

A BIG THANK YOU to the MSJC staff, students and Community members that brought in shoes for the shoe drive. We collected 250+ pairs of shoes for our veteran families.



## Attn: Veteran Students with a major in nursing

MSJC's School of Nursing would like to offer a chance for our veterans to earn credit for their military work, educational experience, and background. Challenge/ Advanced Placement guidelines are available for review in the VRC.

If you had a Military Health Care Occupations in the following specific areas: Basic Medical Technician Corpsman (Navy HM or Air Force BMTCP), Army Health Care Specialist (68W Army Medic) or Air Force Independent Duty Medical Technician (IMDT 4NOX1C),

you can attempt to challenge and possibly achieve advanced placement. There are specific guidelines to this pathway, so please visit the VRC Counselors to discuss specifics and complete appropriate paperwork.

This pathway does not guarantee admission into the program. Students will still need to complete all general entrance requirements of the Associate Degree Nursing program.

If you have any questions, please contact the VRC.





You can contact your campus VRC for any further questions.

MVC - VRC SJC - VRC 951-639-5237 951-487-3247

You can email the VRC @ veterans@msjc.edu or visit the

VRC Web Page Here



# Meet the VRC Staff!



Debra Gleason

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I am an alumni of MSJC. I received my Liberals Arts degree in Social Behavioral Sciences and Liberal Arts in Math and Science at MSJC. I continued my education with Bellevue University in Business. I received a Masters degree in Counseling Psychology from Cal Baptist University. I have been employed with MSJC since 2008. I have been a counselor in the VRC for over a year. I have always wanted to work with the military population and I found that in assisting with their education.



Jessica Hawley

I am a kind-hearted and tenacious woman who has the best interests of everyone in mind. I strive to complete any task presented before me and adapt to the best of my ability when circumstances change. Being a current military spouse and caregiver to a combat veteran has not only been educational, but has also enabled and helped me understand the constant changes and struggles veterans face in



Mary Lou Dillard

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I am the current Coordinator and Counselor for both VRCs. I have been with MSJC for 12 years and have worked in various offices within Student Services. After deciding I wanted to promote within MSIC, I continued my education and have been in the VRC as a counselor for 1.5 years. When I began in counseling more than 4 years ago, I fell in love with being a Counselor, and I most enjoy when I am working with MSIC's wonderful veterans. I have no prior military experience; however, my husband is a Marine. Outside of MSJC, I love to spend time with my family, read, hike, and travel.



Benny Rivas

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I'm Benny Rivas and I'm the Veterans Certifying Official at the Veterans Resource Center. I graduated from University of California, Riverside with a Bachelor's of Arts in Sociology. I've been with the college for 1 year and it's a pleasure serving veteran and dependent students.



Michael Gathright

My name is Michael Gathright. This is my second semester at MSJC and I'm a Marine veteran. I served in the USMC from 2000-2008 as tactical vehicle operator and mechanic. I contracted for the military immediately after being honorably discharged in 2008 until 2014 in Kuwait, Iraq, and Afghanistan. I am currently undecided on a major.



I served 6 years in the Navy as an engineer before being medically retired for an injury to my leg and arm. I have been married for 7 years and am the proud father of a smart 7-year-old. I am the current president of the Eagle Veterans & Dependent Organization. I have been a student at MSJC for over a year as a history major. My goal is to become a high school history teacher soon.



Diana Chacon

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I have worked at MSJC in the Financial Aid Department for about two years. I have been working at the VRC for about 7 months. Before working at MSJC, I worked at the Registrar's Office at University of California, Riverside.



Joshua Pawlak

My name is Joshua Pawlak. I am a California native who served in the Army as a communications specialist for 5 years. I plan on pursuing a double major in mathematics and philosophy. I am an English tutor, and I work at the San Jacinto Campus.



Mark Collins

I was born and raised in San Diego. I served in the Air Force for 11 years. This is my fourth semester at MSJC and my third semester as a student worker at the VRC. I am married with 4 kids. I am currently working on a degree in environmental engineering and I intend to transfer to UC Riverside.



Brian Wier

After 15 years in the Marine Corps, I retired and started attending MSJC. I transferred to Southern Illinois University in the Workforce Education and Development Program at the extended campus in Moreno Valley and expect to graduate in August. I started working at the VRC at the Menifee campus in the fall and love being able to help veterans every day.



Ameerah Wells

I am a student worker for the MSJC Veterans Resource Center. I'm currently finishing my BA in Graphic Design at Cal-Baptist University. My connection to the military is through my father who is a retired US Navy sailor; I was born and raised navy.



Leticia Mitchell

My name is Leticia and I'm currently serving as a Staff Sergeant in the U.S. Army. I've been in California for almost a year and I love the weather. I'm a nursing major and I have knack for science. If you have any science related questions, I'd be more than happy to assist you.



Lee McIntire

My name is Lee McIntire and I am working towards my major in history to one day be a HS teacher. I am almost done with my AS. I retired from the U.S. Navy in 2007 after 24 years. With in that 24 years I was a Search and Rescue Swimmer, Instructor and Law enforcement officer. I retired as a BMC. I have 2 Kids, a Girl and a boy. After I retired I then worked as a Field Service Representative for an avionics company for 8years. I traveled to Pakistan, Africa, Saudi Arabia, Singapore, and many other places. I look forward in helping you, the future students at MSJC

