



University of Phoenix Stadium

## *New University of Phoenix Stadium Hosts* **Super Bowl XLII**

Super Bowl XLII will go down in history as one of the most exciting championships played. In the week leading up to the game, the Phoenix area was pulsing with fans, media, celebrities, and of course, the NFL players. It all came down to a few hours on a Sunday afternoon. All eyes were on the gridiron, and when the game was over, there would be a champion, there would be records broken, and thousands upon thousands of satisfied Super Bowl fans.

To host a Super Bowl is an honor for any city. A tremendous amount of hard work goes in to making it happen; literally years of planning and preparation. In October of 2003, Glendale was picked to host Super Bowl XLII. That same year construction began on the new stadium for the Arizona Cardinals.

In 2006, the arena was named University of Phoenix Stadium. A state-of-the-art venue, the Cardinals' home is the first stadium in North America to feature a retractable roof and a roll-out field. The retractable roof allows the stadium to be air conditioned for events taking place during hot summer months. The field rolls out on a 12 million pound tray which takes just over an hour to move. This allows the 158,000 square foot floor area to preserve the playing field while opening the venue to other events. University of Phoenix Stadium can hold over 70,000 fans. The stadium was built specifically to showcase the Super Bowl and has been named one of the 10 most impressive sporting structures on the planet by BusinessWeek Magazine.

Having our name on such an innovative and extraordinary stadium that held the biggest sporting event in the world is an honor that University of Phoenix is very proud of.

## *University of Phoenix Student Earns Spirit Award at Super Bowl XLII Super Learner Gala*

With the Super Bowl in town this year, the Valley of the Sun was a hub of exciting "kick-off" activities surrounding the big game that was held at University of Phoenix Stadium. One of the many events was the Super Learner in a Super State awards ceremony presented by the Super Bowl Host Committee. The awards honor Arizona teachers and the program that brings a unique Super Bowl related curriculum to the classroom.

The gala was held at the Scottsdale Center for Performing Arts. High School bands played and guests cheered as well known personalities from ESPN and well-loved NFL alumni walked the red carpet. Among the favorites in attendance were Arizona Cardinals Neil Rackers and Deuce Lutui, and from ESPN, host Mike Tirico, and Executive Vice President,

John Walsh, who was the keynote speaker. In addition to the celebrities, local corporate "heroes" also attended, including the president of University of Phoenix, Dr. Bill Pepicello.

Retired First Sergeant George Harvey won the Sprit Award through his inspirational work as a Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps instructor at Golden Gate High School in Naples, Florida. Harvey took this position after returning from his second tour in Iraq and retiring from the Army. Although he was reluctant at first to work in a military-related function, he was motivated by the JROTC mission to inspire young people to become better citizens. Upon looking at the JROTC curriculum, Harvey realized that everything in the program would fall right in line with his BSB/MGT degree.

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Dr. Bill Pepicello and ISG (r) Harvey. Photo Credit: Gary Harrah



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# Color Guard Kicks Off Super Bowl XLII

At Super Bowl XLII the nation's flag was carried and presented on the field by the Color Guard from the North American Aerospace Defense Command (NORAD) and the United States Northern Command (USNORTHCOM). This is a joint Color Guard that includes men and women from all branches of the U.S. military and members of the Canadian Armed Forces as well.

Among all the festivities, the protocol and tradition involved in presenting the colors has a long and rich history. Traditionally, a flag was always marched into battle to help keep the soldiers morale high. This ritual has evolved into what we call the Color Guard today; their main purpose is to present the colors during ceremonies as a symbol of pride. Still, we look at the colors as a reminder of all those serving and who have served as we pledge our allegiance.

Usually, in addition to the flag bearers who are positioned in the center of the Color Guard, there are two members carrying rifles who are positioned on either side. The Color Guard does render honors (the flags are dipped) when the national anthem is played or sung, but the United States flag is never dipped.

The joint Color Guard that performed at Super Bowl XLII marched the Colors out for all to view. Everyone in the stadium, everyone watching around the world, witnessed this custom of pride as America's national anthem was sung and F-16s flew overhead.



