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Military Resource Center

Classes are now in full swing and we are at the heart of the semester. Do not wait until finals week to come to the MRC for help. We're here to assist students and arm them with the tools necessary to be successful students.

Happy Fall! We hope you enjoy the start of the new season.

The Military Resource Center is located in Walker 129 and academic and transition coaching is available.

Military Resource Center Transition Coach Availability

Natalie
Head Transition/Academic Coach
Wednesdays & Fridays
0730-1230

Eric
Transition/Academic Coach
Tuesdays, Wednesdays, & Thursdays
0900-1100
Fridays
0900-1300

Mike
Transition/Academic Coach
Available by Appointment

James
Transition Assistant
Tuesdays & Thursdays
0930-1200

We are located in the Learning Assistance and Resource Center in Walker Hall, office 129. Please feel free to come by our office during office hours or to schedule an appointment. If you would like to schedule an appointment please go to the front desk in the LARC.

Time's Running Out

* Last day to withdraw from one or more classes with a 'W" is 10/19

* Coming Soon: FASFA for 2013-2014 http://www.fafsa.ed.gov/

Obama Signs Executive Order to Ensure Schools are Military Friendly

In April of 2012, President Obama signed an executive order requiring schools to be veteran friendly. The order was designed to give veterans and dependents all they need to make informed decisions and are protected from deceptive targeting by educational institutions.

The executive order exemplifies President Obama's commitment to providing resources for veterans and dependents alike to pursue their educations. Thousands of veterans depend on the Post-9/11 GI Bill and Tuition Assistance to further their educations. The new executive order is designed to do the following things:

- Provide students with information to make informed decisions, the EO requires institutions to provide a "Financial Shopping Sheet," which helps students understand the cost of their education, loans to be repaid, etc.
- End aggressive and deceptive recruiting techniques by college recruiters.
- Provide more support for service members and veterans. Provide students with clear education plans and financial aid counseling, as well as make it easier for students to re-enroll if they must withdraw for service-related incidents.
- Develop and collect data on service members to track statistics such as completion rates to better understand veteran's successes or failures in school.
- Develop a centralized complaint system for students receiving military educational benefits.
- Trademark the term "GI Bill" to protect students from websites and programs that deceptively market these benefits.

Despite this order, this is still a working process and plans regarding enforcement are still pending.

Radford University is already considered, according to GI Jobs magazine, to be a military friendly school. This recognition places Radford in the top 15% of academic institutions.

From RU's ROTC

Radford Army ROTC is conducting weekly training to include physical fitness training, land navigation, small unit tactics, and leadership courses. We accept students from every major on campus and offer a wide range of services. 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. At the end of October the Battalion will begin a four day field training exercise where the cadets will have an opportunity to hone and show off their newly acquired skills

Radford University's Student Veteran Research Team

ATTENTION RU STUDENTS, FACULTY, & STAFF
~REQUEST FOR PICTURES~

On November 12, 2012 Radford University will be hosting a Veterans Day celebration to honor the men and women in uniform who served and who still serve our country. In order to celebrate veterans from all eras we would like to create a long collage to put on display in the Bonnie during the Veterans Day events. Please send us pictures of yourself and/or your relatives in uniform from any generation. All eras welcome: WWI, WWII, Vietnam, Korea, ODS, OEF/OIF/OND, etc.

You can email a scanned copy of the picture to ruvets@radford.edu, rpagans@radford.edu, jwhorely@radford.edu, or nkiddie@radford.edu. Or drop off photocopies of the picture(s) in the MRC (LARC-Walker 129), to Dr. Valerie Leake in 408 Russell Hall, or in Erica Whiting's mailbox in the Psychology Department's Office, 2nd floor Russell Hall.

Please do not provide original copies of a photograph as we cannot guarantee that it will be returned to its owner.

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.

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.

RU VETERAN RESEARCH SHOWCASE

Would you like to share your experiences as a U.S. military veteran of the Iraq or Afghanistan wars attending Radford University? Are you between 18 and 50?

Would you like an extra $5!

This is your opportunity to participate in a *confidential* study examining student veterans' experiences at Radford University!

If you are interested please contact Alexandra Herren at: aherren.research@gmail.com

This Month In Military History~ October

Germany annexes Sudetenland

On October 10, 1938, Germany took control of the Sudetenland, a part of Czechoslovakia with primarily German ancestry. The leaders of France and Great Britain were desperate to avoid war at all costs and therefore decided to give in to Hitler's demands.

Sudeten Crisis

Hitler's annexation of the Sudetenland combined with the tepid response from Britain and France set the stage for World War II. Hitler claimed that his intentions were limited, and that he only wanted the Sudetenland because ethnic Germans were being oppressed in Czechoslovakia. In reality Hitler was emboldened by the weak response and was busy strengthening his county's military.

Hitler would later admit that an invasion of the Sudetenland would have been extremely costly, given the strength of the Czech army. Had France, Great Britain, and the Czechs stood up to Hitler in the first place perhaps the costliest war in human history would have had different results.

Czech Soldiers on patrol in September 1938.

Wilhelm Frick meeting with Sudeten Germans.

Hitler and Neville Chamberlain. Fall 1938

Resources on Campus

- Military Resource Center (MRC) in the LARC
  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
- 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

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.

Resources OFF Campus

- Leanna Craig
  Veterans Resource Specialist
  New River Valley Community Services
  lcraig@nrvcs.org
- Virginia Wounded Warrior Program
  804-371-4675 or Wounded Warriors
- 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
  Wearevirginiaveterans.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.gox