

TODAY'S FOCUS: COMMUNITY

A somber stroll through the park



A couple walks through the Field of Honor Nov. 9 at Town Square Park in Murrieta. The field featured American flags and flags designated to honor those who lost their lives in combat. ANDREW FOULK PHOTO

THE VETERAN ASSET OFFERS TRAINING, PLACEMENT FOR VETS

Nonprofit group hosting solar photovoltaic class at Ambassador Energy College

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The Veteran Asset's efforts to help military veterans make a smooth transition into the workforce continues when it offers its Entry Level Solar PV Design and Installation course beginning on Monday, Nov. 17.

TVA is a nonprofit organization based in Murrieta that focuses on helping United States military vets find careers in the renewable energy sector. TVA hand selects recruits to participate in the 32-hour course, which is held at the Ambassador Energy College training facility in Murrieta.

On the final day of the class, recruits will take a proctored North American Board of Certification Energy Practitioners (NABCEP) Entry Level Exam. Recruits receive top-notch solar photovoltaic training and are assisted in their job search by TVA – at no cost.

“We believe in providing a service to transitioning military members and veterans as a hand up, not a hand out,” TVA co-founder and CEO Scott Duncan said. “They should not serve this country and then have problems obtaining jobs which lead to career paths once they make the transition back to civilian life. One of our goals is to ease the transition that leads to real and meaningful employment.

These men and women deserve this opportunity – they have earned it.”

The Entry Level Solar PV Design Course will run until Nov. 21. It includes 32 hours of live instruction, lesson reviews and more than 200 practice quiz questions before the exam. TVA works with the Interstate Renewable Energy Commission, Ambassador Energy College and leaders in the industry to help develop and facilitate specific training.

“Veterans are accustomed to receiving world-class training and have high standards and expectations to that end,” Duncan said. “They can expect to be challenged and will no doubt receive a highly professional product that is well executed. NABCEP is the ‘gold standard’ for the industry, providing a significant achievement on our graduates’ resumes, which is recognized anywhere in North America.”

As a veteran himself, Duncan understands how critical it is for fellow vets to have job opportunities available to them.

“I believe in these men and women with all of my heart,” he said. “Having a job is central to one’s identity or sense of being. TVA is successful in workforce development because we have connected the dots and veterans are getting hired. We know we are making a difference in their lives – that’s what it is all about.”

CALENDAR

MENIFEE

Nov. 17
Learn to Paint with a Professional Artist
8:30 a.m., Latonja's Art Studio, 3830 Agave Place
Learn to Paint with a Professional Artist: Wine and Jave Paint Hive will take place at Latonja's Art Studio on Mondays, Wednesdays and Saturdays in November. The cost to register is \$60 for ages 54 and younger; \$55 for ages 55 and older. For more information, visit www.latonjafineart.com, call 213-703-7477 or email Latonja@LatonjaFineArt.com.

Family Storytime
10 a.m., Sun City Library, 26982 Cherry Hills Blvd.
The Sun City Library will hold Family Storytime, a reading event for children up to 7 years old. For more information, visit www.menifeevalleychamber.com, call 951-679-3534 or email ebony@menifeevalleychamber.com.

TEMECULA

Nov. 17
Record Keeping Workshop
9 a.m., Temecula Valley Entrepreneur's Exchange, 43200 Business Park Drive

Temecula Valley Entrepreneur's Exchange is offering a class titled Board of Equalization: Record Keeping Workshop, led by Lance Christiansen. Participants will learn the benefits of sound record keeping, required documents, how to record out-of-state sales and more, according to TVEE. For more information, call 951-506-5180 or visit www.temeculaevents.org.

Nov. 18
Vintage Hills Elementary School Fundraiser
11 a.m., Lazy Dog Restaurant and Bar, 40754 Winchester Road
A Vintage Hills Elementary School fundraiser will take place at Lazy Dog Restaurant and Bar. For more information, visit www.vhes.tvusd.k12.ca.us.

Nov. 19
Awana
6 p.m., Rancho Baptist Church, 29775 Santiago Road
Rancho Baptist Church will host Awana in the sanctuary & CEC. Children age 2 to 11 will participate in games, songs, verses and learn from the Bible, according to the church. For more information, call 951-676-2911 or visit www.ranchobaptistchurch.org.



Nov. 28
Kids Only Club: Playdate Afternoon at The Professor's
Noon, Pennypickle's Workshop - Temecula Children's Museum, 42081 Main St., Temecula
Kids Only Club: Playdate Afternoon at The Professor's has been scheduled at Pennypickle's Workshop, intended for ages 5 to 10 years. Tickets are \$25 per person including lunch & snack. For more information, visit www.pennypickles.org. TEMECULA CHILDREN'S MUSEUM

Nov. 20
Chess Masters
3:25 p.m., Helen Hunt Jackson Elementary School, 32400 Camino San Dimas
Helen Hunt Jackson Elementary School has scheduled Chess Masters. For more information, visit www.jes.tvusd.k12.ca.us.

The Community and World Literary Series
7 p.m., Cal State San Marcos at Temecula, 43890 Margarita Road
Cal State San Marcos at Temecula will host an installment of the Community and World Literary Series in the Student Union. For more information, visit www.csusm.edu.

Nov. 23
Thanksgiving Potluck
5:30 p.m., Rancho Baptist Church, 29775 Santiago Road

1 p.m., San Marcos Branch Library, 2 Civic Center Drive
The San Marcos Branch Library will offer an English as a Second Language class for adults with a focus on reading and writing. Call the library at 760-891-3000 for an appointment.

ENCINITAS

Nov. 18
French Conversation
1 p.m., Encinitas Branch Library, 540 Cornish Drive
French Conversation for adults with intermediate and advanced proficiency will improve fluency with weekly conversational practice, according to the library. For more information, visit www.sdcl.org.

MURRIETA

Nov. 20
Ladies Book Club
7 p.m., Calvary Chapel of Murrieta, 24225 Monroe Ave.
Calvary Chapel of Murrieta will host its Ladies Book Club. For more information, visit www.ccmurrieta.com.

Have a news tip or an event you'd like to see in print? Send details to Temecula@UTSanDiego.com