Veterans Day Ceremony honors service from all branches; Spotlight on veteran women

By Logan Bechamper editor

On November 7th the entire college came together to honor veterans present and past. We had the distinct honor of hosting several members from both active and retired, speak on what Veterans Day stands for. Donna King, Grayson College’s Director of Veterans’ Services and Army Veteran, asked that those who have served, especially women, stand up as examples to the community in which they live and strive to act as leaders. Rear Admiral William Betts, Ret., and Master Sergeant Howard Day each reiterated the points the Mrs. King had made and emphasized what it means to be a veteran. The celebration came to a close with Colonel Buddy Mertz, Ret. singing “America the Beautiful” and Lee Greenwood’s “Proud to be an American.” Representatives of Grayson College gave a personal thank you on behalf of the entire campus to all who attended.

I would also like to thank all who have put life and limb in the line so that I might write the very words on this page. It takes courage to give of yourself so that all of us at all don’t have to pay the ultimate price when it comes to protecting our liberties and freedoms. THANK YOU.

Grayson College

The Lady Warrior: a modern soldier

By Sgt. Brittany Schmidt

“Some people spend an entire lifetime wondering if there’s a difference in the world. But, the Marines don’t have that problem.” – Ronald Reagan

I was honorably discharged from the Marine Corps in December of 2015 after 5 years of active service, and that quote means more to me now. I am currently in the inactive reserves and attending Grayson College full time pursing a degree in Criminal Justice. There is no doubt that my training as a Marine has prepared me to undertake any difficult task and excels. My goal of becoming a paralegal and eventually an attorney may be a long road, but my confidence, determination and unwillingness to quit will result in reaching this goal. There is no doubt in my mind because I learned what it meant in my years of active duty will be with me the rest of my life.

Having been a woman in the Marine Corps, the first question everyone usually asks is, “How do you do it? Honestly, it is just the same as being a man in the Corps. It’s tough. We are all challenged both physically and mentally, constantly adapting and overcoming difficult situations, and some days we don’t feel like upholding the standard of being a “Marine 24/7,” but we press on knowing that it’s who we are.” Overall, as long as everybody pulled their weight, did the right thing, and showed respect, they were treated with respect, no matter their gender, race or background.

I joined the USMC after high school graduation in Colberg, Oklahoma and was sent to Parris Island, South Carolina for basic training. Being stranded on an island for three months with people whose sole mission in life is to turn you into a “hard charging devil dog” really does wonders to work out the weaknesses in one’s moral character. To quote General “Mad Dog” Mattis, retired commander of the U.S. Marine Corps, “There is no better friend, no worse enemy...” My most valuable memory during this training was seeing the entire platoon of thirty to forty of my female comrades in that platoon. As a result I was made a squad leader. There are four (4) in a platoon each in charge of roughly ten people in a squad. As a squad leader, I was then meritoriously promoted to an E-3 Private First Class fresh out of boot camp. Shortly afterwards, I was sent to Camp Geiger, NC to complete Marine Combat Training (MCT) which is basic infantry training condensed into one month. The Marine Corps’ mantra is “every Marine is a rifleman,” and MCT is where that philosophy is taught to Marines who are not selected to be officers.

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On Saturday October 22nd, the Grayson Honors College hosted the annual 5K and Fun Run event. The proceeds benefited the Officer Down Memorial Page (odmp.org) which goes to the families of fallen police officers, works to buy bullets for agencies that cannot afford them, etc. After completion of the Fun Run and 5K, participants were welcomed inside the gym with a free meal from Chipotle and a chance at over 40 raffle prizes including free movie passes, and gift cards. Medals were presented to the top finishers (male and female) in each age category as well as a special event just for award-winning first responder participants called “Running Code.” This year, the Sheriff’s Office Department took home the award for the first place agency. There are so many people to thank for making this event a success. First, the Honors College officers Aliza Hastings, Sabrina Inman, and Sarah Linder changed careers paths and became thoughtful members of society. Charles Leslie, Air Force Vet Weber from the South Campus. Linder has 16 years of experience in promoting student success. She encourages students to reach their full potential and their educational success. He loves to “cultivate and encourage young people to reach their full potential and their educational goals.” Other recipients of this honor are Maria Huerta, the main campus custodian, and Kim Weber from the South Campus. Grayson College is honored to be able to have these amazing individuals. Just remember, not all heroes wear capes. So, when you see somebody going above and beyond, take five minutes and let them know how awesome you think they are!
It’s not too late to accept membership into Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society

Don’t want to fill out a 501 Form? 
Want to serve others? 
Want to strengthen your leadership skills?

