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RICKY SAMPSON #3
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Victor Valley College Secures Historic Bowl With Second-Half Surge

Rams defeat Santa Monica in their first-ever home turf bowl

By: Andrew Caravella

Under the crisp desert night sky, Victor Valley College's college's football team etched its name into local sports history with a thrilling 38–23 victory over Santa Monica College in the American Division Bowl game. The matchup was a rollercoaster of momentum swings, explosive plays, and sheer determination that had fans on the edge of their seats until the final whistle.

offense struggled early, hampered by penalties and a blocked field goal attempt. But the Rams' resilience shone through in the second quarter when quarterback Seth Burbine orchestrated a 75-yard drive capped by a touchdown strike to Darren Gandy, giving the Rams their first lead at 7–3.

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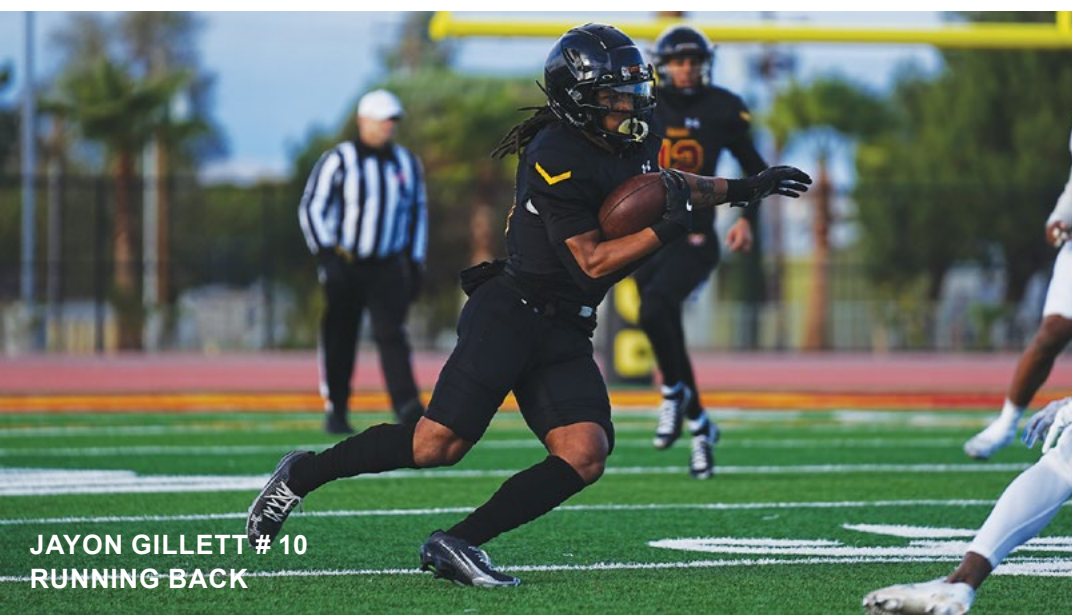
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Turning Point in the Third

The second half opened with fireworks as Santa Monica's McKenzie Parks broke loose for a stunning 69-yard touchdown run, widening the gap to 17–7. The Rams responded emphatically. Running back Carlos Amplayo ignited the comeback with a 39-yard touchdown sprint, followed by another scoring drive capped by Gandy's second touchdown reception. Suddenly, Victor Valley held a 21–17 lead, and the momentum had shifted.

Closing the Deal

The fourth quarter was all Rams. A defensive stand forced Santa Monica into desperation mode, and cornerback Zatravion Stevenson Henderson delivered the dagger with a clutch interception, returning deep into Corsair territory. Victor Valley capitalized with a field goal and a defensive score, sealing the 38–23 triumph and sending the home crowd into jubilation.



JAYON GILLET #10
RUNNING BACK

A Battle of Wills

The contest began with Santa Monica drawing first blood, converting a field goal after a defensive stand. Victor Valley's

trailed 10–7, but the energy in the stands told a different story — Victor Valley wasn't done yet.

Stars of the Night

- Seth Burbine showcased poise under pressure, delivering key completions and two touchdown passes.



