

Develop a Fresno State Veteran's Organization with a University Appointed Representative to provide oversight and communicate all events to have a united Fresno State Veterans Team.

CURRENT CHALLENGE:

The division with Veterans & Military Organizations associated with Fresno St. Simply stated, since my arrival to the university, I noticed that the only organizations associated with the military that work together and collaborate are the Army & Air Force ROTC Programs (both of which possess the most Senior Ranking Combat Veterans on Campus). Yet, to my knowledge, we have two student and one faculty led Veteran Organization. One of the principles we practice in the military is "Unity of Command". When I observed how events went through planning, preparation, & execution for Veteran's Day 2015, I was disappointed in how all organizations did not communicate, work together to support each other, and share resources. In sum, there was no unity of command and the events did not reach their fullest potential.

PROPOSED SOLUTION:

Development of a Fresno State Veteran's Organization that has a University Appointed Representative to lead and organize all Fresno State Veteran's Organization. Once organized, the group leadership provides oversight and communicates all events in hopes to transform key moments like Veteran's Day to a Fresno State Veteran's Celebration that includes a Memorial Service organized by the Student Veteran's Organization, a Veteran's 5K Run Fundraiser organized by the Army ROTC Program, and group representation from the university in parades, dinners, etc to provide a united Fresno St. Veteran Team.

BENEFITS TO FRESNO STATE:

Provides much needed oversight to Veteran's Organizations at Fresno St; unifies their efforts for stronger support to the university and community; creates organization that enables better communication on veterans affairs with both the university and community.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

I have already spoken to several individual leaders in both the community & university who would be on board to help the university in this process. I am more than willing to help lead/support this organization in an effort to better partner with our university and community.