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Long-Awaited Pizza MRE Finally Hits



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In September of 2018, military bases around the world began receiving shipments of a brand new meal available to soldiers: pizza MREs. These MREs had been long requested, as pizza is one of the comforts of home that's hard to find out on the battlefield.

The development process took close to twenty years from concept to completion, as there were several factors that needed to be worked around in order to have a fully functional MRE. MREs are expected to have a shelf life of 36 months, so the first barrier was to ensure it would be able to last that long. This required the engineers behind the meal to find a balance in the moisture levels and oxygen concentration of each ingredient, as any excess moisture would cause the meal to

grow mold, while an excess of air would result in the bread going stale.

After that, the next focus was for the MREs to be edible. Taste tests were successful, with a rating of seven out of nine on the Army's food tasting scale; for comparison, M&Ms rate at an eight. Many reviews of it have been pleasantly surprised, comparing it to the taste of school lunch pizza or leftover pizza from the night before. It has been noted that, with the composition of the ingredients, the MRE tastes better straight out of the package than it does warmed up.

In addition to pizza, the MRE includes cheddar and jalapeno cheese spread, Italian breadsticks, an oatmeal cookie, cherry-blueberry cobbler and a chocolate protein drink powder.



Air Force 71st Birthday Celebration

The Veterans Success Center collaborates frequently with AFROTC Detachment 002, and we take advantage of any opportunity to honor the unit's contributions and the Air Force as a whole. On October 5, 2018, the VSC hosted an event honoring the Air Force's birthday out on the lawn in front of Pfau Library. Cadet Anthony Bacani was the master of ceremonies, and Cadet Dalaney Doyle sang the National Anthem. The event included a keynote address by Lieutenant Colonel Jonathan F. McCall and an invocation directed by Chaplain Lieutenant Colonel Robert Harris.

The Air Force was created by the National Security Act of 1947 when the first secretary of the Air Force took office on September 18. This act made the Army Air Forces a branch of its own – the United States Air Force.

Before the conclusion of the ceremony, three pilots from the Mentor Heritage Foundation flew over the crowd in T-34 Mentor planes. They demonstrated both the Fingertip formation and the Echelon formation, also called the Parade formation.

The cake-cutting portion of the ceremony was done by Captain Shigeo Sumida, M.D., father of CSUSB biology professor Stuart Sumida, and Cadet Arthur Scuro, as well as campus representative and Air Force veteran Earl Wilson. This honored the military tradition of having the oldest and youngest airmen cut the cake, and followed CSUSB tradition of having a campus representative participate. The ceremony concluded with the cadets of Detachment 02 proclaiming the mission of the Air Force, "Fly, fight, and win. Air power!"

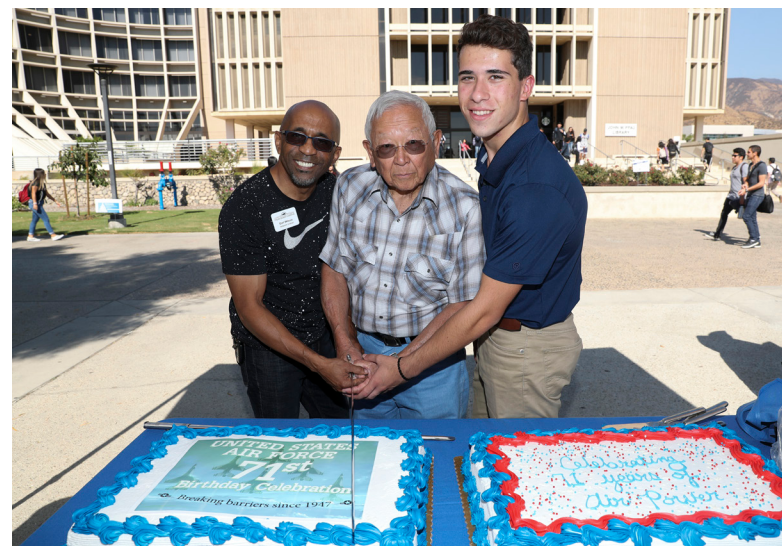
The event was attended by Darrell Frye, field representative of California Assemblymember Eloise Gómez Reyes, and Jared Bosman, field representative for Congressman Pete Aguilar, who presented participants with certificates of recognition.



Mentor Heritage Foundation pilots demonstrate Fingertip formation in T-34 mentor planes.



The crowd listens attentively as Lt. Co. Jonathan F. McCall gives his keynote speech.



