”

“I have had hundreds of people tell me they can see the bullet in combat,” he says. “Many have been able to later point to where the bullet hit, and they could not have done that without tracking the bullet with their eyes. Not like the matrix. It’s like a paintball, where the bullet is slow enough you can track it with your eyes.”

The mind of a wounded soldier often envisions possibilities in the form of irrational thoughts or even hallucinations. This isn’t a psychotic episode, Grossman explains. It’s a survival mechanism.

“There was this police officer in Florida,” he says. “She was shot 10 times, and in the middle of this gunfight she says to herself, ‘I’m getting married in six months and you’re not going to stop me.’ And she killed the two bastards who shot her. She was back on the job a year later. So, yes, these are irrational thoughts, but at the same time, they’re motivating thoughts.”

The fact that somebody is trying to kill you is bad enough without your mind and body doing weird and wonderful things. But if you’ve been warned about them, they won’t blindsides you.”

“There are many ways people respond to combat, and there are many ways people respond to killing, and they’re all okay,” Grossman says.

One response is what he calls “survival euphoria” — the feeling of euphoria experienced after a life-or-death event, like an intense firefight. “It’s the body’s natural response: I’m alive. It’s the satisfaction of hitting the target like you’ve been trained to do under the stress of combat. You stopped a deadly threat. You saved your own life. You saved other lives. It’s okay to feel really good about it.”

On a physiological level, something else happens after battle that can prove fatal if soldiers aren’t prepared for it: The body relaxes and blood flow begins returning to normal.

“You’re finally triumphant. You’ve caved the wolf’s head in. You won the battle. Then you relax and bleed out and die. So, it’s important to remember that the body will always backlash in the opposite direction. The wound that didn’t bleed out in the heat of battle will gush blood afterwards.

That’s why today we immediately slap a tourniquet on the wound. People need to understand the importance of that.”

For many combat veterans, the real struggle doesn’t begin until they’re thousands of miles from the battlefield, explains Grossman:

“We end up in this situation where people have this initial response of euphoria and then they backlash into a feeling of guilt. They think: ‘I killed that man and felt good about it.’ On a biological level, that midbrain — the puppy brain — doesn’t feel remorse for having had to kill. But then that other brain, the human brain, that sits on top of it says, ‘Oh, I should feel guilty about this.’ Then there’s this lifelong process of trying to rationalize that. But we can stop the whole thing right up front by letting them know it’s okay to feel good about it.”

Anyone who’s watched a war film in the past 40 years is familiar with the concept of the flashback. It usually goes something like this: A soldier recently returned from war is walking down the street, he hears or sees something that reminds him of combat, and, boom, we’re transported back to the battlefield. That’s Hollywood’s overblown interpretation of a very real psychological process called “one-trial memory.”

“When you’re a kid, how many times do you touch a hot stove?” Grossman says. “One time. You touch it, scream, and a powerful neurological pathway is established. The midbrain says, ‘Don’t ever touch that stove again.’ But someone trying to kill you in combat is vastly more traumatic. And, as with the hot stove, this whole network of neurons is established and, unless you’ve been warned, you don’t even know it’s there. Then you hear a loud bang and your heart is pounding and you’re gasping for air. We warn people that the puppy may come for a visit. We warn people that they might re-experience all the intensity, fear, and physiological arousal of the event. It can turn into PTSD if you don’t deal with it properly, but by itself it’s not PTSD. It’s normal. It’s okay.”

Many combat veterans have a tendency to avoid talking about war. Or, when they do, they speak about it in vague or dismissive terms. That’s natural. The brain simply doesn’t like revisiting traumatic events. But attempting to bury those hard memories only gives them strength, Grossman explains.

“You will literally drive yourself crazy trying to not think about it,” he says. “You will literally drive yourself down the path of mental illness. You got to make peace with the memory. You got to separate the memory of that event with the emotions associated with it. One of the techniques that’s taking off in the therapeutic world like a grassfire now is to simply take a drink of water while you’re talking about it. Taking in hydration is a powerful biological process that keeps the midbrain busy and helps it understand that we’re safe. It’s a simple way to separate the memory and the emotion, and just one or two times talking about it without the emotions coming along for the ride can completely sever that link. So, talking about it over a beer with your friends is actually amazingly healthy, unless you get drunk,

**(This is Your Brain on War Cont)** at which point it starts becoming counterproductive.”

On the heels of combat deployment, many, if not most, soldiers develop a deeper appreciation for the relative calm and comfort of civilian life. The thought of having to go back “over there” is almost unbearable. But that’s not always the case. Some soldiers, even those who’ve experienced the worst of combat, find themselves missing the battlefield. According to Grossman, there’s nothing unusual about that. “You tap into that primordial model of the sheepdog, and there are people who continue to seek that, and there’s no shame in it,” he says. “I knew a guy who served several

tours in Vietnam. He said it was the greatest experience of his life. A lot of guys were forced to go to Vietnam, but, aside from a few exceptions, nobody was forced to go a second time. They went again because they wanted to, because it was a highpoint in their life. There’s nothing wrong with that. We need those people, and they need to be able to be proud of who they are and what they did.”