Photo by Petty Officer 1st Class Joaquin Juatai

## MCB Camp Lejeune Welcomes University of Phoenix

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Camp Lejeune and Marine Corps Air Station New River in Eastern North Carolina have welcomed the University of Phoenix into their base education center. The education center operates under the Marine Corps Community Services and Headquarters Marine Corps using the designation of the Lifelong Learning Branch. The Lifelong Learning Branch houses several educational institutions, and maintains the libraries and resource centers on both installations.

Camp Lejeune, home of the II Marine Expeditionary Force, repositioned the base education center to its new location on Stone Street in October 2007. As of date, there are seven other on-site higher education establishments and one online exclusive school represented. Students can obtain degrees starting with an associate all the way through the doctorate level in a multitude of concentrations. The renovated junior high school building, named the John A. Lejeune Education Center, boasts the following amenities:

- 30 standard classrooms
- 4 science labs
- 2 theater style classrooms
- 1 multimedia room
- 8 computer labs library/resource center

Additionally, there is a café and a variety of vending machines with a small lounge/break area. The entire building is capable of internet connection through wireless service provided by the center. The education center is under the leadership of Director, Bob Songer who began with the Lifelong Learning Branch just last year. Songer, a retired Marine Colonel, envisions, "the John A. Lejeune Education Center as a place that provides a high quality, professional educational environment that is conducive with today's technological learning processes and where service members and their families can get assistance in reaching their educational goals through access to quality on-base and online programs."

Current fiscal year, 2007 the education center has had over 33,000 visitors and serviced 1,425 long distance and deployed students. The on-site location has delivered more than 7,000 courses provided to 4,749 students. The center employs a staff of approximately 40 personnel to service the potential 160,000 military affiliated population of the surrounding areas.

The center provides education counselors for all assigned personnel, their families, retirees, DOD civilians, and other qualified base members. These representatives assist with tuition assistance, academic counseling, financial aid information and civilian and military testing which includes, CLEP, DSST, ACT/SAT, GRE subject tests, the LSAT, and the PRAXIS for nursing. There are several military specific features too, such as, assistance obtaining SMART transcripts, Military Academic Skills Program (MASP), Apprenticeship (USMAP), ASVAB and language tests.

"Lifelong learning is the Gateway to Success" and the base education center is an ideal beginning for educational goals.

Both centers, Camp Lejeune and New River are open 0730-1700, Monday - Thursday and 0730-1630 on Friday. The center closes for all federal holidays.

Further information is available at <http://www.mccslejeune.com/LLL/index.html>.

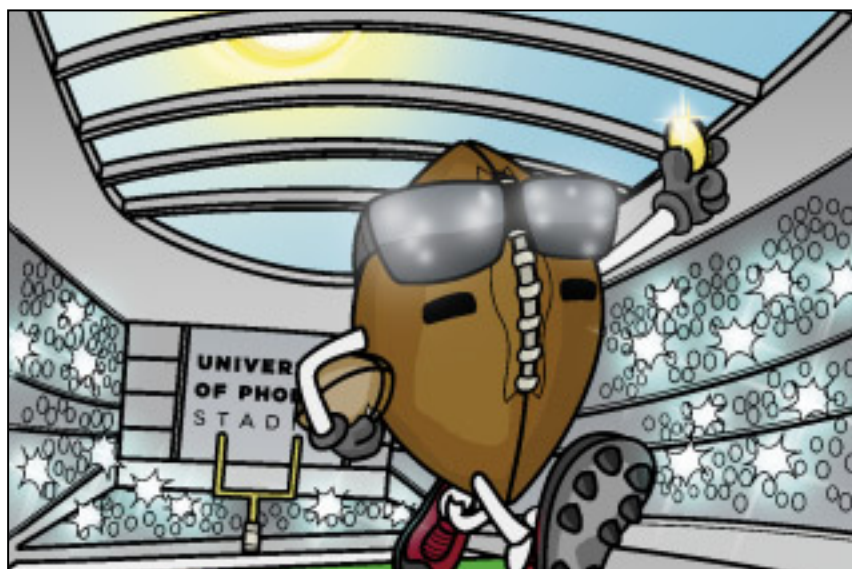


## University of Phoenix Sends Severely Wounded Vets to the Super Bowl!

Super Bowl Sunday was just around the corner when University of Phoenix received a phone call from the Arizona State representative of the Department of Defense (DOD) Advocate for Military Severely Injured and Heroes to Hometowns. They wanted to know if there was any possibility that the University could help with obtaining tickets to the big game with hopes of passing them on to some of the severely wounded veterans. With a face value of \$700 and now being sold for thousands, Super Bowl tickets were not easy to come by.

