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# Student Profile: Amber Ivy

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After hearing about Veterans Upward Bound (VUB) from the the Ark Valley News, Amber Ivy said, "Why not?" and with the same confidence that she has displayed throughout her nine years in the National Guard, she joined the program. This Park City, Kansas native enlisted with the Guard in her junior year of high school. As an high school honor roll graduate, she values education. "This program (VUB) has given me the confidence and study skills to pursue my college degree," says Ivy. She is planning to enroll at Wichita State University following her dream to be a psychologist.

Her service in the 891st Engineer Battalion contained a myriad of experiences. After September 11, 2001 her unit was activated continually. At Mid-Continent Airport she implemented the new screening process and guidelines with airport security. For a year she served at McConnell AFB assisting the Security Police under Operation Noble Eagle. After the devastating Greenburg tornado, her unit assisted the town by removing debris and rebuilding park structures. One of her favorite duties occurred in 2002 at the Kansas State Fair when she staffed a recruitment booth for the Guard.

Amber also served in Iraq where she worked as an intelligence analyst. Separation from her son was very difficult but current tech-

that maintaining a security clearance after leaving military service can be considered an asset when applying for job positions

that under the new GI Bill – a housing allowance and a stipend for books and supplies has been added

that Veterans of OIF/OEF have an 11.2% unemployment rate in contrast to 8.8% of the general population as of March 2009

that according to a new report from the US Census Bureau an American worker with a bachelor's degree earned about \$26,000 more on average in 2008 than a worker with only a high school diploma



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