Four Student Veterans Inducted into SALUTE Honor Society

Five Mizzou student veterans were recently inducted into the SALUTE Veterans Honor Society during a ceremony on April 12.

Mariah Best

Mariah served in the U.S. Army National Guard as a journalist and is currently a senior majoring in arts and graphic design. She has been on the Dean’s list for several years. Her home town is Platte, MO.

Her military awards and honors include the Afghanistan Campaign Medal with Campaign Star, the Army Commendation Medal, the National Defense Service Medal, the Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, the Army Service Ribbon, the Overseas Service Ribbon, and the Armed Services Reserve Medal with “M” Device.

In 2014, Mariah was awarded 3rd place for the Major General Keith L. Ware Awards Print Journalism News Article Award.

Albert Fleer

Albert is a senior majoring in civil and environmental engineering. He currently serves in the Missouri Air National Guard. His home town is Warrensburg, MO.

Albert is a VA work study team member in the MU Veterans Center.

His military awards and honors include National Defense Service Medal, Distinguished Unit Award, and the Nuclear Deterrence Operations Service Medal.

Tanner Cobb

Tanner is a sophomore who currently serves as a member of the Marine Corps Reserve as a tactical switching operator. He is majoring in architectural studies and has been on the Dean’s list since Fall 2016. His home town is Wellsville, MO.

He is a team member of the MU Veterans Center, serving as a VA work-study student.

His military awards and honors include the National Defense Service Medal and he earned the expert rifle badge. Tanner also serves as the Vice President of the Missouri Student Veterans Association.

Heather Salyer

Heather is a senior majoring in general studies and is currently serving on active duty in the U.S. Navy. Her home town is Portsmouth, Ohio.

Her military awards and honors include the National Defense Service Medal, the Good Conduct Medal, the Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, and the Sea Service Ribbon.
Heather is a member of the Phi Eta Sigma National Honor Society. She also volunteers with Operation Gratitude as well as beach and park cleanups with I Love A Clean San Diego.

**Kerrick Weckman**

Kerrick is a sophomore radiography major who previously served in the U.S. Marine Corps as a machine gunner. His home town is St. Robert, MO. He was previously stationed at Camp Pendleton, California.

Kerrick is a VA work-study student in the MU Veterans Center.

His military awards and honors include the National Defense Service Medal, the Good Conduct Medal, the Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, the Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, the Sea Service Deployment Ribbon, Certificate of Commendation and two awards of the Expert Rifle Badge.

Newest SALUTE Inductees are (l-r) Kerrick Weckman, Albert Fleer, Tanner Cobb, and Mariah Best. They were recognized during an induction ceremony on April 3 at Memorial Student Union. Heather Salyer, who is on active duty in San Diego could not attend the ceremony.