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**HONORS** and  
**SALUTES**

Military and Veteran Services is proud to assist you in achieving your goals and take great pride in honoring your service to this great country. It is with great pride and appreciation we offer scholarships to assist in your education future.

For more information and eligibility requirements, please contact the Military and Veteran Services.  
208.732.6244  
carmstead@csi.edu

**Military & Veteran Scholarship**



SPRING 2023

**MILITARY & VETERAN SCHOLARSHIP**

RECIPIENTS

- Jaymee Gonnello
- Jacob McNamare
- Joshua Spalding
- Zaine Newberry



**IDAHO'S FIRST HISPANIC SERVING INSTITUTION**



TWIN FALLS, IDAHO  
(KMVT/KSVT) —

Thursday is the start of Hispanic Heritage Month across the world, and right here in the Magic Valley, the College of Southern Idaho is making strides by being the first Hispanic Serving Institution in the state.



**Monze Stark-Magana**

Assistant Dean of Enrollment Services  
*College of Southern Idaho*

“25% of our undergraduate degree-seeking students are from a Hispanic background,” said Monze Stark the assistant dean of enrollment services at CSI.

Stark, who was a first-generation college student says, the designation opens doors for these students. “Not only that they belong to our community, but to our institution, it also allows them to have a seat at the table while making decisions, it also allows them to think about our future and who else is going to benefit from some of the opportunities or even decision making that we make at College of Southern Idaho,” said Stark.

[read more here -  
KMVT](#)



**Proudly Serving in**

**United States Armed Forces**

**Roberto Perez-Esquivel**

**Yoana Ruiz Gonzalez**

**Marie J Rodriguez**

**Lidiana E Medina**

**Oscar Rodriguez**

**Rosie Rodriguez**

**Jaime Villasenor**

**Lisa R Gonzalez**

**Jesus R Salas**

**Harold Perez**

**Alex A Anta**



# COMMUNITY OPEN HOUSE

Saturday, April 29  
11 a.m. - 3 p.m.

CSI Twin Falls Campus  
315 Falls Avenue, Twin Falls

EXPLORE WHAT CSI HAS  
TO OFFER!

Degrees and certificates  
Workforce training  
Personal enrichment  
Community events

**FREE FUN FOR EVERYONE!**

Hot dogs and ice cream cones • Face painting  
Books for the kids • Photo opp with Gilbert • Petting zoo • Zip line  
Children's activities • Giveaways • And so much more!

**LOOKING FOR SOME EXCITEMENT!**



# Military & Veteran Association Club



The Military and Veterans Association Club is a place to connect with those who have served, are currently serving, or are related to those who have served in the military.

Our diverse group of students and associates become engaged with college life, providing a public space to share the veteran and military experience, while creating that camaraderie connection through the shared experiences.

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## *meet your...* CLUB OFFICERS

### **PRESIDENT**

## **Tiffanie Rodriguez**

**Hometown:** NYC

**Branch and MOS:** United States Army, former 63B, now 91B/H8

**Major/certification:** I am getting my BA in Health Science so that I can transfer to ISU's Physician Assistant Program

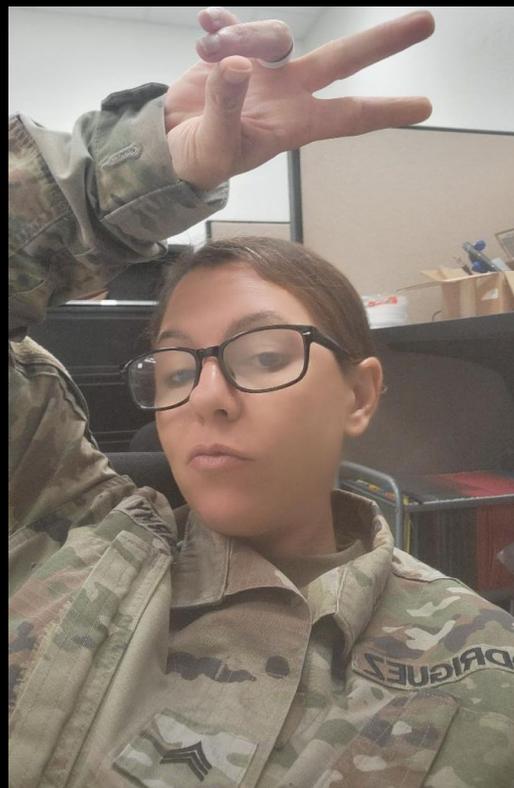
**Life Goals:** My long term goal is to become a Physician Assistant and my short term goal is to finish school. Life goals are to just be happy and stay alive as long as I can without getting blown up! Oh and to finally retire out of the Army lol.

