

VETERANS DAY

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STUDENT VETERAN SPOTLIGHT

"This photo was during my first year recruiting at the Chicago Auto Show at the McCormick Center."

John is a student at COD and is studying management. He served on active duty in the United States Marine Corps. We thank you for your service to our country!



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NOEMI RIVAS

Camp Leatherneck, Afghanistan, Sept. 16, 2010

"I had the opportunity to be part of the 1st Marine Division (Forward) memorial ceremony honoring our fallen heroes. The 1st Marine Division (Fwd) Memorial monument holds the Marines and sailors' dog tags who gave all for their country and the safety and security of the Afghan people."

Noemi is a student at COD and is studying dental hygiene. She served on active duty for nine years in the United States Marine Corps. We thank you for your service to our country!



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AMADON FAUL

"This was Christmas 2008. I was stationed on FOB Shield in Baghdad, and as a joke, we pretended to open "presents," but they were just boxes of radio parts. It was a fun day."

Amadon is a student at COD and is studying electronics and electro-mechanical technology. He served in the North Dakota Army National Guard and the United States Army for 20 years and is now retired. We thank you for your service to our country!



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KATHERINE ROCHOWIAK

"This is a picture of my dad and me the weekend I graduated Basic Military Training. It was one of the happiest times in my life; I felt proud and doing something good with my life. Everything felt worth it knowing he was proud of me."

Katherine is a student at COD and is studying political science. She served on active duty in the United States Air Force. We thank you for your service to our country!



THOMAS MARTINI

STUDENT VETERAN SPOTLIGHT

"This picture is of my fellow Marines and I (3rd from the left) from unit MWSS-272 setting up a forward arming and refueling point for allied military aircraft in Ahmed Jordan."

Thomas is a student and a student worker for Veterans Services at COD. He is studying physics and served four years on active duty in the United States Marine Corps. We thank you for your service to our country!



STUDENT VETERAN SPOTLIGHT

MATTHEW SCHLIPPER

"This picture is of me with my weapon in the MV-22 Osprey."

Matthew is a student at COD and served five years on active duty in the United States Marine Corps. We thank you for your service to our country!



STUDENT VETERAN SPOTLIGHT

RUBEN OBREGON

"This picture is of my daughter and I getting ready to go to her school dance."

Ruben is a student at COD and is studying manufacturing engineering. He served nine years on active duty in the United States Marine Corps. We thank you for your service to our country!



ALUMNI VETERAN SPOTLIGHT

JULIE HAZELETT

"This picture was from my welcome home from my last deployment. I had been overseas for seven months in Kuwait and was finally reunited with my dog after a long time away. I was a COD student from 2013-2018 and I'm very happy to be an alum of such an incredible school. The Veterans office made my transition from active duty service into the reserves and the civilian world as a student seem so simple. I'm humbled by the faculty who took the time to make sure we were taken care of when we started our academic journey. Thank you a thousand times over. Happy Veterans Day to my brothers and sisters in arms."

Julie is a 2018 alum of COD who obtained her AAS in diagnostic medical imaging radiography degree. She served four years on active duty and seven years in the United States Air Force reserves. We thank you for your service to our country!



ALUMNI VETERAN SPOTLIGHT

MARCEL RITCHEY

"My favorite part of my service was when I completed my Marine Corps Training of the Crucible, and hearing the song, *I'm proud to be an American* when they gave me my Eagle, Globe, and Anchor. Also, the feeling of returning home with my squadron HMLA-267 to Camp Pendleton from Iraq in 2003, and appreciated the freedoms I had in America."

Marcel is a 2017 alum of COD who obtained his associate degree in business. He served on active duty for four years in the United States Marine Corps. We thank you for your service to our country!



ALUMNI VETERAN SPOTLIGHT

"This picture is a great memory of me being honored at my High School (Proviso West) on Veteran's Day in 2011."

Adrian is a 2017 alum of COD who obtained his AA in criminal justice. He served 10 years in the Army National Guard. We thank you for your service to our country!

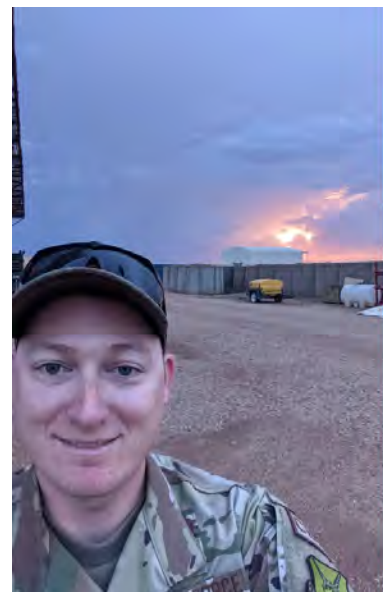


ALUMNI VETERAN SPOTLIGHT

JACQUELINE ALLEN

"This photo was during my deployment to Kandahar Airfield, Afghanistan, in 2006."

Jacqueline is a 2018 alum of COD who obtained her library and information technology degree. She served 10 years on active duty in the United States Army. We thank you for your service to our country!



ALUMNI VETERAN SPOTLIGHT

DAVE WERKEMA

"This picture is of me in Niger, shortly after a storm rolled through. It always leads to a nice sunset or sunrise."

Dave is a 2009 alum of COD. He served six years in the United States Marine Corps and is now serving in the Air Force. We thank you for your service to our country!



ALUMNI VETERAN SPOTLIGHT

JOHN STEINHAUER

"One of my fondest memories was going out on the back of the ship during sunset and just relaxing when underway."

John is a 2014 alum of COD, who obtained his degree in criminal justice. He served four years on active duty in the United States Navy. We thank you for your service to our country!

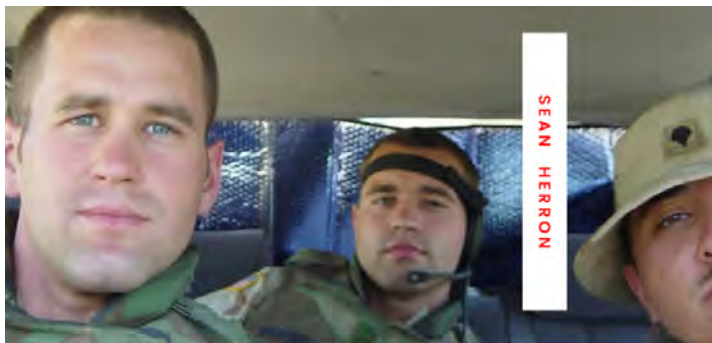


ALUMNI VETERAN SPOTLIGHT

LINDA SHEFFIELD

"My favorite military memory was singing for the Admiral at NMCSD (Naval Medical Center San Diego). I even received an accommodation letter in appreciation of the performance, which meant a lot to me."

Linda is a 2011 alum of COD who obtained her degree in health information technology. She served five years on active in the United States Navy. We thank you for your service to our country!



ALUMNI VETERAN SPOTLIGHT

"On patrol in Baghdad, June 2003 (from left to right) SPC Herron, SSG Cook, SPC Steward."

Sean is a 2010 alum of COD who obtained his degree in education. He served on active duty in the United States Army. We thank you for your service to our country!