



## From the Learning Assistance & Resource Center

Welcome to a New Year Radford students! In the LARC we are using the New Year as a fresh start to initiate veteran service projects and ideas. We hope that this year will be RU's year to shine as an up-and-coming university in one of the most Veteran Friendly States.

If you would like more information about some of the things RU is doing to help you or would like to help with the progress please stop by the LARC to see Mrs. Tracey Mattson or Natalie Kiddie.

Welcome to a New Year & a new semester....Good Luck students!



### Time's Running Out

- \* Jan. 23 by 1700 last day to ADD/DROP classes
  - \* Jan. 31 last day to Audit
  - \* FASFA Federal Deadline is June 30, 2012 by midnight Central Time.
- The 2012-2013 application is now available <http://www.fafsa.ed.gov/>

### The RU SOUND OFF

The *RU SOUND OFF* is a new newsletter from Radford University. Its first issue was distributed to GI Bill recipients at RU in November. The main focus of the newsletter is to provide information, updates, and resources available to South Western Virginia Student Veterans; particularly here at Radford. The newsletter is still in its early stages of development. It is our goal here in the Learning Assistance and Resource Center to distribute a monthly newsletter throughout the academic semesters to RU's military population. It is our hope that this newsletter will be a reliable resource of information for Radford's student veterans concerning a range of topics from GI Bill updates, Registrar Updates, Deadlines, and other veteran related information.

### From the Registrar Office

- For GI Benefits: after your benefits have been certified for your first semester, Radford will automatically re-certify your benefits for the Fall and Spring semesters as long as you are enrolled in courses.

*-If you would like to use your benefits toward summer courses, please notify the Registrar Office so they can certify your enrollment.*

-Check out the VA's new [eBenefits](#) website for veterans!

Contact the Registrar's Office:  
Gail Wright  
105 Heth Hall 540-831-5721  
Radford University

## GI Bill Updates

- φ Benefits will be paid at the end of every month. For example, recipients will receive September's benefits no earlier than September, 30<sup>th</sup> and should receive them no later than the first week of October.
- φ Living Stipends are based on the E-5 BAH for your school's location and are paid monthly for the months of enrollment
- φ Effective August 1, 2011. The VA will no longer provide benefits for break or interval pay. That means, when classes end on Dec 17, your December living stipend will only be for the first 17 days of December. Benefits will begin again when courses resume.
- φ Effective August 1, 2011 prorate housing allowances to the nearest tenth. A student receiving allowances at the 75% level will receive 80% BAH rate.
- φ Effective October 1, 2011 students may use the Post-9/11 GI Bill for Non-college degree (NCD) programs, On-the-Job and Apprenticeship training, flight programs, and correspondence training.
- φ Effective October, 1, 2011 National Guard members mobilized on Title 32 orders on or after Sept 11, 2001 are now eligible for Post-9/11 GI Benefits.
- φ Reminder: Post 9/11 Benefits are limited to no more than 36 months of payments.

## From RU's ROTC

Radford Army ROTC is conducting weekly training to include physical fitness training, land navigation, small unit tactics, and leadership courses. Our students will earn a Minor in Military Science and Leadership upon completion of the Program, and they will also earn a Commission as a Second Lieutenant into the U.S. Army. Our students are actively involved in service projects, Greek life, and university athletics as well. We provide Color Guard Teams upon request to sporting events here on campus. We also have an all volunteer shooting team that is currently practicing several times per month.

### Contact Information

[Facebook Page](#)

[Website](#)

## Welcome Home Virginia National Guard!



*Photographs Courtesy of the VA National Guard Public Affairs Office*

Over the Holiday Season (Dec. 2011 –Jan. 2012) hundreds of VA National Guard soldiers returned home from Iraq & Afghanistan....Welcome Home Troops!



**Radford University's Student Veteran Research Team**

## **RU VETERAN RESEARCH** **SHOWCASE**

Hello my name is Adam and I am Senior in the Psychology department and a member of the Student Veteran Research Team here at Radford University, but I'm also more than that, I am a Veteran. I have twelve years in the service and I am currently a member of the Air National Guard. With the Air Force I have participated in both Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom and after graduation I look forward to reentering active duty and continuing to serve. The purpose behind this message is to inform the Veteran Community here at Radford University of some of the exciting and groundbreaking work our research team is engaged in. Currently our team has three projects for which we are collecting data and are in need of some Veteran participation. Each of the studies is aimed at increasing awareness as to the needs of Student Veterans here at Radford University. The goal of the team is to bring about an increased level of understanding as to the needs of Student Veterans and to where possible recommend changes that will benefit the members of the Student Veteran population. For information on our studies or to set up a time to participate in a study please e-mail our team at [VetResearch@Radford.edu](mailto:VetResearch@Radford.edu) you can also check out our team on Facebook by searching for "RU Student Veteran Research" or "RU Veteran". I look forward to hearing from and seeing you at one of our studies.

Sincerely  
Adam

## **RU Student Veterans Research**

**The Mission of Radford University's Student Veteran Research Team** is to gain a better understanding of the evolving needs of Student Veterans at Radford University. In an effort to meet the ever changing needs of Student Veterans, this team aims to promote awareness and understanding of benefits and services available, reduce stigma associated with seeking services, encourage a positive campus climate, and provide valuable information to Radford's faculty and staff, and also to other colleges and universities about the needs of the Student Veteran. We also strive to showcase the strengths associated with having Student Veterans as a valued member of the university community.