Accept now at ptk@grayson.edu or contact Advisor Mary Linder: ptk@grayson.edu

Deadline extended to December 31!!!
Wednesday Noon Lunchrooms: GC students as well as faculty/staff are in- vited to the BSM Wednesday Lunchrooms held throughout the semester. We plan to serve the meal, provided by the church, at 11:30 am and 15 pm followed by a brief program featuring music and speakers from area churches and/or the GC community. There is no charge for this event.

 Noon Time Bible Studies: Bible study group meetings will be scheduled on Monday and Tuesday at 12:15-12:45 pm throughout the semester. Lunch is provided.

The BSM building is located between the Sports & Recreation Center and the Campus Police buildings.

For more information concerning how you can get involved in BSM - please stop by our building (open 8:00 am - 4:00 pm), or call us at bsm6101@airmail.net, or call us at 903-463-8798/903-465-2207. All students on campus are welcome to participate in BSM activities regardless of religious preference.

GCCC Counseling Center Welcomes You!

by Barbara Malone Counseling Center Coordinator

The Office of Counseling and Advising is in the Administration Building. The current staff of the Grayson College Counseling Center include Licensed Professional Counselors and a Student Practicum Counselor. All of our staff are generalists and the center is able to make personal counseling available to all students. The GCCC is under the supervision of Barbara Malone, a Licensed Professional Counselor-Supervisor with 22 years counseling experience. “We’re pleased to extend our counseling services to students,” said Malone, “It takes courage to address problem areas and examine painful feelings, but counseling is taking the first step in resolving difficulties.”

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What makes music so intriguing? It appeals to everyone. Men and women of all ethnicities, lifestyles, and backgrounds appreciate it. After all, sound is art...or is sound a science? A skilled musician is required, by their art, to utilize both sides of the brain actively and continuously to combine harmony and melody in ways that elicit obscure transpersonal stimulation to one’s imagination and dreams.

In the 1950s and 60s a wave of new inventions altered music more drastically than any other period in history. According to Bob Bradbury, a touring musician, states, “These pioneers were the stepping stone to a career. ” Bradbury adds “These pioneers were lost control of the show, the industry, men were writing contracts. The artists were large enough for corporations to promote radio stations and musicians. With the backing of corporations, the industry by responding to advertising, and general public gained power music in almost every instrument we use today. ” rock musicians] reshaped the face of industries. “Deck, it has just fallen out of the mainstream, it is now part of every society.” says Cook. "Down the Rabbit Hole" my mean "having your mind blown"; a search for alternate reality. Other references state "Down the Rabbit Hole" my mean "having your mind blown"; a search for an entry into the unknown, the disorientating or the thing that is intricate or convoluted like a maze and often has no outlet or resolution. It may be used a metaphor for an entry into a world that is strange, confusing, or illogical. It may also mean the real world of dreams and imagination. The essential nature of a rabbit hole is to unravel. Synonyms of “Down the Rabbit Hole” include blind corner, kaleidoscopic, catch-22, idiocy, sticky wicket, jam, quandary, dilemma, bizarre, miracle, impasse, madness, lunacy, idiosyncrasy, predicament, insanity, and swamp. The experience is highly subjective. They do not know their potential. They keep their swords half drawn. Waiting the failure, they fear. To come with the next dawn. But a new school is just a new story. We must be ready to write the same pen. An author who takes a blank page And begins to write again. 

Students are now like soldiers. A new battle wages within. They carry their books on their backs. And paint their face with a grin. Some have their wits about them. Some stare blankly at the sky. Still others struggle across the terrain. Making little progress as hard as they try.