DARREN GANDY # 2
WIDE RECEIVER

- Carlos Amplayo dominated the ground game with explosive runs, including a pivotal 39-yard score.
- Darren Gandy hauled in two touchdowns and kept drives alive with clutch catches.
- The Rams' defense, led by Henderson's interception and relentless pressure, proved championship-caliber.

Coach's Corner

"This American Division Championship win against a very competitive Santa Monica team means the world to us. It validates the belief I had in Victor Valley College and the High Desert community when I accepted the position of Head Coach in 2023," said VVC Rams Head Coach David Slover, "VVC, along with Dr. Walden, the Board of Trustees, and Athletic Director Artie Allen has provided exceptional support for our Athletic department, creating an environment where growth and success are truly possible. I have always believed the depth of talent within the High Desert and surrounding communities, and this Championship reflects what we can build together at VVC. Being the first to achieve something of this magnitude is extraordinary. It creates a legacy that will stand the test of time and highlights the resilience and hard work of so many contributors—our administration, support staff, coaches, and, of course, our players. I couldn't be more proud of what we have accomplished."

"This American Division Championship is truly one of the greatest moments of my career in over 20 years in Community College athletics. When I arrived in June 2021 as head football coach, the amount of work required just to field a team felt almost insurmountable. Fast forward to 2025, and the dedication of everyone in this athletic department—along with the unwavering support from Dr. Walden, our Board of Trustees, and so many others—has put us in a position to achieve this historic milestone," said VVC Athletics Director Artie Allen, "Bringing in Coach Slover in 2023 was a strategic decision; having worked with him before building a championship team together, I knew he understood what it takes to build championship teams. It's more than what happens on the field—he knows how to develop a program. His incredible coaching staff has recruited at a high level and brought exceptional expertise. Congratulations to our student-athletes and coaches for making history."

Community Pride

The victory marks a historic moment for Victor Valley College athletics, energizing the local community and reinforcing the Rams' reputation as a powerhouse program. Fans packed the stands, creating an electric atmosphere that will be remembered for years to come.

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DID YOU KNOW?

November is National Alzheimer's Disease Awareness Month and National Family Caregivers Month—a time to spotlight brain health and those who care for loved ones. With football season in full swing, it's crucial to understand the long-term risks of concussions and chronic traumatic encephalopathy (CTE). Awareness and prevention today can protect cognitive health tomorrow. VVC ASB's very own Amerie Fortune (Athletics Senator) has written up a special "Medical Minute" to bring attention to this topic.

It's football season time, which means that it is also concussion season. Did you know concussions can cause a very serious head trauma over time and can not be confirmed until death. The disease/trauma is called chronic traumatic encephalopathy or better known as CTE. The disease became a huge deal when the wife of the former Pittsburgh Steelers linemen, Mike Webster, sued the National Football League. This started a huge controversy that potentially not only had the National Football League, but all associations of football look into having helmets that measure the kinetic energy of when players get hit with other contacts.

In Mike Webster's final days on earth, no one knew why he was experiencing dementia symptoms at all whatsoever. When Dr. Omalu started to look at the brain tissues, he noticed that the tissues looked normal. Omalu had run tests that he paid out of pocket for to see what type of dementia that Webster had suffered from.

There are 4 stages of the disease itself, the first stage symptoms involve confusion, disorientation, dizziness, and headache. The second stage symptoms include the first stage symptoms but also add on social instability, impulsive behavior and poor judgement. The third and fourth stage of the disease include dementia, movement disorders like parkinsons, vertigo, etc.

There are two causes of the disease. The first one is due to repetitive head trauma. For example, playing a contact sport like football and boxing. Another cause of this disease is the excessive brain protein in the brain called TAU. The reason why this disease can not be diagnosed when a person has the disease alive is because the disease lacks the biomarkers, which are signs in the body like blood pressure. Since the disease can not be diagnosed when a patient has it alive, there is no cure that exists as of now. Treatment to help with symptoms are treated the same as a person who has any form of dementia. People with CTE can not only show symptoms of Alzheimer's, but can also show symptoms of ALS (amyotrophic lateral sclerosis), Parkinson's disease, or dementia. The best way to prevent CTE from developing later on in life is by preventing head injuries like concussions, brain aneurysm, etc. Another way to prevent CTE from developing later on in life is to also play memory and as well as logic games, puzzles, podcasts, educational shows, etc. Also another way to prevent CTE from also developing is to limit contact sports, like knowing when it's time to leave the sport itself.