**Favorite Movie:** Edward Scissorhands, Requiem for a Dream

**Favorite Band:** Avenged Sevenfold

**Inspiration:** My late husband Danny (KIA Enduring Freedom 18 July 2012) Our children, and myself.

**Favorite Motto:** It is weird to be normal, and normal to be weird.



**MVA Club**

### **VICE PRESIDENT**

## **Tyler Muegerl**

**Hometown:** Kimberly , Idaho

**Branch & MOS:** Army 19D  
Cavalry Scout

**Degree Program:** Health



Science

**Life Goals:** As a local Firefighter and EMT I love what I do and want to continue to help others. I am working towards my Paramedic and hope to be a life flight medic.

**Favorite Movie or Musician:**

Apocalypse Now

**Favorite Military Motto:** "Do

what's right, Not what's convenient"



## SECRETARY

**Jacob McNamare**

**Hometown:** Napa, Ca

**Branch & MOS:** Navy Equipment Operator 1st Class

**Degree Program:** Liberal Arts until can get into Nursing program.

**Life Goals:** To provide for my family and give back to my community.

**Favorite Movie:** Boondock Saints

**Favorite Military Motto:** Semper Gumby "Always Flexible"



## TREASURER

**Christopher Meade**

**Hometown:** Leetonia, Ohio

**Branch & MOS:** Army 12B Combat Engineer

**Degree Program:** History

**Life Goals:** Will dual retire from two federal jobs and homestead

**Favorite Movie:** Tombstone

**Favorite Military Motto:** Sappers Lead The Way



SERVICE MEMBER & FAMILY SUPPORT

# SUMMER FUN IN THE SUN!

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**SUN**

**AUG 6 2023**

**11AM - 2PM**

**TWIN FALLS**

**NATIONAL GUARD ARMORY**

1069 FRONTIER RD  
TWIN FALLS, ID 83301

**DID YOU KNOW...**

**CSI - was the 1st college designated in the State of Idaho**

**PURPLE HEART**

### CSI receives Idaho's first 'Purple Heart College' designation



KMVT image (left to right): Snake River Plain Military Order of the Purple Heart Senior Vice Commander Wade Pierce and Commander Miguel Dominic presented College of Southern Idaho President Jeff Fox with the plaque Monday during a college board meeting. (KMVT) By Vanessa Grieve

**THE MILITARY ORDER OF THE PURPLE HEART  
SPECIAL RECOGNITION AWARD  
IS BESTOWED WITH PRIDE TO**

**COLLEGE OF SOUTHERN IDAHO**

**FOR YOUR DEDICATION AND SUPPORT  
HONORING AMERICA'S COMBAT WOUNDED VETERANS  
BY BECOMING A PURPLE HEART COLLEGE**

**PRESENTED BY  
THE PATRIOT MEMBERS OF  
SNAKE RIVER PLAIN CHAP 829  
MILITARY ORDER OF THE PURPLE HEART, U.S.A.**

**CSI  
SOUTHERN IDAHO  
TWIN FALLS**

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During the presentation, Fox read a proclamation recognizing the history of the Purple Heart and in support of those who've served and those who've been wounded while serving in the armed forces. The proclamation affirmed the college's support of those attend and work on the campus.