That evening, Patrick Sutliff, Director of Veterans Affairs for University of Phoenix, had the distinct honor of officially delivering eight tickets to the excited veterans, stating "University of Phoenix is more than happy to provide these tickets. We're grateful for their service; these guys deserve it!"

The local Fox television station interviewed Sutliff, the DOD advocate, and two of the veterans, Brent Bretz and Robert Bartlett. Bretz has undergone 57 surgeries since returning from Iraq, and still faces more. He was very pleased to receive a ticket. Bartlett said he was "pretty surprised" by the gift. "It's the chance of a lifetime," he said. That Sunday they arrived at University of Phoenix Stadium to enjoy the game.



Art colored by Peter Speyer

# Remember

## Pearl Harbor

One of the most defining moments in America's history would be the attack on Pearl Harbor. It was the event that brought this country into World War II. Truly "a day that shall live in infamy", as President Roosevelt stated, December 7th, 1941 will always resonate in the hearts and minds of Americans.

On the 66th anniversary of the attack, University of Phoenix Director of Military National Accounts, Kirk Kyle, visited the site of the USS Arizona. "Wreaths sent from nations around the world graced the deck of the memorial, and a somber crowd seemed to reflect," Kyle says.

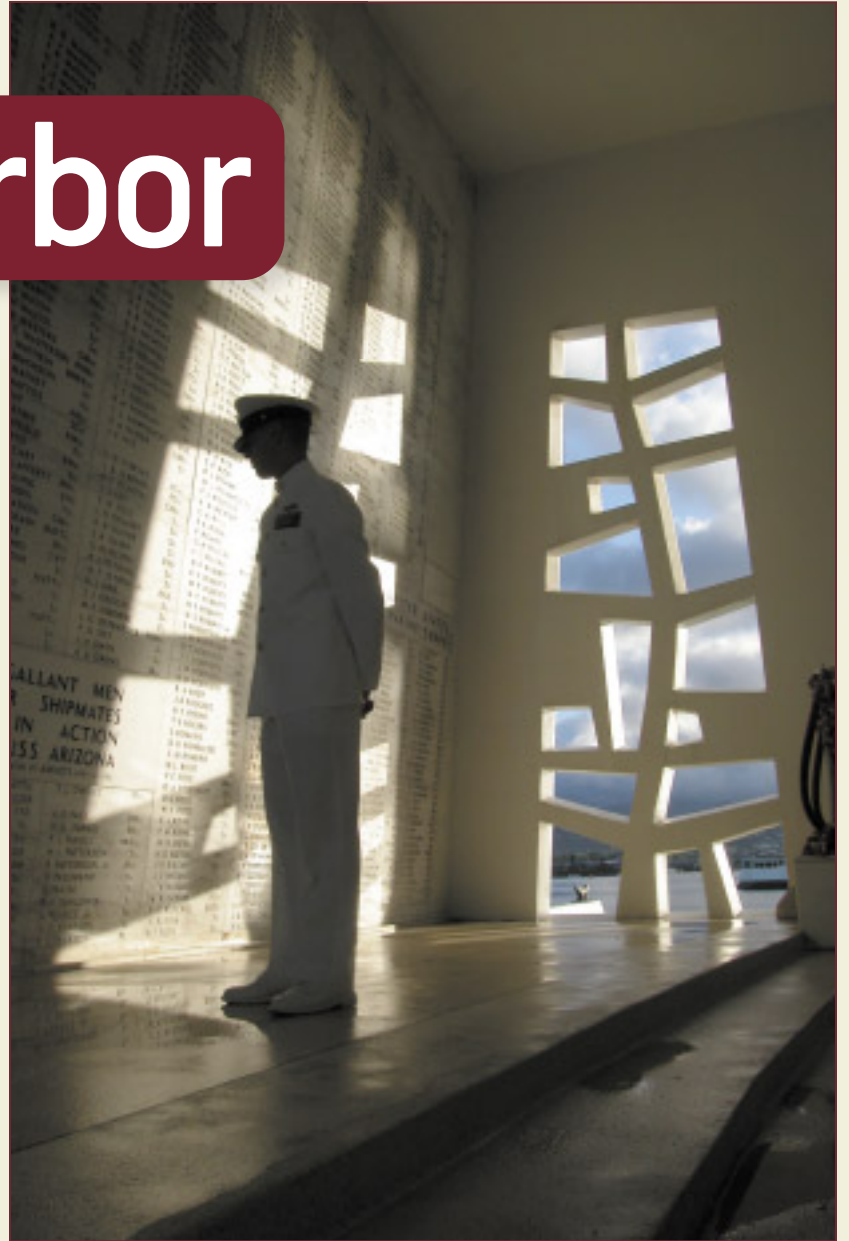
Looking back, the United States Fleet had been transferred to Pearl Harbor by President Roosevelt as a deterrent to the Japanese. Code breakers determined that Japan would likely attack the Indies, Malaya and probably the Philippines. Completely unanticipated was the prospect that Japan would attack east, as well.