Victor Valley College Named 2025 Pathway Champion of Transfer



Victor Valley College (VVC) is proud to announce its selection as a 2025 Pathway Champion of Transfer by the Campaign for College Opportunity. This prestigious recognition honors VVC as a California Community Colleges Pathway Champion of Growth in the Number of Associate Degrees for Transfer (ADT) Awarded, celebrating the college's commitment to expanding equitable opportunities and fostering student success.

The Pathway Champion award recognizes top-performing community colleges that have consistently increased the number of ADTs awarded from one academic year to the next. VVC's intentional leadership and campus-wide dedication to closing equity gaps have set a standard for excellence in California.

"This recognition as a 2025 Pathway Champion of Transfer means a great deal to our entire Victor Valley College community. It reflects the hard work and dedication of our faculty, staff, and students, all united in the mission to create more equitable opportunities and open doors for every learner. We're proud to see our efforts in increasing Associate Degrees for Transfer honored, and we remain committed to helping every student find their path to success," said Dr. Daniel Walden, Superintendent/President of Victor Valley College.

This is not the first time Victor Valley College has received recognition from the Campaign for College Opportunity. In 2023, VVC distinguished itself as the only community college in Southern California to earn a superior rating in Campuswide Transfer-Level Math Enrollment. This achievement signifies that VVC has effectively supported 100% of its students in enrolling directly into transfer-level math coursework. Furthermore, VVC has been commended for its exceptional support in enabling 100% of students to enroll directly in transfer-level English coursework, demonstrating the college's ongoing commitment to equitable placement and student achievement.

"We are deeply proud to recognize Victor Valley College for its leadership in advancing equitable student success, strengthening California's transfer pathway, and ensuring more California students reach their transfer goals," said Jessie Ryan, President of the Campaign for College Opportunity.

The Campaign for College Opportunity is dedicated to ensuring every Californian has the opportunity to attend and succeed in college, building a stronger future for California's communities. Pathway Champion awards honor campuses advancing landmark reforms in the ADT, streamlining transfer

between community colleges and California State Universities (CSUs), and breaking down barriers for students.

Victor Valley College will be celebrated during the Pathway Champions: Celebrating Colleges Building Seamless Paths to Student Success event, held virtually on Thursday, October 23, 2025, from 10:00–11:30 a.m. in recognition of National Transfer Week. The event will feature Deputy Chancellor Dr. Rowena Tomaneng, highlighting the importance of equitable placement and transfer reforms statewide.



Turn Campus Life Into Prizes: Truck, Cash, Tech and More!



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Want to win a RAM 1500 pickup just for staying on track at Victor Valley College? The Thrive to Drive program, a partnership between VVC and Victorville Motors, is giving students the chance to drive away in a brand-new truck while rewarding academic success and campus involvement. This isn't just a contest—it's your opportunity to turn everyday campus activities into big rewards and make your college experience unforgettable.

Picture this: You're cruising down the highway in a shiny RAM 1500, knowing that your dedication to school and campus life made it happen. That dream could be yours if you take advantage of Thrive to Drive. The rules are simple, and the benefits go beyond the truck. By participating, you'll stay connected, meet new people, and make the most of everything VVC has to offer.

To qualify for the truck giveaway, students must download the VVC mobile app, complete at least six units in both fall 2025 and spring 2026, maintain a GPA of 2.0 or

higher, follow the student conduct code with no major disciplinary issues, and attend the RAM Rush event on Saturday, April 25, 2026, at Victor Valley College. RAM Rush isn't just a requirement—it's a celebration. Expect music, prizes, and a campus-wide party that brings the community together. Want better odds? Start earning points now. Every point equals an additional entry in the truck drawing, and earning points is easier than you think. Attend athletic games and cheer on the Rams. Show up for student performances and cultural events.

Join tutoring sessions and Engagement Center programs to boost your academic success while stacking up entries. Keep an eye out for flash events throughout the year for surprise bonus points. These aren't just chances to win—they're opportunities to make memories and build connections that last.

