

The Veteran's Resource Center

At The University Of Tennessee, A Division of Enrollment Management

**WELCOME
BACK!**



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What Have You Missed?

Welcome Back! We hope that you've had a great holliday season and a great break as well! We are looking forward to a great new year and hope that you are doing the same. Our newsletter will highlight some great events at the end of last semester involving our veterans and a brief history of the upcoming inaguration. We hope you enjoy!

UT Vets vs. UT Cadets



Written by Sam Hicks, TN Athletics

In the spirit of Military Appreciation Day, the Tennessee Cadets and Tennessee Vets took part in a friendly halftime competition at the Lady Vols Basketball game vs Notre Dame on Sunday, November 13th. The cadets and vets worked together to complete each part of the six-part skills competition,-

which featured a rucksack race up and down the arena steps, ten pull ups, a bear-crawl race across the basketball court, twenty buddy push-ups, and an ultimate tug-of-war finale.

One member of each team was also tasked with holding a plank through the entire competition. The Cadets team was represented by Emily Weisel, Garret Mitchell, Bryant Glenn, Christopher Miller, Margret Lee, David Campbell, Anthony Nguyen, Gavin Kruger, and Dravin Irvine from the UT Air Force ROTC. The Vets team included Colleen & Brian Spotts, Alex Weber, Shana Oltmann, Andrew Taylor, and Cade Long; all current UT student and veterans from all branches of the military. Both teams completed the course in record time, giving Lady Vol Basketball fans a great show of their strength and courage!



Photos Courtesy of Sam Hicks
TN Athletics

Student vet honored during home football game vs. Kentucky



VolFighter President Brandon Pendergrass was honored during the Vols home football game vs. Kentucky. Pendergrass, who is an undergraduate student majoring in psychology and minoring in sociology, joined active duty members from all branches during the VolWalk and on the field.

During the VolWalk, the vets escorted Coach Butch Jones through a crowd of cheering fans in support of UT vets. Following the VolWalk, Pendergrass joined his fellow service members in the stands to watch the Vols take on the UK Wildcats. Additional honoring came during a television time out where Pendergrass and service men/women were taken on the field and honored in front of a packed crowd. The Vols would go on to win the game 49-36. Pendergrass described the day as an unforgettable experience. He said that he was honored to have been given the chance and happy to see all the support from UT fans, athletes and staff.

*Also pictured: Far Left, Rachele Barnes, Coast Guard, UT senior studying sociology



NOW HEAR THIS!!!

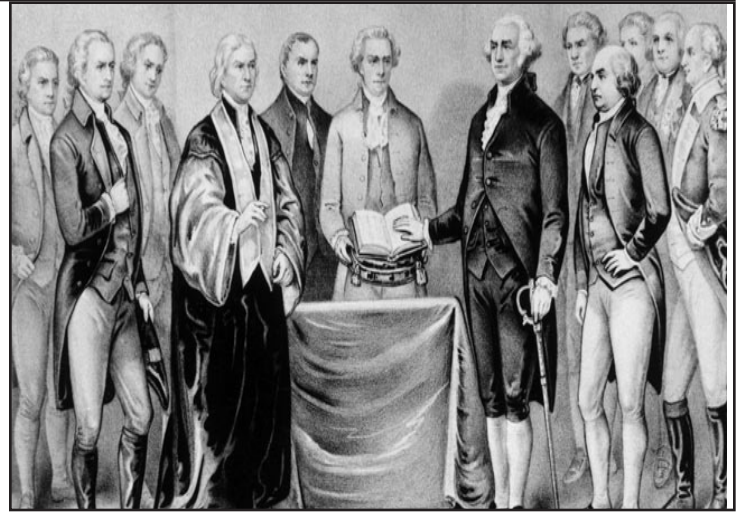
January 19th, 2017 will mark the inauguration of the 45th president of The United States, Donald J. Trump. Here's a brief history of the inauguration...

