**Student Veterans Chapter 227 is great advocate for Sullivan’s vets**

by John W. Orbovec, Vice President, Chapter 227

By measure of time Sullivan’s Chapter 227 of the Student Veterans of America (SVA) is hardly old enough to stand on her own two legs, but she’s doing exactly that and admirably so. Since the birth of the Chapter in mid-2009, the Chapter has been instrumental in the development of the Medal of Honor Garden, now getting ready to break ground for phase two, and hosted several fundraising activities including a successful Valentine’s rose sale, candle sale, activities days, orientations, and hosted the 2011 Women’s Leadership Conference: Woman Who Roar. Dignitaries representing a variety of interests such as the Veterans Administration (VA), have attended several activities days to educate as to their veteran benefits, including claims representation, and educational benefits along with insurance benefits, burial provisions, benefits options, and survivors benefits.

Chapter 227 is here for you! Scheduling of regular VA benefits counseling on campus is the ultimate goal of the leadership of the Chapter 227 of the SVA. Surveys have been distributed on campus to gather information from veterans as to what they’re interested in, their concerns, and how theSVA can best serve the needs of our fellow veterans.

Chapter President, Robert Peterson has worked tirelessly to make the SVA the predominant veteran organization on the Sullivan campus.

Membership in the Student Veterans of America is free, and is committed to doing what’s the best for all veterans. Look a member up, fill out a survey, complete a registration sheet and join us.

2011 brought sponsorship of Troy Yoon who had served across the United States to promote veteran issues. For left, Brent Casey, Ben Cannors and Richard Brott carried the SVA and American flag on the walk to welcome Troy home. Chapter 227 members, students, faculty and staff also joined the festivities.

Lt. General Benjamin Freakley (3 Star), the Commanding General of the Ft. Knox Military Installation, and his Executive Officer, Education Liaison and Special Assistant of Special Initiatives recently visited and toured Sullivan University. They discussed ways Sullivan and the US Army could expand the relationship that has developed over nearly 30 years. Sullivan has operated an education facility at Ft. Knox continually since 1982, offering certificate and degree programs to soldiers, veterans, their families, and civilians. Sullivan also has an agreement with the Logistics University at Ft. Lee, Virginia and has recently added a Department of Military & Veterans Affairs, directed by Brigadier General James Shane, US Army, Retired. General Freakley and General Shane served together during part of their careers.

I would like to establish an Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) to serve as a foundation for even more collaborative efforts between Sullivan University System and the US Army,” said General Freakley. He believes that the speed at which Sullivan can develop and produce quality training and educational programs online, as well as in the classroom, will be an important aspect for the military in the years ahead.

The General and his team expressed appreciation for the warm welcome and hospitality they received and admiration of the facilities, programs and people at Sullivan. Chancellor Sullivan said, “We were pleased to welcome General Freakley and his team to Sullivan University and for the General’s confidence in Sullivan to help the US Army develop great training and educational programming for our soldiers, veterans and their families. We will do our very best to continue in our commitment, to provide our very best to our military and their families. This is another important step in that promise.”

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In an effort to provide even more coverage of Sullivan University events and happenings, the Herald is now available online. The site, sullivan.edu/ herald, will offer more pictures, videos and more stories. Plus, the site will also be updated on a regular basis. Other features include: opportunities to submit your stories, ideas, ability to download pictures of events, and links to archives and other interesting sites. Make sure to bookmark sullivan.edu/herald.

**The gold is back!**

Two Baking & Pastry students earn gold medals at Music City Challenge

Sullivan University has a proud tradition of competing at culinary competitions, winning hundreds of medals at regional, national and international events. Now, the opportunities for students to compete have doubled, focusing on two worlds of Culinary and Pastry Arts. This new concept gives all students the opportunity to compete within their specialized field.

“It is the vision of the Baking & Pastry Arts competition team to compete at local, regional, or national shows in cold food such as showpieces, decorative tortes, chocolates and petit fours,” said Chef Instructor Derek Spendlove, Chair.

The new Baking & Pastry team has certainly set the bar high. During the Fall quarter, Kelsee Newman and Kenna Nelson were awarded two gold medals at the American Culinary Federation (ACF) Music City Challenge in Nashville, Tennessee presenting a display in petit fours and an exhibit “Alice in Wonderland” produced from butter. They were evaluated by key certified American Culinary Federation (ACF) judges, Chef Paul Jensen, Chef Wolfgang Biezer, and Chef Roland Schaffer who critiqued the students. “They were amazed at the precision, detail and level of talent from such young culinarians,” Chef Spendlove stated, “The Chefs spoke very highly of Sullivan University and the education that our students are receiving. I am very proud of these students, their accomplishments and willingness to learn. As their coach, manager and mentor, I’m looking forward to the future as we compete in the local, national and international markets,” adding, “I would like to thank the National Center faculty for their continued support and devotion to the competition team. After seven years of winning silvers at ACF regional and ACF national competitions, the color gold is back!”

Left to right, Kelsee Newman, Kenna Nelson and Chef Derek Spendlove

**Congratulations!**

Sullivan recently honored Congressional Medal of Honor recipients Sgt. 1st Class Leroy Petry and Staff Sgt. Don J. Jenkins with a recognition ceremony at the Veterans Plaza. The Congressional Medal of Honor was followed by a reception with the honored guests. Above, Sgt. 1st Class Leroy Petry (center) signs the Congressional Medal of Honor book, which he and Staff Sgt. Don J. Jenkins (left) presented to President Glenn Sullivan (right). The books will be on permanent display in Sullivan’s library.

Sullivan’s Fall 2011 graduation is now history and The Herald is pleased to give you highlights of that wonderful event. The formal commencement was held at Southeast Christian Church in Louisville, Kentucky. More than 4,000 graduates, family and guests from Sullivan’s campuses in Louisville, Lexington and Fort Knox attended the ceremony.

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Harry G. Herzing, Chancellor and founder of Herzing University, was the commencement speaker. He spoke highly of the graduates’ accomplishments, the audience enjoyed his engaging speaking style and sense of humor.

In a special award ceremony, Mr. Herzig received the University’s highest honor, an honorary doctorate degree in recognition of his contributions to career education and, with smiles and pride, the graduates in their caps and gowns, crossed the stage to receive certificates, diplomas, associate, bachelor’s and master’s degrees from Dr. A.R. Sullivan, Chancellor of The Sullivan University System. Cameras flashed as families and friends cheered their graduates, now armed with the confidence to pursue their career dreams.

Sullivan’s graduations are unique. Rather than one held in May of each year like most other collegiate institutions, students graduate every January, March, June and September. The university holds two formal commencements in April and October.

Sullivan’s 2012 Spring graduation is also at Southeast Christian Church on Saturday, April 21st 9 am. Everyone is invited to attend.