

What's Happening Now

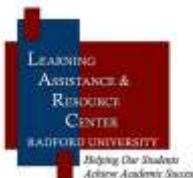
What RU is doing for You:

- An Academic Coach is available to veterans, cadets, and dependents on campus
- Extending your Benefits
- University Leave Policy
- The Student Veteran Organization is undergoing an administration change.
- **The Student Veterans Organization is now an SVA chapter!**
- Student Veteran Research Team is working on your behalf to better understand student veteran's transition into college & to provide empirical data in order to support claims for more resources on campus for student veterans



Time's Running Out

- * March 16th, Class Withdrawal Deadline
 - * April 10th, University Withdrawal Deadline
 - * FASFA Federal Deadline is June 30, 2012 by midnight Central Time.
- The 2012-2013 application is now available <http://www.fafsa.ed.gov/>



From the Learning Assistance & Resource Center

Transition Coach Available!

To better assist your academic transition here at RU, an academic coach sensitive to the needs and demands of the military is available in the Learning Assistance & Resource Center located in Walker Hall. The position was established in the fall to better accommodate our student veterans here at Radford. Whether you need assistance with time management, study skills, knowledge about services on campus, or anything else to make your transition here at RU a smoother one make an appointment. Office hours are Tuesday/Thursdays from 0800-1030 and Wednesdays from 0800-1230. If those times are not convenient feel free to go to the front desk and request an alternate time.

Have a safe Spring Break!

~Natalie
Academic-Transition Coach
Walker Hall

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

Extending your Benefits beyond 36 Months

Students using the Montgomery or Post 9/11 GI Bill **may** be able to use benefits beyond 36 months. If at least one day of benefits remains when a semester starts the VA will continue to pay BAH and the book stipend for the entire term. However, tuition will only be paid for the proportional amount of benefits remaining. This does not provide the student with additional months of eligibility; rather it will pay the stipends for the remainder of the semester, provided the student doesn't go beyond 48 months of benefits across all chapters.



The university has adopted leave policy student veterans:

The intent of this policy is to assist, whenever possible, a student's withdrawal and subsequent reentry to the university so that the student suffers no financial or academic hardship that was beyond the student's control.

Procedures: Students called to active duty should complete a Military Active Duty Withdrawal form and submit it to the Office of the Registrar along with a copy of the active duty paperwork. If circumstances are such that the student is unable to complete the required paperwork prior to leaving campus, they or their designated representative should contact the Office of the Registrar at their first opportunity, but before the conclusion of the semester in which the student left.

Grades: Students will receive grades according to standard grading options (no grade if before the census date, and "W" or "F" after the census date or "I" as arranged with each professor). This would entitle the student to the appropriate prorated refund (of tuition and fees) based on the withdrawal date. The student may elect to withdraw and receive "W's" for all courses in which the student is enrolled. The reason for granting "W's," regardless of the student's current grade status, is based in part on the uncertainty that has led up to the student's departure and how that has probably affected the student's ability to perform in the classroom. Under no circumstances will a student be eligible to receive a letter grade without completing the course.

Tuition Charges and Refunds: If a student elects to receive "W's" for all courses, tuition and fees will be refunded to the student. However, during the withdrawal process, students can request financial credit be given for a future term.

~ RU Office of Registrar - Veterans



RU VETERANS STUDENT ORGANIZATION

Welcome RU Veterans!

We are RU Veterans! This organization is a place where veterans, dependents, cadets & anyone else interested in the military can come together as a social community.

RU's Veterans Student Organization was established several years ago; however, due to the matriculation of the original officers the club had fallen to the wayside – it is time to change that! We would like to revamp this organization & make a social network for veterans and their families here on campus. Though to do that we need YOUR HELP! This organization cannot exist without student membership and participation. If you are interested in becoming a member of this organization or would like to learn more please contact Natalie at nkiddie@radford.edu or visit the organization on RUInvolved.

