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Welcome and let me start off by congratulating all of the veterans who have earned industry-recognized IT and career-ready certifications this month. Hope you enjoy this month's edition so you can learn about our new resources, get to know a founding team member and join in connecting with us on social networks.

VETERAN FORUMS ARE OFF AND GROWING

Last month we rolled out an <u>online discussion forum</u> on our <u>Student Resource Center</u> page. We started out with just a handful of members; however, the word is out and we have 124 veteran students and moderators like yourself signed up to date. We have active discussions on topics such as CompTIA, Microsoft®, CAPM®, and PMP® just to name a few.

Be sure to sign up by visiting our <u>Student Resource Center</u> and clicking on the <u>Discussion Forums button</u> on the top right. This is a great place to share your knowledge and help other veterans who have questions.

MAY EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT: BRIAN TREMELLING

Certification Corner

Join us in congratulating the following veteran students who recently received industry certifications!

- Ed O., CO -Security+
- Amanda D., TN -A+ 801
- Matt M., TX -A+ 801
- Linda B., VT -Word 2013
- David L., CO -Security+
- Adam I., MI -Excel 2013
- Paul C., TN -A+ 802
- Worthen B., MI -Word 2013
- Chris C., MI -CDFE
- Amanda B., MO -PowerPoint 2013
- Thomas L., CA -A+ 802
- Tonia K., WA -Word 2013
- Linda B., NH -Outlook 2013
- Bill R., AZ -Security+
- **Dahlia L.**, GA A+ 801 & 802



1. You have built the LKVS program from the ground up. What is your vision for this program?

The vision has always been about giving people the tools they need to launch their career. We continue to add pieces to the program (like guaranteed employment, certify for life, live mentoring, etc.) because our Veterans deserve our very best effort.

2. What is the biggest lesson you have learned by seeing this program take off?

I'm going to become a grandpa for the first time here in a few weeks. I don't know if I learned this from the program or if it's just that I'm getting older. I've learned that as much as I may want someone to succeed or to achieve a certain level, they have to do it for themselves. We honestly try to give every resource and opportunity we can to our students and while many thrive in the environment, some fall behind. I still take it personally when a student doesn't work out but now I've realized that perhaps the timing was just off with them for some reason.

- 3. What piece of advice would you give to veterans about getting the most from their time in a LKVS program? Without a doubt, the best advice anyone could give is to make sure you use the tools, learning systems and follow your program outline. We've been working with veteran students in this program for about six years now and it is obvious to us that those who struggle are typically those who don't use all the resources they've been given. The second piece of advice I would give is to learn the system and to commit yourself to it. The sooner one learns to work with the program, the faster and easier the certifications will come. We're not studying easy materials here; work hard and commit to succeeding.
- 4. How has working with veterans on a daily basis changed your attitude or feelings towards those who are serving or have served our country?

I come from a military family although I didn't serve. My Dad was a Captain with the Army Combat Engineers and my brother was also in the Army. Growing up in that environment,

Nicholaus R., NV -Outlook 2013

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I've always had respect for our armed forces but working with our Chapter 31 Veterans has made a huge impact on me. I've talked with a lot of folks who have been treated poorly after serving our country and leaving a part of themselves on the battlefield. When I think of what they have gone through (even if not deployed), I can't help but want to do my very best for them. I feel we owe it to them. I'm glad to see there is finally growing support for our vets around the country. It's about time, and they certainly deserve it.

5. If everyone on your team were a superhero, what would their super power(s) be?

Wow, great question! Seeing you went all super hero on me, I need to let my geek-ish side out to give my answer (like I ever put it away). We have so many special super powers wrapped into one team I think I need to create a whole new character. I'm thinking they're a bit like a Care Bear with Batman's utility belt, Spidey senses, the Hulk's muscles, Captain America's ethics, Superman's cape, and Stark's sense of style. Can you imagine it?

NEW COMPTIA A+ INTERACTIVE LABS

Updated <u>CompTIA A+ labs</u> are the newest resources to help you prepare for the A+ certification exam. Check them out at the <u>Student</u> Resource Center.

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That is right! Help us go social! Be sure to follow our social media sites for frequent updates and additional tips.

- Facebook
- LinkedIn

Kind regards,

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