From left to right: AF Veteran Earl Wilson, Captain Shigeo Sumida, and Cadet Arthur Scuro cut the cake together.

All photos courtesy of CSUSB





Congratulations Fall class of 2018!

All photos courtesy of CSUSB

Fall 2018

Veterans Graduation Celebration

On Friday, December 7, 2018, the Veterans Success Center hosted their Fall Veterans Graduation Celebration in the Santos Manuel Student Union. As this event took place on the anniversary of the attack on Pearl Harbor, the ceremony began with a moment of silence to recognize those who had lost their lives on that fateful day.

President of the Student Veterans Organization and Army veteran Erick Nabeshima was the master of ceremonies. Interim Vice President of Student Affairs Harry Le Grande provided welcoming remarks to graduates, and Navy veteran Neiser Dizon provided alumni remarks.

Joshua Imeri-Garcia, field representative for Congressman Paul Cook, and Daniel Peeden, field representative for Assemblymember Eloise Gómez Reyes, both gave remarks from their elected officials, as well as provided certificates of recognition for our graduates.

Once the speakers were all seated, graduates were called up individually by the branch they served in

and presented a stole for their higher education achievements. Undergraduate students who earned a GPA of 3.0 or above, and graduate students who earned a GPA of 3.5 or above, also received a S.A.L.U.T.E. Veterans National Honors Society Cord.

Command Sergeant Major Winsome Laos presented stoles and cords for the Army. The Army graduates were Jessica Bagby*, Arturo Brooks, Denise Camargo*, Nicholas Chavez, Ranfis Franco*, Gerald Jara*, Marco Jimenez, Jose Linares*, James McGuire*, Felecia Ozment*, and Cory Wilkerson*.

Sergeant Major Michael Nicolia presented stoles and cords for the Marine Corps and the Navy. The Marine Corps graduate was Steven deWalden*. The Navy graduates were Calvin Klein Gloria*, Diego Quinonez, and Jeffrey Reich*.

1st Lieutenant Nicholas A. Aguilera presented the stole and cord to the Air Force graduate, Joelle Passerello*.

Once the graduates had all received

their stoles and cords, Nabeshima congratulated them on their achievements before closing the ceremony. Graduates took a group photo on stage together, then everyone lined up for the buffet dinner.

We are so proud of all of our veterans for the hard work they have put into obtaining their degrees, and wish them well in all of their future endeavors.

*indicates an individual graduated with honors.



CSM Winsome Laos shakes the hand of Gerald Jara after presenting him his cord and stole.



Chaffey High School NJROTC presenting the colors.

243rd Navy Birthday Celebration

On October 11, 2018, the VSC hosted an event to celebrate the Navy's 243rd birthday out on the Coyote Bookstore lawn. Navy Veteran and CSUSB Office of Sustainability administrative support coordinator Mark Mallos was master of ceremonies. The ceremony began with the presenting of the colors by Chaffey High School NJROTC. Then, a keynote presentation was given by special guest Chief Jesse Tossetti. Dr. Joe Scarcella, Navy veteran and professor in the Department of Educational Leadership and Technology here at CSUSB, read the Chief of Naval Operations' birthday message, as well as a birthday message to the Navy from the Commandant of the U.S. Marine Corps.

The event also involved a bell-ringing ceremony, which included a beautiful Navy bell built and donated to the VSC by Mr. Jim Tossetti. The bell was rung eight times to signal the end of the watch for the 242nd year, and the bell was rung by eight different individuals to represent those who are serving or have served as well as their family members. The ninth bell, which signified the start of the Navy's 243rd year, was rung by Cadet Jacob Lopez, the youngest sailor.

After everyone joined in singing along with the Navy's song, Anchors Aweigh, Lieutenant Commander Martin Jones provided an invocation. This was followed by Darrell Frye, field representative of California Assemblymember Eloise Gómez Reyes, and Danny Milla, field representative for Congressman Pete Aguilar, presenting participants with certificates of recognition.

The cake-cutting portion of the ceremony, with a cake donated by Darcie and Jim Tossetti, was carried out by Rialto High School NJROTC. The youngest sailor, cadet Lopez, the highest ranking officer, LCDR Jones, and guest of honor Chief Tossetti all participated in the cutting and presentation of the first slice. The ceremony was then concluded and attendees all lined up for their own slice of cake to join in the celebration.