Not taking six units? Don't worry—you can still score big. The top point earners will take home \$1,000 for first place, \$500 for second,

and \$250 for third. Plus, TVs, computers, gift cards, and more will be given away during RAM Rush. Imagine walking away with a brand-new laptop or a big-screen TV just for being part of campus life. Every event you attend brings you closer to incredible prizes and a stronger sense of belonging at VVC. This program is about more than giveaways—it's about thriving. It's about showing up, getting involved, and making your college experience count.

Every game, every performance, every tutoring session is an opportunity to rack up points and get closer to amazing rewards. Download the VVC mobile app today, check out upcoming activities, and start earning entries. The more you participate, the better your chances to win—and the more connected you'll be to the VVC experience. Don't just go to college.

Thrive. Drive. Win.

More info about Thrive to Drive at www.vvc.edu/ThriveToDrive

Staff Spotlight: New Student Services Director Talks Equity Driven Approach To Higher Ed



Victor Valley College has announced Pablo Saldana as its new director of student services, bringing a vision focused on equity, inclusion and student success.

Saldana said his goal is to make Student Engagement Centers “vibrant, inclusive

spaces that serve as a home base for students throughout their educational journey.” The centers align with VVC’s Guided Pathways and RAMPaths and offer peer mentorship, embedded counseling and co-curricular programming to help students connect academic goals with career aspirations and graduate in two to three years.

His research on undocumented student success informs his approach to supporting diverse populations. “Institutional barriers often go unseen unless intentionally addressed,” Saldana said. “Undocumented and underrepresented students must not only be served — they must be seen, heard and celebrated.”

Recognized as a Region 9 Rising Scholar in Higher Education Administration, Saldana credits mentorship as a cornerstone of his leadership philosophy. “I am a product of mentorship,” he said, encouraging students and professionals to seek guidance in their fields.

To strengthen collaboration among faculty, classified professionals and management, Saldana plans to expand Caring Campus initiatives with behavioral commitments such as the “Ten Foot Rule,” warm referrals and cross-

departmental training.

Engagement centers will also prepare students for success beyond the classroom through career workshops, transfer panels and networking events. “They’re launchpads,” Saldana said. “Our goal is to ensure every student leaves VVC not only with a degree but with a clear path forward.”

Upcoming equity-driven initiatives include expanding DREAMers support, implementing culturally relevant programming, tracking success for first-time full-time students and producing a Caring Campus video to showcase VVC’s commitment to inclusion.

As an immigrant and first-generation scholar from Guadalajara, Mexico, Saldana said his personal experiences fuel his dedication to student success. His background in music, communication and marketing influences his creative approach to higher education. “The world would be a better place if more people made music,” he said.

Victor Valley College Foundation Leader Honored at White Diamond Gala

Kirsten Acosta, Executive Director of the Victor Valley College Foundation, has been named a recipient of the prestigious 2025 Women of Excellence Award by the Today’s Woman Foundation. The award was presented during the White Diamond Gala on Saturday, October 11, 2025.

The gala celebrated outstanding community leaders whose achievements reflect resilience, service, and a commitment to making a difference. Acosta exemplifies these qualities through her leadership at Victor Valley College, where she champions initiatives that empower students, support families, and foster transformational growth.

Acosta describes her work as “purpose-driven,” guided by integrity and compassion. She encourages students to embrace courage and curiosity, reminding them that “Excellence is not about knowing everything—it’s about being willing to learn, ask questions, and continue growing.”

Since joining the Foundation, Acosta has collaborated with teams, committees, and volunteers to raise and steward millions of dollars for scholarships and programs. She often calls her role “the best job on campus,” reflecting the fulfillment she finds in helping students succeed.

By earning this honor, Acosta joins an esteemed group of women dedicated to enriching their communities through service and leadership.