Just before 8 AM on that fateful day, the planes soared overhead. Within moments five of eight battleships at Pearl Harbor were sunk or sinking, and all the rest were damaged. Many other ships and most of the Hawaii-based combat planes were destroyed.

**When the attack ended over 2400 Americans had been killed.** However, the memory of the "sneak attack" on Pearl Harbor fueled a determination to fight on. The Pearl Harbor attack was regarded as an underhanded "surprise attack" and during the Second World War every effort was made to keep its memory in the consciousness of the American people. Posters, popular songs and other media were staples of wartime popular culture, regular memorial services were held to commemorate the dead, and flags that had flown at the Capitol and White House on 7 December 1941 were raised over fallen enemy capital cities as the United States prevailed.

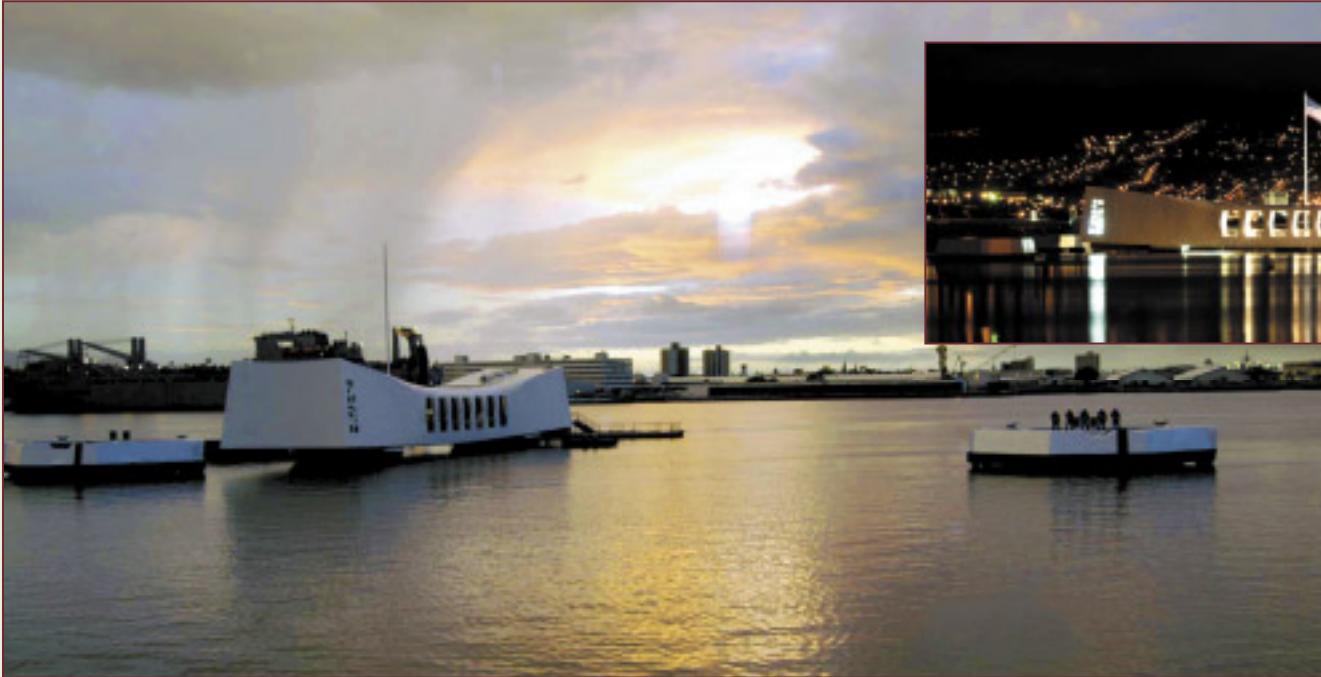
Even after the conflict ended, the Pearl Harbor attack shaped a generation of national defense policy and was not forgotten by those who had lived through the war. Monuments, large and small, were erected on the battle sites.