Last year, the city of Twin Falls was designated a Purple Heart city, and signs were posted at the city's five entrances. Military veterans in attendance were asked to be recognized during the ceremony. Members of the college student senate also attended the presentation. College of Southern Idaho becomes a Purple Heart College 4/17/2017 Twin Falls, Idaho.

Posted by **Military Order of the Purple Heart - Snake River Plain Chapter 829** on **Monday, April 17, 2017**

### Military Order Of The Purple Heart

Members of the Snake River Plain Military Order of the Purple Heart presented College of Southern Idaho with Idaho's first Purple Heart College designation.

Snake River Plain Chapter Commander Miguel Dominic and Senior Vice Commander Wade Pierce presented President Jeff Fox with the plaque Monday during a college board meeting. "By becoming a Purple Heart College you are honoring the sacrifices of those who have served our nation and those who were wounded or killed in action," Dominic stated.

Dominic said there a hundreds of Purple Heart cities across the county. Idaho has 29 cities, one county, two universities, the first Native American Reservation and one charter school with the Purple Heart designation. CSI the first Purple Heart College in the state.



Please submit the VA Request for Certification form into Financial Aid Director by **encrypted CSI** email or office located in Eagle Central.

### **How to encrypt my CSI email**

**Jennifer J. Service, M.B.A.**  
Director, Financial Aid & Scholarships  
Eagle Central - Taylor Building  
[JService@csi.edu](mailto:JService@csi.edu)  
208.732.6277 | Fax 208.736.3014

Military students who are required to certify their VA benefits must submit the VA Request for Certification form every semester.

This form allows the financial aid office to certify and authorize payment through the VA every semester.



**Request For Certification Form**

**SIGN UP FOR THE NEXT FAIR! October 11, 2023...**for more information contact MV-Services

*Plan for your future...*

# **CSI TRANSFER FAIR**

**JANUARY 25, 2023**

**TWIN FALLS CAMPUS**  
FINE ARTS LOBBY  
**11:00 AM - 2:00 PM**

**MINI-CASSIA CENTER**  
**4:00 - 6:00 PM**

**FREE PIZZA, SWAG AND RAFFLE DRAWINGS!**  
Students who attend will be entered into a drawing for a chance to win a \$500 CSI Scholarship!

**CSI COLLEGE OF SOUTHERN IDAHO**

Regional four-year Colleges/Universities, Military, and Internship opportunities will be available to visit with students about the transfer process. Learn about academic programs, financial aid, scholarships, internships and housing.



The College of Southern Idaho (CSI) Advising Services would like to thank you for attending our Transfer

Fair Event on Wednesday, January 25, 2023. We had a successful event with around 200 students who came to meet with colleges and other representatives on the Twin Falls campus, and another 44 students at the Burley campus.

## Student Success Advising

Student Success Advising provides students access to academic and career planning. We offer resources and encourage the development of decision-making skills to reach students' educational and professional goals. Start by [Finding Your Advisor](#).

### [Student Success Advising](#)



CSI Military and Veterans Advocacy Coordinator Calvin Armstead advising students about transfer opportunities and strategies.

## COMMUNITY RESOURCES

# Joining Forces

*Serving the Magic Valley*



## [Mission Statement](#)

Joining Forces mission is to raise awareness and improve community services through communication and collaboration to better serve our military veterans and their families in the Magic Valley Region of Idaho.

Joining Forces is a group of service organizations, community groups and law enforcement that have come together to help veterans find support and resources.

Joining Forces Magic Valley was formed to

Please visit the links below for services.

- [Women Veterans](#)
- [Family Assistance](#)
- [Employment Assistance](#)
- [Jailed & Incarcerated](#)
- [Law Enforcement](#)
- [Mental Health Care](#)
- [Military Honors](#)
- [Children's Services](#)
- [Clothing Assistance](#)
- [Crisis Lines and Assistance](#)
- [Dental Care](#)
- [Emergency Shelters](#)
- [Housing Assistance](#)

develop a better understanding of the services available in the Magic Valley for military veterans and their families and be a source to help the veteran find that needed service.