April 30, 1789, George Washington took the oath of office in New York City. Later he said of this new presidential role, "I walk on untrodden ground." Inauguration Day began with the sounds of ceremonial artillery and church bells ringing across New York City, our nation's first capital. At noon Washington made his way through large crowds to Federal Hall where both houses of Congress were assembled. On the second-floor balcony facing the street he was administered the oath of office by Robert R. Livingston, the Chancellor of New York, and officially became the first president of the United States.

Constitutional guidelines for inaugurations are sparse, offering only the date and the words of the oath. All else is driven by tradition. After the oath is administered the president gives an address, usually one stressing national unity.

In 1801 Thomas Jefferson was the first to be sworn in as president in Washington, D.C., the location chosen for the permanent capital. After his second inauguration in 1805 Jefferson rode on horseback from the Capitol to the President's House amid music and a spontaneous gathering of mechanics from the nearby Navy Yard – a procession that grew into today's inaugural parade.

Inaugural events, including parades, have become more elaborate over the years and have evolved into spectacular entertainments. Selection of parade participants is a traditional way for a president to make a statement about his beliefs, as Abraham Lincoln did in 1865-



by inviting African Americans to march for the first time.

Presidents have celebrated in many ways since George Washington danced the minuet after his inauguration. James Madison and his wife Dolley were the guests of honor at the first official inaugural ball, held at Long's Hotel in Washington, D.C. Since that time, such activities have been broadened to include a cross-section of the American population. Receptions, balls, and other public events reflect the president's need to include many diverse groups in the transition of power, even, at times, officially sanctioned protesters. More than a celebration of one person's rise to power, modern inaugurations validate the republic's democratic processes. Modern inaugural festivities reflect not only the president they honor, but also the desire of many Americans to celebrate our nation's rich history and the transfer of presidential power.

*Information courtesy of /break/ <https://www.whitehousehistory.org/presidential-inaugurations>.

Veteran Spotlight



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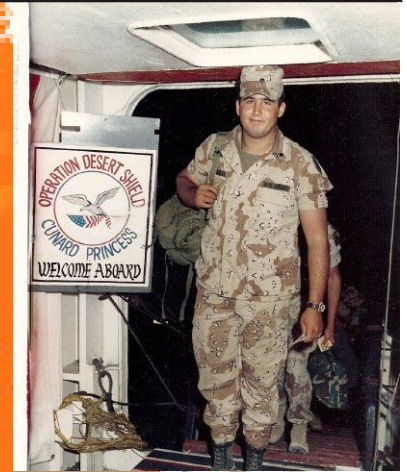
UT Affiliation: Educational Specialist for Veterans' Pre-College Program (19 years) a Department of Education Veterans Upward Bound

Brand of Service: U.S. NAVY

Years of Service: 22 YEARS

What you love most about UT? UT provides a variety of opportunities to find a career and offers an infinite range of campus experiences. The UT personnel deliver a warm friendly environment which can make a veteran's transition from military to collegian life a great experience.

What advice would you give a student veteran on campus? Work on time management skills and explore, get involved with campus organizations. Seek help sooner rather than later and network with fellow veterans and career minded students. Relax and enjoy the new environment.