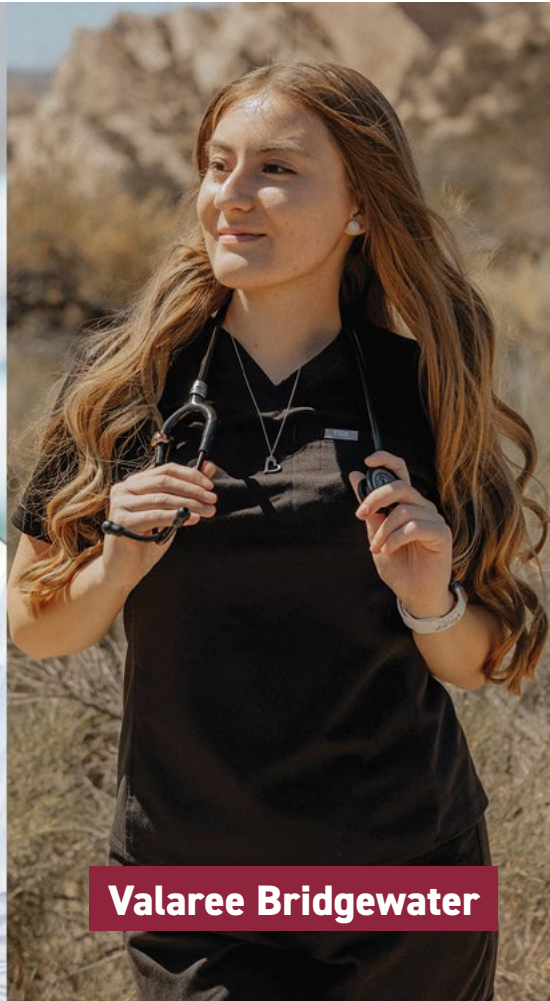
The Today’s Woman Foundation supports women through mentorship, career development, and initiatives such as Bundles of Hope, which provides comfort to women undergoing cancer treatment. The foundation also partners with the Victor Valley College Foundation to fund an educational endowment for students pursuing degrees in psychology and social services—furthering its mission to empower women and inspire hope.



Leading with Heart: VVC Nursing Students Share Their Journey



Jewelía Sifuentes



Valaree Bridgewater

By: Mia Johnson, VVC ASB Public Relations Senator

Daniel Kniss, department chair of Nursing and Allied Health, proudly recommended two outstanding nursing students: Valaree Bridgewater and Jewelía Sifuentes. Valaree currently serves as the Nursing Process 4 Class President, and Kniss commends her for demonstrating “great leadership skills while maintaining excellence in the classroom.”

To learn more about their journey, I asked Valaree and Jewelía a few questions.

How does it feel to be in the nursing program at VVC?

Valaree shared, “I am truly honored to be part of the VVC Nursing Program. VVC has an outstanding reputation for developing skilled, compassionate nurses who make a real difference in patient care.”

Jewelía echoed this sentiment, describing the experience as amazing and supportive: “I have made some amazing friends. All the instructors, both in lecture and clinics, are there for you, whether it be help with school

or advice.”

What or who inspired you to become a nurse?

For Jewelía, inspiration came from her parents and life experiences: “Initially, I wanted to be a doctor, but due to COVID and other reasons, I decided that wasn’t for me. My parents suggested nursing, which would align more with my life goals, so I decided to apply. After the first few clinics, I fell in love with this career.”

Valaree’s passion grew from her desire to provide direct care: “I often found myself listening to patients’ worries and passing them on to the nurses, but I wanted to do more—to be the one providing comfort, care, and solutions. Over time, it became clear that becoming a nurse was the path that would allow me to truly make a difference in people’s lives.”

Both students emphasized the value of resources and connections. Valaree highlighted the Launch Program, which led to an apprenticeship at Desert Valley Hospital: “This experience not only deepened my passion for nursing but also helped me

secure a job after graduation.”

Jewelía praised the Communication Center and Access Program: “The communication center gave me a great place to study and print materials. Access was another great resource when I needed extra support and accommodations for my learning disability. The people there are so supportive and make me want to succeed even more.”

What advice would you give to someone interested in the VVC Nursing Program?

Jewelía encourages future students to seek help and stay curious: “Go to the nursing office and ask questions about everything and anything.”

Valaree adds, “Never give up, no matter how tough it gets. Every challenge, setback, and hurdle you overcome shapes you into a stronger, more resilient version of yourself.”