Joining Forces Magic Valley also provides a forum for the partners to learn what services each has to offer and develop a bond to serve the veterans of our community.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to click on "Contact Us" on the menu bar. If you are interested in being a part of Joining Forces Magic Valley, click on "Be a Partner" on the menu bar.

[JoiningForces.org](http://JoiningForces.org)

- [Veterans' Service Organizations](#)
- [Women Veterans](#)
- [Family Assistance](#)
- [Employment Assistance](#)
- [Jailed & Incarcerated](#)
- [Law Enforcement](#)
- [Mental Health Care](#)
- [Social Spiritual Enrichment](#)
- [Transportation](#)
- [VA and Military Benefits](#)
- [Education Assistance](#)
- [Financial Assistance](#)
- [Legal Assistance](#)

### [CSI Military Education Enrollment](#)

Learn about and compare your **GI Bill®** benefits at approved schools, employers, and VET TEC providers.



### [GI Bill® Comparison Tool](#)

GI Bill® is a registered trademark of the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA). More information about education benefits offered by the VA is available at the official U.S. government website at <https://www.benefits.va.gov/gibill>.



**CALVIN ARMSTEAD**  
MILITARY AND  
VETERANS  
ADVOCACY  
COORDINATOR  
208.732.6244



### **REMEMBER...**

If you have a student that is Military connected or a Veteran attending CSI, they have additional resources available to them.

Their **Military and Veteran Service (MVS)** Office provides responsive academic, administrative, and financial aspects for the Veterans, active-duty military students, and their families who are taking the next step in their education.

We want to build that comradery connection for the military student here at CSI.

Additional services available.



- CAMPUS ADVOCATE
- ONE-ON-ONE MEETINGS
- ADDITIONAL COMMUNITY RESOURCES
- ONLINE FILING FOR CLAIMS OR CERTIFICATES OF ELIGIBILITIES

## I AM A VETERAN...



## Mountain Home Air Force Base Education Fair



Mountain Home Air Force Base Gunfighters

This event included Active Duty/Guard Air Force and Army personnel as well as DoD Civil Service personnel and local military dependents.

This event allowed them the opportunities to gather information from different educational institutions throughout Idaho.

The IDVS Education Office was there to answer GI Bill® related questions.

GI Bill® is a registered trademark of the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA). More information about education benefits offered by the VA.



VA



U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs



Active Duty Air Force, Reservists, and Mountain Home high school students attended this education fair.



If you are a current student who could use food assistance please know that your request will be handled privately and confidentially. You are eligible for a food box twice a month. Click on the link below to



access the form.

### Gilbert's Pantry Form

Gilbert's Pantry is located in the Student Affairs Office on the 2nd Floor of the Taylor Bldg.

**VA**



U.S. Department  
of Veterans Affairs

## Military Crisis Line



## Veterans Crisis Line



**1-800-273-8255 PRESS 1**

Confidential chat at **VeteransCrisisLine.net** or text to **838255**

U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs  
U.S. Department of Defense

### How do I talk to someone right now?

If you're a Veteran in crisis or concerned about one, connect with our caring, qualified Veterans Crisis Line responders for confidential help. Many of them are Veterans themselves. This service is private, free, and available 24/7.

Here's how you can connect with a Veterans Crisis Line responder, anytime day or night:

- Call **988** and select 1.
- Text **838255**.
- **Start a confidential chat**.
- If you have hearing loss, call TTY: **800-799-4889**.

You can also take these actions:

- Call **911**.
- Go to the nearest emergency room.
- Go directly to your nearest VA medical center. It doesn't matter what your discharge status is or if you're enrolled in VA health care.
- **Find your nearest VA medical center**

## STUDENT MENTAL HEALTH



**We listen. We care. We help you learn skills for dealing with life.**

Student Mental Health Services  
**Phone: (208) 732-6260**

Located on the 2nd floor of the Taylor Building in the Center for Student Support and Connection.

College of Southern Idaho | 315 Falls Ave., Twin Falls, ID 83301

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