Name: Troy Lane

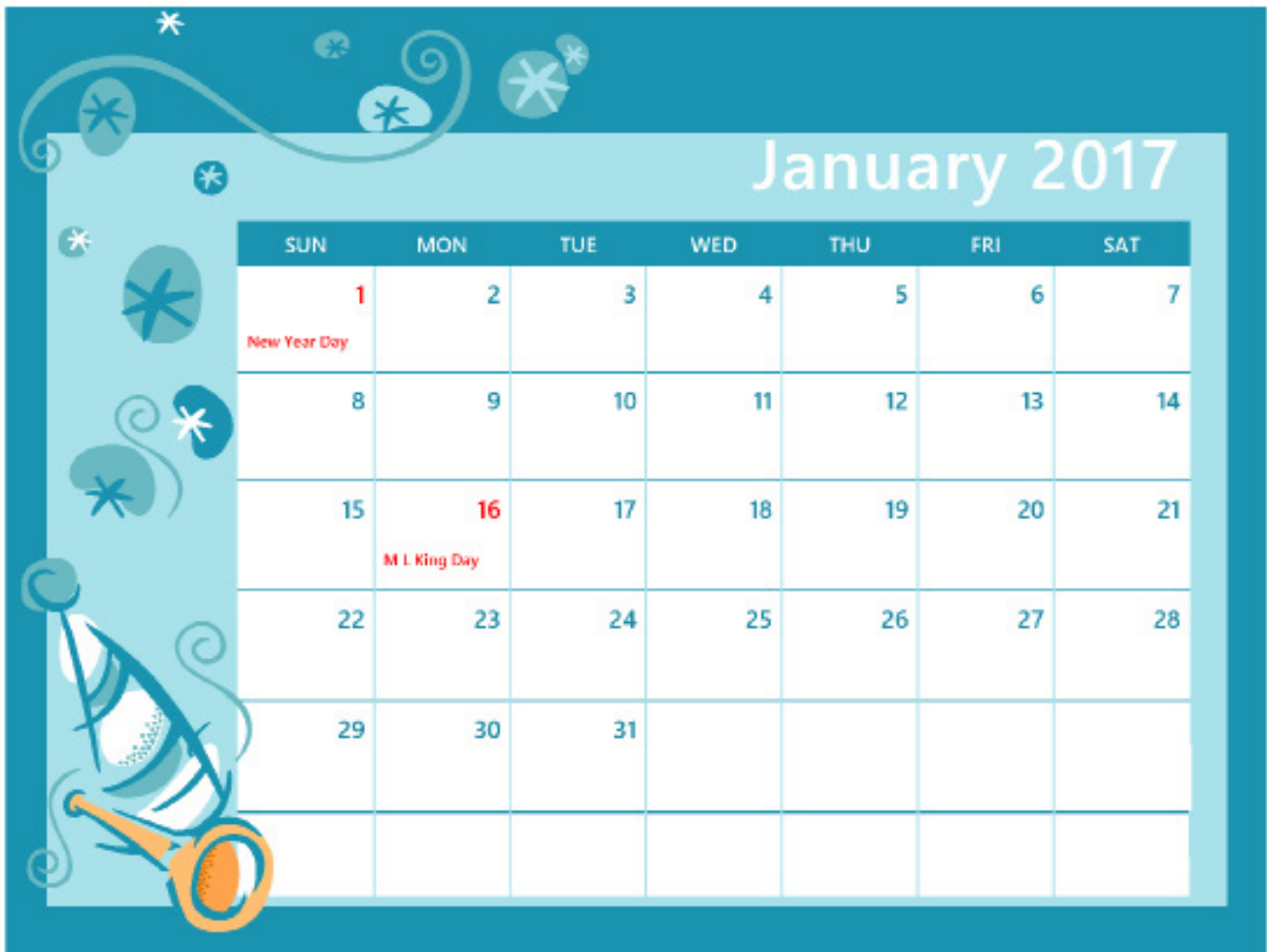
UT Affiliation: Associate Vice Chancellor of Public Safety and Chief of Police

Branch of Service: (MOS, AFSC or Rate): Army, Military Police, Specialist (E4)

Years of Service: 1988-1992

What you love most about UT? The diversity of experience and people. College campuses offer diversity of thought, culture, activities and experiences.

What advice would you give a student veteran on campus? Slow down and enjoy all that you have fought to protect. Learn to accept views that run counter to your own, and whenever possible take the time to really consider those views, even if they run completely counter to your own. Take the time to truly "experience" college and all it has to offer. Attend athletic events, musical events, and theatrical performances. Take time to join a student organization and offer to share the leadership skills you honed in the military. Finally- acknowledge those who thank you for your service. An overwhelming number of them truly appreciate it, and want nothing more than you to know that.



Dates to remember:

- *Jan 16th - Martin Luther King Day - UT CLOSED
- *Jan 18th - Lady Vet's Meeting, 9am - 12pm - Panera Breakfast Provided
- *Jan 19th - Lady Vets Meeting, 1130am - 130pm - Lunch Provided
- *Jan 20th - Last Day to add/drop without a W - Full session courses
- *Jan 24th - Lady Day to adjust hours for financial aid

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