



# Monthly Newsletter

## ADDRESS FROM THE CHIEF

It is finally happening! The renovation of the Union 3rd floor is underway and we are moving closer to having a new, spacious, and awesome center designed specifically for our student veterans at UW!! You are always welcome to stop by our current center and the VSC staff can show you the layout and design plans for our new space. As always, the VSC staff are busy planning upcoming events and lunches, so watch your email for our advertisements of the exciting and fun events to come. Also, be on the watch for events from Mission Redefined-WY, which organizes activities for veterans with a more outdoor and physical wellness theme. Currently, they have provided our Center with free passes to Crossfit 7220, so if you have ever thought about joining Crossfit—now is the perfect time. Talk to Marty at the VSC to get your free Crossfit Pass. This weekend, 17 Feb, 5:30-7:30pm, is our annual Valentine's Day 'Date Night / Skate Night' for veterans. This will be open to any military connected student, staff, faculty, and their families and friends. The VSC will cover the cost of entry, skate rental, and cost of ice time—you provide the fun! Personally, I am a horrible skater and constantly falling is not my idea of fun! But I hope the rest of you will join us for a great time of skating, pizza, and good friends. Our Veterans Fly Fishing group is diligently building their fly rods and preparing for warmer weather so we can hit the surrounding lakes, rivers, and streams and hone our angling skills. The Veterans Fly Fishing group meets every Thursday evening, 7pm, at the Laramie Jr. High School. You can join at any time, just connect with Kennan or Adam at the VSC and they will get you hooked up.

## PROJECT HEALING WATERS PICKS BACK UP

Project Healing Waters will be hosting their weekly workshops this semester, every Thursday from 7-9pm in the Laramie Junior High. These workshops are free to any and all veterans and include all supplies for free. Participants will learn how to tie flies, build rods, and, when the weather permits, fly fish in a variety of local spots. They would also like to announce a name change—they will now be the Veterans' Fly Fishing Group! For more information, contact Kennan at (307) 766-6908 or uw-vets@uwyo.edu



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### SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

- Project Healing Waters will be changing its name to Veterans' Fly Fishing Group, effective immediately
- Our new projected move in date for the new Center is July 2018!
- Don't forget about Skate Night, Date Night, Saturday the 17th from 5:30-7:30pm



## OUR NEW CENTER!

Last week, we officially broke ground on the new Center and are knocking down all the walls inside! This new space will be located on the third floor of the Union and will feature many exciting things, including whiteboard walls, a fully functional kitchen, new furniture, computer lab, conference room, private meeting room, and group study areas, as well as private bathrooms and wheelchair accessibility. It will take up a majority of the third floor and should fit around 60 people with ease.

The new Center will boast 3 to 4 times the space of our current facility, which can only accommodate 17 students at a time!

The new facility will give us the space to enlarge our computer lab to 10 student computers and also gives us a much larger room for our T.V. and break area. Our microwave, fridge, and coffee machine will soon reside in a fully functioning kitchen space, complete with some tables for dining. In short, our new center will give our veterans a spacious, comfortable, and functional space that we can call our home—or as some have chosen to nickname it—our Inside the Wire. If all stays on track, we expect a move in date around the middle of June 2018.

*We are expected to move in before the Fall Semester 2018!*

### SWEET DEAL!

This Valentine's Day, the VSC will have a variety of cupcakes, cookies, and other treats to make your day a little brighter.

Be sure to RSVP for our skating event while you're in there!



## DATE NIGHT, SKATE NIGHT

It's time for a VSC tradition! Four years ago, a couple of our students came to Marty with a request—because none of them had dates for Valentine's Day, they wanted to do a "singles only" event. Of course, the second we arranged the very first Skate Night, all of them showed up with dates, but the tradition stuck! Opening the event up to all military-affiliated students, staff, faculty and community members, we changed the name and got rid of the singles only part. And thus Date Night, Skate Night was born.

To celebrate Valentine's Day, we rent out the entire Laramie Ice and Event Center for our veteran students, their families, and all our military-affiliates in the Laramie community. The VSC pays for all admission and rental fees, as well as providing food and drinks for everyone to enjoy! It's all free to our participants, and everyone is encouraged to bring their families, friends, and (of course) dates, if they have one.

This year, the event is going to be held on February 17th, from 5:30pm to 7:30pm, in the Laramie Ice and Event Center on Garfield street. We do ask for people to RSVP so we can make sure to have enough snacks to go around, but it's not a requirement!

If you have questions, want to RSVP, or just think we need to hear about your big ideas, please feel free to drop by the Center, shoot us an email to [uw-vets@uwyo.edu](mailto:uw-vets@uwyo.edu), or call in at (307) 766-6908. We hope you'll all come out and help support this wonderful tradition!



*Volunteers pose to model different period uniforms.*

## SHE SERVED PICTURE PROJECT

The Veteran's Services Center is hosting our fifth annual She Served event this March! The "She Served Picture Project" is a program that aims to "highlight the value and stories of women in all aspects of service", in all roles, be it deployed, retired, or family members back home. We are accepting stories and photo submissions beginning on February 26. If you have a story to tell, please feel free to email us at [uw-vets@uwyo.edu](mailto:uw-vets@uwyo.edu) and let us know about the women in your life who have served.

We also want to invite students, veterans, and local community members to attend this event. The day of the event will feature photos and biographical stories written by and about female service members, along with stories about women that have supported our armed forces. These stories and pictures will be on display all day, so that everyone can enjoy them.

To submit your own stories and pictures or if you have any questions, please feel free to stop in and talk to a staff member, or you can email [uw-vets@uwyo.edu](mailto:uw-vets@uwyo.edu) or call (307) 766-6908

### DAILY POLLS

Every day, the VSC will feature a different poll for students to participate in for fun! Written on our whiteboard, past topics have included "Angry Birds or Candy Crush?", "Night Owl or Early Bird?", and "Would you rather live the rest of your life in the rain or in the snow?".

Topics are chosen by committee and added to a running list, allowing for the updates to continue without the main proctor, student Hannah Peterson. Peterson created the polls as a fun way to prompt discussions and end arguments over these very important questions.

If you have a suggestion or want to participate, drop by the Center and talk to Hannah Peterson or one of the VSC staff members. To vote, simply take a dry-erase marker and add your tally!

The University of Wyoming recognizes that our veteran population is a very diverse group that brings to our campus vast experiences and knowledge. The mission of the Veteran Services Center is to recognize these experiences and accomplishments by supporting the interests of military veterans, dependents, and current service personnel as they transition from military service to university life. To do this, the University of Wyoming's Veteran Services Center provides veterans the resources that they need to succeed in their academic, personal, and career goals through education, collaboration, and outreach utilizing all available resources within and outside of the University of Wyoming.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Every Thursday: Project Healing Waters; 7pm at the Laramie Junior High school\*

Feb. 14th: Sweet Deal food event; 11am in the VSC\*

Feb. 17th: Date Night, Skate Night; 5:30-7:30pm at the Laramie Ice and Event Center\*

Feb. 22nd: Festival of Winds Symphonic band and Wind Symphony Concert; 7:30pm in the Buchanan Center for Performing Arts

Feb. 28th: Last day to withdraw from courses for first half of semester

March 1st: Summer Registration Opens

March 2nd: Trevor Noah; 8pm in the College of Arts and Sciences Auditorium

March 9th: Laser Tag; 6-10pm, All Points West Family Events Center; Please RSVP\*

\*Hosted by the VSC

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