Around the country, veterans' reunion groups met regularly to keep the memory alive. Even now, some six decades later, Pearl Harbor remains the subject of a regular flow of documentaries, dramatic productions, books and articles. For more information, visit the Naval Historical Center at <http://www.history.navy.mil/index.html>.



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# University of Phoenix Expands AMVETS Scholarship Opportunities

University of Phoenix is doubling the number of scholarships to be awarded through its partnership with AMVETS for 2008! On the heels of a very successful program in 2007 resulting in awarding 25, \$4,000 scholarships, University of Phoenix will now award 50.

The 2008 scholarships are also valued at \$4,000 each, which can be used toward tuition and/or fees for students pursuing a degree program with the University of Phoenix. The applications are open to active duty service members, veterans, and their immediate families. The application includes a biography, letters of recommendation, and a topic essay.

University of Phoenix Director of National Military Accounts, Kirk M. Kyle, said that the university, the largest private university in the United States, is proud to be joining with AMVETS to provide educational opportunities for veterans and their family members. The American Veterans organization, AMVETS, has earned the gratitude and respect of generations of veterans for more than 60 years. AMVETS formed at the end of WW II, dedicating themselves to the needs of all military veterans and their families. The Veterans service organization serves a growing population of active duty members as well. This outreach effort takes many forms, such as professional advice from service officers on earned veterans benefits, legislative efforts on Capitol Hill, and the work done by hospital volunteers. AMVETS members from across 1400 chapters nationwide, involve themselves in a range of initiatives aimed at contributing to the quality of life in their local communities.

Teaming with AMVETS gives the university a chance to say thank you to veterans by providing a valuable educational opportunity, "At the University of Phoenix, we have a military division of over 600 employees, all former military who are dedicated to this task," Kyle said.

"At the University of Phoenix, it is about serving those who served."

Those veterans who have received help from AMVETS may be familiar with their free counseling and claims assistance for veterans and dependents. Some may also be familiar with their community services which include programs combating drug and alcohol abuse, and help for homeless veterans. Yet, most are aware of AMVETS strong representation of the veteran on Capitol Hill, where they fight to secure earned benefits and services.

For more information about these scholarships or other programs offered by AMVETS, please visit [www.amvets.org](http://www.amvets.org).