Leadership in Action

As Class President, Valaree reflects on her leadership role: “I’ve learned that true leadership isn’t about standing in front; it’s about standing with others, listening, supporting, and growing together.”

Jewelía, a PEEPS student volunteer leading a project, shares her experience: “It’s been rewarding to work on this project. We are trying to implement new changes to support fellow nursing students and foster more collaboration between cohorts.”

Closing Thoughts

Valaree and Jewelía exemplify the dedication, resilience, and leadership that define VVC’s Nursing Program. Their stories remind us that with passion, support, and perseverance, the journey to becoming a nurse is both challenging and deeply rewarding.



From Courtrooms to Classrooms: New Dean Brian Quarles Leads PSIT Into The Future



Victor Valley College proudly welcomes Brian Quarles as the new Dean of Public Safety & Industrial Technology (PSIT)—a leader whose career path has been anything but ordinary. From the halls of justice to the halls of learning, Brian's story is one of purpose, passion, and a relentless drive to inspire.

A Journey with Purpose

Brian's transition from law and business into higher education was guided by a principle he holds close:

"To whom much is given, much is required," he says. After years as an attorney for the U.S. Department of Justice and a successful business owner, Brian felt compelled to share his experiences—successes and failures alike—with the next generation.

"My initial purpose for moving into higher education was, and remains, to inspire students to achieve even greater success than I have."

After six years as a full-time professor at VVC, Brian was ready for a new challenge. "I'm passionate about the programs within PSIT and believe in the importance of continual self-development. As Stephen Covey says, you must 'sharpen the saw.' Leading PSIT allows me to do just that while making a broader impact on student success."

A Vision for PSIT

Brian's vision is clear: create a dynamic ecosystem that prepares students for the future of public safety and industrial technology.

"We need graduates who aren't just qualified—they're exceptional," he explains. "Student success is measured by confidence, competency, and the ability to land a great job or start a successful business right after graduation."

To achieve this, Brian plans to strengthen partnerships with local industries and public safety agencies. "Partnerships are

the lifeblood of a strong Career Technical Education program," he says. His strategy includes analyzing Labor Market Information for the High Desert and surveying employers after hiring VVC graduates. "That feedback is invaluable for improving programs and proving the value of our graduates."

Innovation Meets Global Perspective

Brian's global teaching experience—spanning seven continents—shapes his approach to PSIT. "Best practices aren't limited by borders. Embedding an international perspective ensures our graduates are competitive in a globalized job market," he notes.

He's also excited about technology-driven training: "Advancements in AR/VR are a game-changer. Imagine a welding student practicing a complex joint or a firefighter navigating a smoke-filled structure repeatedly and safely in a fully immersive VR environment."

Supporting Faculty and Students

Brian knows the pace of change is relentless. His plan? Invest in faculty development and flexible learning pathways for students. "We need to create a culture where professional growth is valued and budgeted for. For students, short-term certificates alongside degrees will help them upskill quickly as new technologies emerge."

Beyond the Title

When Brian isn't shaping the future of PSIT, he's exploring the world—or the skies. He's visited all seven continents, with Antarctica leaving the deepest impression. "The sheer scale and quiet isolation were humbling—a reminder of the planet's fragility and the vastness of the unexplored," he reflects. Recently, he completed his first cross-country flight as a pilot. His next adventure? Convincing his mom to join him in the cockpit.

Fun Fact: Brian has visited all 50 states and over 40 countries.

Don't Bottle It Up: Spilled Milk Brings Mental Health to Light

**By: Mia Johnson, VVC ASB
Public Relations Senator**

Spilled Milk is a play diving into topics like mental health and how people may grieve. It also shows the effect of mental illness and how it can interfere with life and relationships. I had the privilege of interviewing the playwright and director, Khalif Gillett.

The first question I asked was, "How long have you been directing, writing, and/or acting?" Khalif mentioned that Emily Ruiz, Theatre Arts Department Chair, was his high school drama teacher and that he wrote the first version in her class. He added, "I started directing after I finished grad school, and the New York production of Spilled Milk was the first full-length project I directed."