NEWS Alert

RU's Veterans Student Organization is now officially recognized by the Student Veterans of America Association. So, what does this mean for you? With the organization established as an official SVA chapter student veterans on RU's campus now have access to SVA grants and scholarships. Prospective applicants need to only create an SVA account and associate with RU in order to be eligible. Please contact us if you have more information.



Radford University's Student Veteran Research Team

RU VETERAN RESEARCH SHOWCASE

The Radford Veteran Research Team is a compilation of student veterans, veteran dependents, & students interested in serving the veteran community. We are all brought together by a common cause; we want to better serve those in the Armed Forces. To better understand the needs of veterans, in particular student veterans, we conduct research. Many of our research studies are quantitative in nature. Quantitative studies refer to empirical research with the objective to develop and test hypotheses of social phenomenon. These studies often utilize surveys or questionnaires. Though, we currently have several qualitative studies running as well. Qualitative studies employ inquiry to obtain data. These studies are often similar to an interview to better understand social themes of a human behavior.

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 you can also check out our team on Facebook by searching for "RU Student Veteran Research" or "RU Veteran". We look forward to hearing from and seeing you at one of our studies.

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: 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 or check out the Lab's [Facebook](#) page.

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

*ROTC Office
512 Davis St. Apt. J
(540) 831-5288
[Facebook Page](#)
[Website](#)*

THIS MONTH IN MILITARY HISTORY~ MARCH

1945—SEIZURE OF LUDENDORFF BRIDGE

In the woods near the Rhine River, during Operation Lumberjack the 9th Armored Division in Remagen Germany began their seizure. The 89th Reconnaissance Squadron and the 27th Armored Infantry Battalion had orders to capture Remagen and Kripp.

It was deemed that the seizure of the Ludendorff Bridge would be a tactical advantage in the war. At 1256 the attack began. U.S. troops initially encountered a small resistance. However, once captured the German Army desperately began to destroy the bridge or slow the Allie's ability to utilize its position. On March 17, 1945 the bridge suddenly collapsed weakened by earlier bombing attacks.

The seizure of the bridge on March 7, 1945 was an important strategic event. It was the only remaining bridge crossing the Rhine that lead into the heart of German and was supported enough to allow the Allies to cross.

2003—OIF BEGINS

On March 19th, 2003 President George W. Bush announced that the invasion into Iraq had begun. This was the start of conflict in Iraq known as Operation Iraqi Freedom. A combined coalition of troops from the U.S., United Kingdom, Australia, and Poland destroyed the regime of Saddam Hussein within 21 days of heavy combat operations. The initial invasion lasted from March 19th- April 9th 2003.



Allied Forces cross the Ludendorff Bridge
March 1945



Operation Iraqi Freedom 2003

ST. PATRICK'S DAY

The 17th of March is a cultural and religious holiday designated to the celebration of Saint Patrick, the most recognized patron Saint of Ireland. The holiday was established back in the 17th century and the yearly celebration has been a cultural phenomenon. Saint Patrick taught Christianity to the Irish. He is known for using a shamrock to explain the doctrine of the Christian Trinity to the people. Initially the color associated with Saint Patrick was blue; however, his use of the shamrock in his teachings influenced the celebration. People would wear shamrocks on their clothes to honor him and over time the color green became associated with Saint Patrick.

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
- Veterans' Benefits Administration 800-827-1000
- Virginia Department of Veterans Affairs
804-786-0286
Dvs.virginia.gov
- Veterans' Claims Agent
540-597-1730
Ronald.kotz@dvs.virginia.gov
- Aurora Foundation Veteran Internships
202-436-0678
American Women Veterans email
- New River Valley Veterans Outreach Group
540-357-1113
Wearevirginiautomers.org
- Troops to Teachers Office
Greg Cohen – ODU
757-683-3327
gcoogan@odu.edu
- Veterans Employment Representative
John Rupe
540-831-5980
Johnny.rupe@vec.virginia.gov
- Virginia Wounded Warrior Program
804-371-4675 or Wounded Warriors

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 / tmattson@radford.edu or call 540-831-5002/ 540-831-6855.