Thanksgiving Drive

In collaboration with Community Action Partnership of San Bernardino County, the Office of Student Engagement, and the Obershaw DEN, the Veterans Success Center hosted a Thanksgiving event to give back to the student veterans and their families, a community that has already sacrificed so much.

The Thanksgiving Food Drive was held between November 5 and 12. Donations were brought to both the VSC and the DEN. The list of items donated included vegetables, mashed potato mix, bread rolls, stuffing mix, and gravy packets, as well as grocery cards to purchase additional supplies.

On Tuesday, November 20, 2018, those who put their name on the sign-up list stopped by the VSC to pick up a Thanksgiving basket. Baskets included a turkey, all the fixings, and several side dishes that make up a classic holiday meal. Included were pies donated by the friends of the VSC, San Bernardino Rotary North.

From 12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m., the VSC also hosted a luncheon for veteran students, faculty and staff, and members of the community, including Roland Pilapil and David Nguyen from Alaska USA Federal Credit Union, and Arlene and Nick Zoumbos from the San Bernardino Rotary North, and others. In total, over fifty-five attendees enjoyed the festivities!

This event was sponsored by AmVets, San Bernardino Rotary North, Sodexo, Community Action Partnership of San Bernardino County, Alaska USA Federal Credit Union, The Obershaw DEN, and the CSUSB campus community, and we are grateful for all of their contributions.



Guests at the luncheon were provided with a lovely Thanksgiving meal.



Attendees of the ball enjoy good music with a bit of dancing.

Marine Corps 243rd Birthday Military Ball

On Friday, November 9, 2018, in Santos Manuel Student Union, the Veterans Success Center hosted the Marine Corps Military Ball in celebration of the Marine Corps' 243rd birthday the following day. Marine Corps veteran and CSUSB alumni and staff member Ken Jacobs was the master of ceremonies and provided opening remarks.

Sergeant Major Nicolía came up to read Lieutenant General John A. Lejeune's birthday message to the Marine Corps, which reflected on the branch's history and the legacy they are carrying on today. Then the Commandant of the Marine Corps' 2018 birthday message video was broadcast for the audience.

The ceremony procession included a sword detail and the presentation of the colors, done by the Fontana High School Marine Corps JROTC under the command of Sgt. Maj. Nicolía.

Immediately after was the cake-cutting ceremony. Sgt. Maj. Nicolía cut two slices of cake and gave them to the Guest of Honor, Joseph Moseley, and the oldest Marine present, Richard Valdez. The oldest Marine then passed the cake slice to the youngest Marine present, PFC Hector Pimienta, signifying the passing of experience and knowledge from the old to the young and caring for young Marines before looking to their own needs. U.S. Army veteran and CSUSB alumnus Joseph Moseley came up to give remarks as the Guest of Honor, and USN Chaplain Captain Quinn Hawley provided the invocation. The ceremony was then concluded and everyone lined up for dinner and cake before going off to enjoy an evening of dancing, which featured music played by Christian Ortiz, AKA "DJ Swift".



Sgt. Maj. Nicolía reads the birthday message.



REVEILLE SPOTLIGHT



Richmond C. Beckman

Are YOU a veteran at CSUSB? We want to feature you in our next Reveille! Please visit our center or send an email to vsc@csusb.edu. We'd love to hear your story!

Richmond C. Beckman, 46, a veteran of the Army National Guard, is a senior here at CSUSB. With an associate degree in chemistry already under his belt, he's currently working on a bachelor's degree in kinesiology. After graduating, Beckman hopes to use his degree to pursue a career in intelligence analysis, as his passion for both math and medicine give him a unique perspective that he thinks could benefit the field. Beckman spends his free time doing a variety of activities, including scuba-diving, flying private aircraft, teaching beginner level snowboarding, and inventing. Here at the VSC, he takes advantage of the free printing and computers available for use, and greatly enjoys the atmosphere found among other veterans.

Malika Shimizu, 21, is a dependent and a third year student at CSUSB. Her father served in the Air Force. She is in the process of obtaining a bachelor's degree in linguistics. After she graduates, Shimizu plans to use her degree to teach English in middle or high school, as her main goal is to help students improve their writing skills before they go off to college. She hopes to eventually return to Guam and help in the effort to preserve the native language there. Her hobbies include writing, tutoring, volunteering at a local elementary school, and watching dog videos. While in the VSC, she often uses the free printing available as well as the kitchen, and enjoys interacting with other visitors in the center.



Malika Shimizu

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