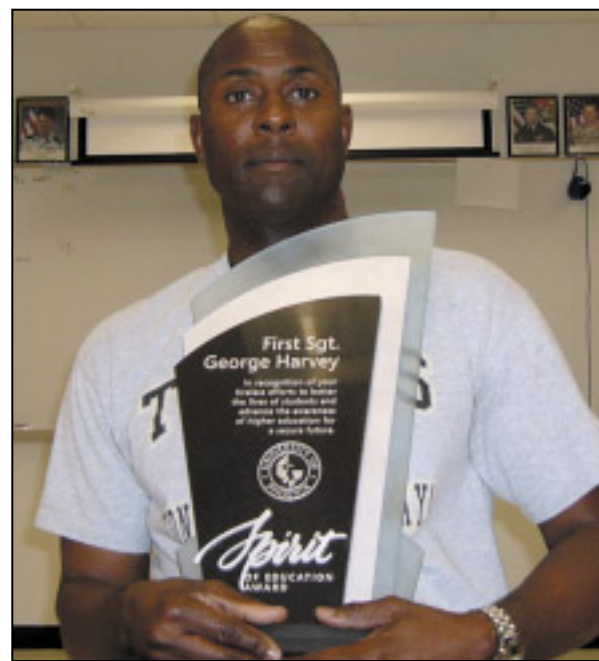


## Spirit Award

He would have the opportunity to use what he had learned, teaching the JROTC students leadership, communications, conflict management, even financial planning. Harvey also uses applications from his Masters (MBA/HRM) degree in class with his students. He enjoys the challenge of teaching, and likes working with kids. Harvey has been nominated for his state's teacher of the year award. Beyond the classroom, Harvey also mentors students from other schools.

Harvey earned his master's degree from University of Phoenix, working online even through deployments to Iraq, and graduated in May. At the Super Learner Gala, Harvey was called to the stage and presented the Spirit Award by Dr. Bill Peppicello, who explained to the audience, "An essential part of the learning process is to understand that education is not an end in itself; it is a means to other, larger goals in life. Our recipients exemplify this approach to learning and to life."

The evening wound up with a concert by Heartland. They performed their number one hit, "I loved her first" and played some old tunes and even introduced some new ones. It was an exciting kick-off event for the Super Bowl that focused on education. University of Phoenix is proud to have a student win this prestigious award. Congratulations First Sergeant Harvey!



ISG (r) Harvey with his Spirit of Education Award

## The USO Celebrates its 67th Anniversary

The United Service Organization, or USO, was established on February 4, 1941 by President Franklin Delano Roosevelt. Roosevelt felt that private citizens would be devoted to the idea of providing on-leave recreation for service members. The organization was traditionally dedicated to providing a touch of home, even when the men and women in uniform were serving thousands of miles away. That tradition still exists in the USO today, although the programs and services provided have expanded tremendously over the years.

Today the USO focuses on providing morale, welfare, and recreational services to U.S. military personnel and their families. The organization has also expanded its locations, opening many new centers in Iraq, Afghanistan, and Kuwait. What's more, the USO has distributed over one million care packages and more than two million phone cards.

Operation Enduring Care is another of the USO's programs expanding worldwide. This program focuses on helping meet the recovery needs of injured service members, and addresses the needs of their families and the medical personnel caring for them. A new pilot program, "USO in a Box," sends materials to forward deployed locations where there is no fixed USO center.

Aside from all the beneficial programs the USO has developed, the organization is still best known for providing exciting celebrity entertainment to our troops serving far from home. The USO entertainment tours average over 350 shows per year. The organization works tirelessly to bring together volunteers, employees, and entertainers to make all these programs succeed. Through the help of

individual and corporate donations, the USO remains able to assure American troops that their service and sacrifice are not forgotten. They will continue this work "until every one comes home."

For more information on the USO, visit [www.uso.org](http://www.uso.org).



Until Every One Comes Home.®

## Full Scholarships For Severely Injured Veterans



University of Phoenix has created a scholarship program to honor Arizona's brave men and women who return home from service in Iraq and Afghanistan with severe injuries. An excellent way to show gratitude to our nation's heroes is to enable them to rebuild their lives and help them make the sometimes difficult transition back in to their communities and productive, fulfilling lives. Through full-tuition scholarships, injured veterans are empowered to reach their academic goals or pursue second careers. University of Phoenix programs are tailored to meet the needs of students' busy schedules.

The scholarships are available through Heroes to Hometowns, a program of the Department of Defense (DOD). Kathy Pearce, DOD Advocate for Military Severely Injured and Heroes to Hometowns, for the State of Arizona is pleased and excited to get the word out about these full scholarships being offered by University of Phoenix. Pearce says, "When a service member comes home with severe injuries, their life is totally changed. They must develop new directions and career paths that they may never have imagined. Getting an education is of great importance. The classes University of Phoenix offers, either online or on a local campus with small class sizes, are well suited for the severely injured veteran."

