

SVO Newsletter

The SVO

By W. T. Pittman

The **S**tudent **V**eterans **O**rganization has a lot going on this year and I just want to take a little bit of time to explain who we are and what we do. Some say we are a version of the Morale, Welfare, and Recreation office you encountered in the military. We are that and more. We are fellow veterans that work and fight for you. We strive to ensure that your time at Las Positas is successful both in your education and your social life. We are here to guide you to sources that can help you educationally, financially and mentally. We also act as your voice on campus. If you want something, don't like something, or want something changed we will act on your behalf to resolve the issue with the school. We are the shield and the sword, but it's up to you to use.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Operation Gateway	July 20-22
Poker Night	July 21
SVO Meeting	Aug 17
Happy Hour	Aug 18

Operation Gateway

By Justin Berkenstock

July 20th through the 22nd the Veterans First Program (VFP) is holding its annual Operation Gateway to assist veterans understanding what benefits they are entitled to. There will also be a chance to speak with various community groups that can benefit veterans. The VFP will be giving out **a book stipend worth \$300** to students that have been attending LPC for a year or less. To sign up and to find out more call the VFP office at 925-424-1571/1572.

Veterans Resource Center

By Ryan Arrigo

If you're like me you've tried to study in the library only to be bothered by the excessive noise or interrupted by another student for some reason or another. Well the VFP has heard your complaints and they have done something about it. As many of you coming into the Veterans First office have seen, there has been construction going on in our building. This construction is being done to provide us veterans with the Veterans Resource Center, a place to study and hangout away from the distractions on campus.

The Veterans Resource Center (VRC) has two areas; a study room and a recreation room. The study area will provide you with a quiet space to concentrate on your work so that you can make the Dean's List. This area will also have computers and a printer for you to conduct your research as well as type and print your assignments on. The rec room will be a space for you to relax and hang out with other veterans. Our goal is to have **a huge flat screen TV** in there with **Xbox 360, PS3, and Wii systems** hooked up to it.

The VRC will also be the meeting place for our monthly SVO meetings in which we discuss upcoming events, the wants and needs of the veterans of the school, as well as who just got whooped in a Call of Duty tournament. Feel free to tell us what you would like to be added to the VRC to make your time at LPC more awesome.

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