Then I asked, "How does it feel to be directing a show that you wrote at VVC?" He explained, "It's a cool experience getting to bring the show back to the High Desert and share it with students of this community."

Next, I asked, "How is the experience directing this version of Spilled Milk compared to previous versions or productions?" Khalif explained that it's interesting since this is the first educational production: "The actors are roughly the same ages as the characters, so there's a level of authenticity they bring to the characters in that regard."

The following question was, "Why should people see Spilled Milk?" Khalif replied, "The world is scary right now and times are hard. Sometimes we don't get the chance to express how difficult the internal, invisible struggles of mental health are because we are so consumed by the external struggles of life."

The final question I asked was, "What has been your favorite part so far of your whole experience at VVC?" He mentioned that it has been a full-circle experience: "Bringing all the theatrical knowledge I've gathered through the years back to the town that first got me involved in theatre."

I also interviewed two actors from the cast, Aneya Wonders and Ryan Wall. The first question I asked was, "How does it feel to be an actor?" Ryan said, "There isn't a perfect way to put it—it's fun and it's a joy!" Aneya added, "It gives me a creative outlet. It helped me channel my inner fun."

Then I asked, "How long have you been acting or performing at VVC?" They both mentioned that this is their first time performing at VVC.

Next, I asked, "How has VVC or VVC Theatre impacted you?" Aneya shared, "Being here has taught me how to be more talkative and communicative." Ryan added, "I know people in my life who are in the industry, and they all connected back to VVC. Transferring here was comfortable—it wasn't pressuring. It was smooth and simple."

The next question was, "Why should people see Spilled Milk?" Aneya said, "There is relatability with all of the characters. The play can be heavy, but there is still comedy and joy." She further explained, "All of the characters are relatable, whether they are a Bobbie or a Gidget." Ryan added, "The story is impactful—even for those who don't relate. Some don't realize how serious mental health is. The audience is anyone in the play."

The final question I asked was, "What has

been your favorite part so far of the whole experience at VVC?" Aneya explained, "Theatre is my favorite part. I was just telling my family VVC Theatre has become a safety net for me." Ryan said, "VVC Theatre has been my favorite part—whether it's classes or rehearsal. The people there are so vibrant and truly themselves."

This abstract, eye-opening production runs from December 5–14. To purchase tickets, please visit the VVC ticket page or the department Instagram, @vvc_theatrearts, and click the link in the bio.





Spilled Milk is an original production created by VVC Drama Instructor Khalif Gillett.

The play diving into topics like mental health and how people may grieve.

MYERS ON MOVIES: Top 5 Military Movies to Stream on Netflix



By: Richard John Paul Meyers

To fully understand something, you have to experience it. For those of us who haven't served in the military, the closest thing to experiencing it is through movies, books and speaking to veterans.

This November, we've decided to present our readers with the Top 5 Military Movies currently Streaming on Netflix as of Nov. 5, 2025*. Let's get to it.

The Hurt Locker (2008)

"Baghdad, 2004. A gripping, nail-biting experience of uncertainty. Kathryn Bigelow invites the audience to experience Iraq through the eyes of an Army Bomb Squad whose sole objective is to disarm Improvised Explosive Devices (IEDs)." Score: 5/5

IMDb Synopsis: During the Iraq War, a Sergeant recently assigned to an army bomb squad is put at odds with his squad mates due to his maverick way of handling his work.

Starring: Jeremy Renner ("Avengers"), Anthony Mackie ("Captain America: Civil War")

Movie Quote: "You realize every time you suit up, it's life or death. You roll the dice, and you deal with it."

Awards: Won 6 Oscars. (Best Picture, Best Director, Best Original Screenplay, Best Editing, Best Sound Editing, Best Sound Mixing)
Rotten Tomatoes: 96% (critics) / 84% (audience)
IMDb/MetaCritic: 7.5/10
MPAA: Rated R

Inglorious Basterds (2009)

"Nazi-occupied France, 1944. Clearly meant to be popcorn entertainment, Basterds succeeds largely due to its subtleties and one of the scariest villains in film history: a Nazi Col. played by Christoph Waltz." Score: 4.5/5

IMDb Synopsis: In Nazi-occupied France during World War II, a plan to assassinate Nazi leaders by a group of Jewish U.S. soldiers coincides with a theatre owner's vengeful plans for the same. °

Movie Quote: "Nazi ain't got no humanity... they need to be destroyed. Each and every man under my command owes me 100 Nazi scalps."