University of Phoenix is especially proud to partner with Heroes to Hometowns in paying tribute to those who fought heroically for the protection of American freedoms. A special thank you goes out to: Salute A Soldier and Soldiers' Angels for donating laptops and peripherals; to NPower Arizona for providing job placement opportunities; and to Arizona Veterans Programs Association, Military HomeFront, and National Association of Veterans Programs Administrator for supporting awareness. Selection criteria and applications for the scholarships can be accessed through the links below:

<http://militaryhomefront.dod.mil/> - Click on Heroes to Hometowns <http://www.saluteasoldier.org>.

## Going Green! University of Phoenix Employee Receives "Green" Award

University of Phoenix takes great pride in highlighting an employee each month with an award for helping to promote green living at home, work, or in the community. The Green Employee of the Month (GEM) Award was recently presented to Jason Michael Walker, an employee of the military campus serving active duty service members, veterans, and spouses enrolled at University of Phoenix.

Walker was involved in environmental concerns in his community as far back as 2001, before being "green" was such a buzzword. As a father, he developed a genuine concern for understanding how the environmental practices of today will affect the generations of tomorrow. After joining the Sierra Club, Walker became active in his local area educating the public on ways to improve consumers' "green" behavior. Walker also promotes environmental policy changes, especially for businesses, through involvement with local city government.

According to Walker, he has incorporated greener practices in life in an effort to reduce his 'carbon footprint.' Walker says, "the best definition of a carbon footprint is a measure of the impact human activities have on the environment in terms of the amount of green house gases produced, measured in units of carbon dioxide." Things such as planting native trees around the home and enrolling in energy saver plans make a big difference in his 'carbon footprint.' Walker has also changed all his light bulbs to the energy-saving compact fluorescent type. He also tries to shop locally and turn off or unplug devices when he is away from home.

Bringing his green practices to the office, Walker reuses materials as much as possible. He also brings his own utensils for lunch. Walker will even bring items home that can't be recycled at work.

Walker adheres to the motto "reduce, reuse and recycle", and he has made a dedicated effort to help Apollo Group, the parent company of University of Phoenix, recognize its Go Green mission. Walker has

submitted numerous quick and easy green tips as part of the Apollo Group Go Green effort. The military campus is proud to have an employee so committed to this cause.



Jason Michael Walker

## University of Phoenix Announces New PhD/Higher Education Administration

University of Phoenix, the nation's largest accredited educational institution, recently added an eighth doctoral program and its first Doctor of Philosophy program (Ph.D.) to its cadre of degree offerings. The Doctor of Philosophy in Higher Education Administration (Ph.D./HEA) program will prepare learners for scholarship, practice, and leadership in post-secondary educational environments. Throughout the program, learners explore higher education through various lenses, with emphases on the ethical responsibilities of higher education institutions for developing strong communities and a knowledge-oriented workforce.

This vital program can help prepare you for an educational or training leadership role in the military, or for an eventual transition into the civilian world of post-secondary education. The Ph.D./HEA program is designed to prepare visionary leaders to shape the missions of their organizations through dynamic research, analysis, and application of the profession's knowledge base. The program emphasizes ethical, collaborative, and global perspectives on higher education that are responsive to the ever-changing needs of learners.

## Life After Graduation

*Here's a look at what several University of Phoenix military graduates are up to.*

**Jonathan Griffith, 2007 BSIT graduate**, has retired after twenty years of service as a Senior Intelligence Electronic Warfare Integrator/Maintainer with the U.S. Army. Currently he is a Senior Consultant with Booz Allen Hamilton, Inc. in North Charleston, SC.

**Lt. Col. Scott Adams, 1998 MAOM graduate**, has relinquished his command of Shreveport's 2/108th Cavalry Squadron, Louisiana Army National Guard. Adams will leave Shreveport for work in Carville as the Officer Branch Manager.

**Cassandra Benefield, 2007 MBA graduate**, has advanced to Acquisition Program Manager within the U.S. Air Force.

**Capt. Jesse John Herrera, 2007 MM graduate**, was recently selected for the Logistics Career Broadening Officer Program. This program selects deserving Air Force Captains from the 21X, 62X and 63X career fields to transfer to an Air Logistics Center to gain knowledge in Acquisitions, Supply Chain Management, Logistics Management and Program Management. Jesse is currently assigned to Warner Robins Air Logistics Center at Robins Air Force Base, GA.



