

The Spartan Soldier

*Newsletter of San Jose State University's Burdick Military History Project,
Veterans/Military Students Task Force and Veteran Student Organization.
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Veteran Student Keeps Burdick Project Open

A work-study program for veterans is paying off for users of the Research Room of the Burdick Military History Project located in the Industrial Studies building, room 219C.

Marine veteran Mark Hannah greets students, faculty, staff and members of the public Monday 9:00-10:30 and 1:30-2:30, Tuesday 9:00-1:00, Wednesday 9:00-10:30 and 1:30-5:00, Thursday 9:00-1:00 and Friday 9:00-5:00. Veterans, ROTC cadets, and active, reserve and Guard servicemembers are especially welcome.

The Project's collection of some 5,000 catalogued books, journals and artifacts do not circulate, but tables are available for reading on site, studying or just 'hanging out.'

For more information call the Burdick Project at 408 924-5785 or contact BMHP director Dr. Jonathan Roth at 408 924-5505 or jonathan.roth@sjsu.edu.

How Can You Help?

Programs such as the Burdick Military History Project, the Student Veterans Organization and others run entirely on donations. Volunteers are also needed to help keep the Burdick Project Research Room open.

If you are interested in helping contact Dr. Jonathan Roth, History Department, SJSU, San Jose CA 95192-0117, phone 408 924-5505 and email jonathan.roth@sjsu.edu.

Upcoming Exhibits, Events and Speakers at San Jose State

October 29th, 7:00 pm, Martin Luther King Library, Room 225: Avi Melamed will speak on "The Minaret and the Satellite Dish: A Geostrategic Analysis of the Middle East." For more information call Dr. Victoria Harrison, SJSU Coordinator of Jewish Studies at 408 924-5547.

November 4th 4:00 pm Washington Square Hall, Room 109: The annual Gailey Memorial Lecture will feature Dr. Gaius Stern speaking on "Roman Imperialism Checked: The Battle of Teutoburger Wald (AD 9), All are welcome.

November 7th, 3:45 pm, Engineering Auditorium (Eng 189): Malalai Joya author of "A Woman Among Warlords: The Extraordinary Story of an Afghan Who Dared to Raise Her Voice" will speak. She was elected to the Afghan parliament in 2003 & 2005, she was suspended in 2007 for challenging the presence of warlords in the Afghan parliament.

November 11th, Veterans Day: San Jose State University will be proudly represented in the city's annual parade by Air Force ROTC Detachment 45. The parade will commence at 11:00 on Delmas Street in downtown San Jose and will end on San Carlos street.

Ongoing, Martin Luther King Library, 5th Floor Exhibit Area: An exhibit entitled "World War II Revisited" featuring posters from World War II. For additional information contact: Danelle Moon at (408) 808-2061.

FACULTY NOTES

Dr. Anne Demers, Assistant Professor in the Health Science Department received a grant from the University Planning Council to research ways to improve retention and graduation rates for student veterans. The overall goal of Dr. Demers' research is to assist student veterans in addressing the challenges of transitioning from a military culture to a civilian/university culture.

A part of the project will involve surveying current SJSU student veteran as well as student veteran at other universities. For the survey part of her research, she has teamed with Dr. Richard Francisco, who is an SJSU Psychologist and counselor faculty of Counseling Services. Dr. Francisco, who is currently on sabbatical from the University, is also investigating the needs, particular in the area of mental health, of student veteran transitioning from military service.

Dr. Jonathan Roth, of the History Department, also received a course release, to investigate the possibility of entry-level or transfer courses specifically designed for veterans returning to college. In addition, two publications of Dr. Roth recently came out, the first a 48 part series "War and World History" from the Teaching Company and the second *Roman Warfare*, a textbook published by Cambridge University Press.

Dr. Bill Reckmeyer, Professor of Anthropology at SJSU, is presently a Visiting Professor at Stanford University's Center for International Security & Cooperation.

Air Force ROTC Detachment 45 has a new commandant, Lt. Col. Rick "Mox" Moxley. Lt. Col. Shawn Cowley is serving as the commandant of Army ROTC's Bronco Battalion, which although HQ'd at Santa Clara University includes SJSU cadets.

SJSU's new president, Dr. Jon Whitmore, has set up a Presidential Task Force for Veterans and Military Students. Headed last semester by Dr. Rona Halualani of Communications Studies, it is now chaired by Dr. Roth. Their next meeting is November 19th.

Spartan Veterans Corner

The SJSU Associated Students has approved the Veteran Student Organization as an official student group. The first veterans group at San Jose State since the 1940s, the VSO is head by Marine veteran Mark Hannah, and now has some 100 members. Interested student veterans should contact markhannah77@gmail.com and become a registered VSO member at <http://sjsu-vso.ning.com>.

The San Jose Vet provides a broad range of counseling, outreach, and referral services to eligible veterans in order to help them make a satisfactory post-war readjustment to civilian life. They are located at 278 N. 2nd Street in San Jose. The phone number is 408 993-0729.

SJSU student veterans in need of help with their education benefits, or with other administrative issues, should contact Andrei Ingalla, Veterans Students Service Professional. Andrei is located in the Student Services building, room 423. His phone is 408 924-2015 and his email andrei.ingalla@sjsu.edu.

SJSU Military History Snippet

Charles H. Allen, who headed the SJSU's predecessor, the San Jose Normal School, from 1873 to 1889 was a Civil War veteran. He was teaching at the University of Wisconsin, and raised and commanded a company of a regiment made up entirely of faculty and students.