Starring: Brad Pitt, Christoph Waltz ("Django Unchained")

Awards: Won 1 Oscar. (Best Supporting Actor, Christoph Waltz)
Rotten Tomatoes: 89% (critics) / 88% (audience)
IMDb/MetaCritic: 8.4/10
MPAA: Rated R

1917 (2019)

"Northern France, 1917. Filmed as if it were one continuous shot, it leaves the viewer feeling a palpable sense of what it is to race against the clock to deliver a message that will save the lives of fellow soldiers during WWI."

Score: 4.5/5

IMDb Synopsis: April 6th, 1917. As an infantry battalion assembles to wage war deep in enemy territory, two soldiers are assigned to race against time and deliver a message that will stop 1,600 men from walking straight into a deadly trap.

Starring: George MacKay ("Captain Fantastic"), Daniel Mays ("Rogue One: A Star Wars Story")

Movie Quote: "There is only one way this ends, last man standing. If you don't get there in time, we will lose 1600 men."

Awards: Won 3 Oscars. (Best Cinematography, Best Visual Effects, Best Sound Mixing)
Rotten Tomatoes: 88% (critics) / 88% (audience)
IMDb/MetaCritic: 8.2/10
MPAA: Rated R

All Quiet on the Western Front (2022)

"Germany, 1917, WWI. Political propaganda during WWI exploits an eager bright-eyed boy into enlisting into the German Army. As the lost lives of his childhood friends begin to pile up, the horrors and inhumanity of warfare are revealed." Score: 5/5

IMDb Synopsis: A young German soldier's eagerness to serve his country quickly fades when he witnesses the horrors of combat on the Western Front during World War I.

Starring: Felix Kammerer ("Frankenstein" [2025]), Albrecht Schuch ("I'm Not Stiller")
Movie Quote: "My mother didn't want me to go to war. I wanted to show them I could do it."

Awards: Won 4 Oscars. (Best Foreign Film, Best Original Score, Best Cinematography, Best Production Design)
Rotten Tomatoes: 90% (critics) / 90% (audience)
IMDb/MetaCritic: 7.8/10
MPAA: Rated R

Surviving Black Hawk Down (Documentary Series 2025)

"Somalia, October 1993. You won't find comfort here. This military docu-series is raw, suspenseful and documents the Black Hawk Down tragedy in October of 1993. Interviews with American soldiers and Somali civilians paired with real footage of this catastrophic event make for an adrenaline-filled experience." Score: 4.5/5

IMDb Synopsis: Documents the real 1993 Battle of Mogadishu through firsthand accounts from U.S. soldiers and Somali civilians, detailing the mission to capture warlord Aidid and the downing of two helicopters.

Starring: Tom Latterly (Self - Delta Force), Randy Ramaglia (Self - US Army Rangers)

Series Quote: "You can't put humanity into war."

Awards: Won 1. Best Documentary - TV/Streaming Series (Golden Trailer Awards)
Rotten Tomatoes: 100% (critics) / 68% (audience)
IMDb/MetaCritic: 7.4/10
MPAA: Rated TV-Mature

WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE MILITARY MOVIE?

LIGHTS OF LOVE

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Lights of Love 2025

Twos many weeks before the holidays, when
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All staff was bustling with new acquired
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That the "Lights of Love" were all hung with
care,
With the Associated Student Body next to the
stairs.

The names of the children for all to see,
Were brightly written out for you and me;
Just pick a light from the window display
The one you want and you're on your way.
Just purchase a gift approximate \$15-20
Wrap it nicely, bring it back and then
We'll log it in and you've done your part
The child will smile and warm your heart.
So don't say, "no time, no money, no way!"
Share what you've gotten; make a child's day
On the "Lights of Love" hundreds wait there
For a kind giving soul to remember they're
here.

So thank you for taking the time to read,
And we hope we have planted a generous
seed,

So just remember before you leave,
That it's better to give than to receive
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