**Oliver Avery III, 2007 BSHA graduate**, has been selected and promoted to a two-year Internship and will progressively be trained and promoted to Chief of Environmental Management Services at Michael De Bakey VA Medical Center.

**Michael Vasaturo, 1994 AANE, 2005 BSB/M, and 2007 MM/HRM graduate**, has accepted the position of National Security Personnel System Program Manager for the Headquarters of the Commandant of the Marine Corps. The position is located at the Navy Annex in Washington D.C. Since his retirement from the Navy as a Chief Petty Officer in 1998, Vasaturo has worked to procure a position in HR as a federal government civilian.

# On the Road

University of Phoenix has a team of military education liaisons who travel to military installations around the world. The team typically makes approximately 250 visits every year. Representatives conduct informational meetings, counsel potential students, participate in education fairs, and forge relationships with the military community.

Look for a University of Phoenix representative on the following dates:

			March 3	New Jersey	McGuire AFB
February 1	Texas	Ft. Hood	March 4	California	MCAS Miramar
February 5	Maryland	Andrews AFB	March 5	California	MCAGCC 29 Palms
	Alabama	Ft. Detrick	March 7	New Jersey	Ft. Monmouth
	California	Redstone Arsenal		Missouri	Air and Army NG
		Maxwell-Gunter AFB	March 8	New Jersey	NJ ANG
February 6	Virginia	Ft. Irwin	March 9	Georgia	Ft. Gordon
	Mississippi	Quantico	March 10	New Mexico	Kirtland AFB
		Keesler AFB	March 11	Georgia	Robins AFB
February 7	Kentucky	Ft. Jackson		New Mexico	Holloman AFB
February 10	Hawaii	Ft. Knox		Missouri	Whiteman AFB
February 11	Hawaii	Camp Smith	March 12	Georgia	Ft. Benning
	California	Hickam AFB		Georgia	White Sands Missile Range
		NS Coronado	March 13	Georgia	Fort McPherson
		Camp Pendleton	March 17	California	Camp Pendleton
February 12	Hawaii	Shafter		California	MCAS Miramar
	California	MCRD San Diego	March 18	California	MCRD San Diego
February 13	Hawaii	Schofield	March 19	California	Ft. Irwin
	California	MCAS Miramar	March 20	California	MCAGCC 29 Palms
February 14	Hawaii	Pearl Harbor	March 25	Arizona	Ft. Huachuca
February 15	California	MCAGCC 29 Palms	March 26	Arizona	Luke AFB
February 18	Virginia	Ft. Lee		Missouri	McConnell AFB
February 19	Virginia	NAS Oceana	March 27	Nebraska	Offutt AFB
February 21	Virginia	Langley AFB	March 31	Washington DC	Pentagon
February 25	Puerto Rico	Ft. Buchanan	April 1	Washington DC	Pentagon
	Washington	USCGAS	April 5	Texas	NAS Kingsville
	Arizona	NS Everett	April 10	Missouri	Air and Army NG
		Ft. Huachuca	April 14	Florida	MacDill AFB
February 26	Washington	Whidbey Hospital	April 23	Nebraska	Offutt AFB
	Arizona	Davis-Monthan AFB		Missouri	Ft. Leonard Wood
February 27	Washington	NS Bremerton	April 25	Oklahoma	Air and Army NG
	Arizona	Luke AFB			
February 28	Washington	NSB Bangor			
	Oklahoma	Ft. Sill			
March 3	California	NAS North Island			
		MCRD San Diego			

Want to schedule a visit? Have your education service officer contact Kirk Kyle at 800.366.9699, ext. 76490 or [kirk.kyle@phoenix.edu](mailto:kirk.kyle@phoenix.edu).

## Coming in the Next Issue . . .

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- University of Phoenix Employees on Active Duty

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- Armed Forces Day
- Military Spouse Day

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## Questions? Comments?

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Thinking ahead.