



Student Veterans Organization

Monthly Newsletter

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Message From the President:

The organization intends on sending a monthly newsletter as opposed to bombarding our membership with countless updates. Unless the need arises for an immediate email, updates will be contained in the monthly newsletter. Other updates may be found on our chapter website www.studentveterans.org/unlv. Please read over the newsletter included below and respond with any inquires you may have to svo.unlv@gmail.com.

Rebel Regards,

Antonio Montenegro III

I. Member Count:

- a. Army- 39
- b. Marines-10
- c. Navy-16
- d. Airforce-33
- e. Coast Guard-0
- f. Undergraduate: 71 Graduates: 25 Post Grad: 1 Faculty/Staff: 2
Supporter: 1

II. Recap of Spring 2009:

- a. Former President Michael Dakduk and Executive Director of SVO, Jamin Hansen, fly to Carson City, Nevada's capitol, and advocate on behalf of student veteran issues. UNLV SVO meets with the University of Nevada



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Reno Student Veteran's President. UNR and UNLV put rivalry aside and discuss the unique population of student veterans on campus and how student veterans have come to organize.

- b. UNLV SVO breaks 100 members and now has 1/5 of the student veterans' population on campus!
- c. UNLV SVO former President Michael Dakduk and former Vice-President Antonio Montenegro III (now President of SVO) attend the National Conference of Student Veterans of America in San Francisco. Michael Dakduk is elected to Vice-President of Student Veterans of America (SVA). SVA, the national organization, currently has over 170 chapters in 40 states, including D.C!
- d. Former Vice-President, Antonio Montenegro III is now President of UNLV SVO.

III. SVO Board of Directors:

- a. President- Antonio Montenegro III
- b. Vice-President- *Vacant*
- c. Executive Directors:
 - i. Michael Dakduk
 - ii. Jamin Hansen
 - iii. Jeremiah Bernadis
 - iv. Kelly Mercer

The Board consists of a maximum of 7 individuals. For more information on becoming a Board member please contact the President at svo.unlv@gmail.com



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IV. Bi-Annual Meeting/Fall Semester Meetings:

The bi-annual meeting is set for:

August 26, 11:30am-12:30pm

Student Union Room 211

Monthly membership meetings will be held on the **3rd Wednesday of every month from 11:30am-12:30pm SU 211**. Executive Board meetings will be held on the first Wednesday of every month. Membership is more than welcome to attend the Executive Board meetings, but we encourage you to attend the monthly meetings above all else. The SVO Board also understands that not all members will be available on Wednesday, but we hope that the majority can adjust their schedule in order to attend the meetings next semester. For those that still find themselves unable, the SVO President and Board Members will have office hours and be available by appointment. Office hours will be discussed and set no later than the bi-annual meeting.

V. SFC Clint Ferrin Memorial Clinic-UNLV School of Dental Medicine:

- a. Named for Sgt. Clint Ferrin, who died in March of 2004 while serving in Iraq as a member of the 82nd Army Airborne Division from North Carolina.

Clint Ferrin's brother, UNLV dental student John Ferrin, a second lieutenant in the National Guard, saw a need to provide dental care for Nevada Army National Guard soldiers who were not eligible for deployment because of dental disease and could not afford the cost of treatment or private dental insurance.

The clinic began July 2008 for soldiers of the Nevada Army National Guard and **was expanded to treat all veterans of war.** As of March 2009, 53 soldiers have received dental care and 50 people are on a waiting list. To qualify for the free clinic, veterans must present military



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Identification stating veterans' status, have no dental insurance and bring documentation that shows a household income of less than \$25,000

VI. Campus Memorial Update:

- a. SVO Executive Director Michael Dakduk sits on the Veterans Memorial Committee and will update the membership at the Bi-Annual Meeting on all progress.

Please contact the President at svo.unlv@gmail.com with any questions, concerns, or interest in an officer position.