### **Some of the Research Topics:**

**DRO:** Knowledge, Attitudes, and Perceived Stigmas Towards the use of Disability Resources for Veteran and non-Veterans in Higher Education and Faculty are assessing students and faculty's knowledge of the Disability Resource Office. From this survey, the researchers would like to see how to enhance the knowledge, stigma, and attitudes towards the Disability Resource Office.

**Protective Factors:** Identify and explore factors that promote resiliency among student veterans.

**Veteran & Non-Veteran Self Efficacy, Motivation, & Locus of Control**

If you are interested in more information about the RU Student Veterans Research contact [VetResearch@radford.edu](mailto:VetResearch@radford.edu) or check out the Lab's [Facebook](#) page.

## **We Need your Help**

Radford University would like your input on how we can better serve you. Your input will be kept completely anonymous. Please follow the links below.

Student Veterans Group  
[SVA Survey](#)

Becoming a Military Friendly Campus  
[RU Veteran Friendly](#)

## **THIS MONTH IN MILITARY HISTORY ~ JANUARY**

### **1777-- BATTLE OF PRINCETON**

Late in the night of January 2, 1777 & into the early morning hours of January 3, 1777 the bulk of Washington's Army discreetly slipped past Cornwallis's slumbering Army and heading north toward Princeton. With only a limited number of troops at Princeton the British soldiers retreated into the woods when they heard the approaching Army. The American troops followed the retreating soldiers and in a swift coo outside of the city Princeton was won for the American cause for Independence. This battle occurred shortly after the American Victory at Trenton. These two victories provided Washington with a more effective position in winning the War for Independence.



Painting of General George Washington at the Battle of Princeton.

### **1962-- CREATION OF THE U.S. NAVAL SEALS**

President John F. Kennedy established the Navy SEALS (Sea, Air, and Land) on January 1, 1962. The SEALS are a maritime special operations unit with the ability to complete a wide range of missions anywhere in the world. The SEALS were established with initially two teams – SEAL Team One and SEAL Team TWO. These SEALS Teams were among the first troops mobilized for the 1962 Cuban Missile Crisis an event only nine months after the SEALS were established. Recently, the SEALS have assisted with the current conflicts in the Middle East.



United States Navy SEALs Emblem

## RESOURCES ON CAMPUS

- Academic Coach for Veterans, Cadets & Dependents  
*Walker Hall* 540-831-5002
- Campus Directory 540-831-5000
- Career Services 540-831-5373
- Disability Resource Office 540-831-635
- Dean of Student's Office 540-831-5321
- Learning Assistance & Resource Center  
*Walker Hall* 540-831-7704
- New Student Programs 540-831-5923
- Office of the Registrar 540-831-5721  
*105 Heth Hall*
- Public Relations 540-831-5182
- Radford University Clinics 540-831-7660
- Radford University Human Resources  
540-831-5421
- Radford University Police 540-831-5500
- Substance Abuse and Violence Support Services  
540-831-5709
- Student Counseling Services 540-831-5226  
*Tyler Hall, Lower Level*
- Student Health Services 540-831-5111  
*Moffett Hall, Ground Floor*

## Resources OFF Campus

- National Mental Health Association  
1-800-969-NMHA (6642)
- National Association of Alcoholism and Drug Abuse Counselors  
1-800-548-0497
- National Suicide prevention Lifeline 800-273-8255
- Salem Veteran's Affairs Medical Center  
1970 Roanoke Blvd, Salem VA 540-982-2463  
[www.salem.va.gov](http://www.salem.va.gov)
- Veterans' Benefits Administration 800-827-1000
- Virginia Department of Veterans Affairs  
804-786-0286  
[Dvs.virginia.gov](http://Dvs.virginia.gov)
- Veterans' Claims Agent  
540-597-1730  
[Ronald.kotz@dvs.virginia.gov](mailto:Ronald.kotz@dvs.virginia.gov)
- Aurora Foundation Veteran Internships  
202-436-0678  
[American Women Veterans](http://AmericanWomenVeterans.com)  
[email](mailto:email)
- New River Valley Veterans Outreach Group  
540-357-1113  
[Wearevirginiaveterans.org](http://Wearevirginiaveterans.org)
- Troops to Teachers Office  
Greg Cohen – ODU  
757-683-3327  
[gcoogan@odu.edu](mailto:gcoogan@odu.edu)
- Veterans Employment Representative  
John Rupe  
540-831-5980  
[Johnny.rupe@vec.virginia.gov](mailto:Johnny.rupe@vec.virginia.gov)
- Virginia Wounded Warrior Program  
804-371-4675 or [Wounded Warriors](http://WoundedWarriors.org)

Thank you for your service, now it is time for Radford to serve you! If you have any questions please feel free to email [nkiddie@radford.edu](mailto:nkiddie@radford.edu)/  
[tmattson@radford.edu](mailto:tmattson@radford.edu) or call  
540-831-5002/ 540-831-6855.