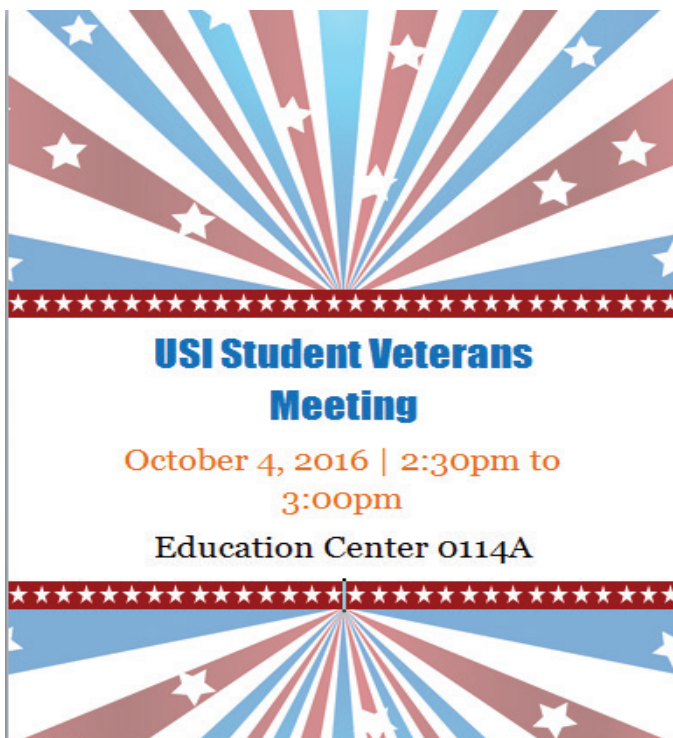
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## ANNOUNCEMENTS & FAMILY EVENTS

# VOICE

Announcing a brand new addition to The Voice4Vets! Now you can stay up to date on all the latest Veterans events in Southern Indiana. An interactive calendar is now on the front page of [www.thevoice4vets.com](http://www.thevoice4vets.com)! If you have an event you would like to submit for consideration, we want to hear from you! You may fill out the contact form on the website or contact us by email: [scoutperry47@gmail.com](mailto:scoutperry47@gmail.com). We want to make this an important part of the community so help us spread the word!

Thank You!



**USI Student Veterans Meeting**

October 4, 2016 | 2:30pm to 3:00pm

Education Center 0114A



## FREE SUITS FOR STUDENT VETERANS

### Veteran Career Clothing

In collaboration with the USI Student Veteran Association, American Legion Post 324, and the Veteran, Military and Family Resource Center, this resource has been designed to equip veterans with the necessary attire to succeed in the professional workforce.



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Please contact Pete Snowden at or call our office at 812-464-1878 or email at [rpsnowden@eagles.usi.edu](mailto:rpsnowden@eagles.usi.edu) to coordinate a time/date for an appointment!

# ANNOUNCEMENTS & FAMILY EVENTS



**ATTENTION** all service members, veterans and family members of veterans:



**STAND DOWN**

**WHERE:** Franklin Park  
2000 West Franklin Street  
Evansville, IN 47712

**WHEN:** Saturday, Nov. 12, 2016  
10 a.m. - 1 p.m.

The Evansville Vet Center invites you to join us for a day of service to recognize your contribution to our country. This annual Stand Down is a community event organized by your Vet Center with support from the Disabled American Veterans, the Evansville VA Health Care Center and other community organizations. A Stand Down is a collaborative community effort to provide much needed relief to our service members, veterans and military families.

A range of services, such as the following, are typically available free of charge:

- Clothing
- Benefits Counseling
- Food
- Hygiene Kits
- Haircuts
- Financial/Legal Assistance
- Spiritual Counseling
- Blankets
- Health Screenings
- Job Hiring Assistance

You may also receive referrals to a variety of other necessary services, such as:

- Housing assistance
- Employment counseling
- Healthcare enrollment

For more information please contact your County Veterans Service Office:

Eric McDaniel  
Evansville Vet Center  
Eric.McDaniel@va.gov  
812-473-5993



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OVER 200 YEARS OF SERVICE

EVANSVILLE - NOVEMBER 12, 2016

Please make plans to help us honor our veterans!

Parade starts at 2:30 pm

West Franklin Street from Pigeon Creek to 12<sup>th</sup> Street



Parade Chairmen: Garry & Tammy Hisel

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522 N. Klumper Rd., Jasper, IN 47546

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Family Fun activities prior to the parade:

Sidewalk Chalk Art

Face Painting Artist

**SMILE WITH THOSE WHO SERVED**

Announcing  
**FREE DENTAL CLEANING FOR VETERANS**  
November 2, 7 & 9

Free cleaning, x-rays and fluoride for all eligible veterans. Must bring proof of service. A medical history form will need to be completed prior to your appointment.

Please plan on approximately 3 1/2 hours being devoted to your care. If you have a medical condition that requires consultation with a physician, dental hygiene treatment may be delayed until written approval is received from your physician.

Call for details. Appointments required.  
**812-464-1706**

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