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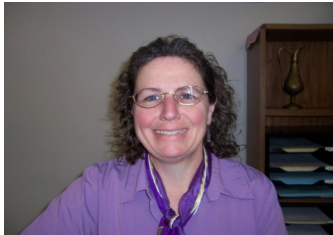
Special points of interest:

- SALUTE Veterans Honor Society Information
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- Warriors Writing Workshop

Did you know...

that SUNY Potsdam operates a large Extension Center on the campus of Jefferson Community College in Watertown, New York? Currently we offer four graduate Education degrees and one undergraduate Business Administration degree completion program. These degree programs are designed to serve the needs of non-traditional adults who have work and/or family responsibilities during the week-day. Courses for these programs are offered weekday evenings and/or on weekends (Friday evening and all day Saturday). With the Center located less than 15 minutes from Ft. Drum, a growing number of active and retired military members, dependents and National Guard personnel are enrolling in these programs. For further information, please go to (www.potsdam.edu/exted) or call (315) 267-2166.

A Letter from Louise, Director of Student and Family Transitions



Dear Veterans,

I wanted to introduce myself and ask for your assistance in helping me create an e-mail list of all the students who are in any way associated with the U.S. Military.

My name is Louise Tyo, and I am the Director of Student and Family Transitions, which is housed in our Student Success Center located in 128 Sisson Hall. In addition to coordinating our orientation programs for new freshmen and transfer

students, I have been an adjunct instructor in the English and Communications Department since 2003. This past January, I took on additional duties to include coordinating programs for Families, Adult Learners, and our students who are associated with the U.S. Military.

I would love to work with you to develop programs that would meet your specific needs, but first I need to find out who “you” are. This is where your assistance is needed. The way our admissions process works, there is no way we identify students as military vs. non-military. Hence, the college organized a Military Task Force a couple of years ago. The task force is made up of faculty, staff and students whose goal is to find students who are willing to self-identify as being associated with the military.

Another primary goal of the task force is to make SUNY Potsdam a more attractive and friendly environment for veterans and members of their families and to assist you with the transition from military to college life.

If you would like to self-identify as being a member of the military or are a family member of someone who is in the military, please stop by Sisson Hall 128 and sign up or contact me directly via email tyola@potsdam.edu or call (315)267-2735.

I look forward to hearing from you soon, and wish you the best of luck for a successful spring semester!

Louise Tyo

Changes to Post 9/11 GI Bill Chapter 33 Tuition Benefits

As of the 2011—2012 academic year, the federal government will no longer be “first payer” for tuition. For students receiving any tuition specific benefit such as TAP or other scholarships, you will receive those benefits first and then your Chapter 33 Post 9-11 GI Bill tuition benefit will be reduced accordingly.

SUNY Potsdam Veteran Task Force Update

The SUNY Potsdam Veterans Task Force met in February to discuss projects, issues, and ideas relating to the education of Veterans on campus. This meeting involved various departments across the SUNY Potsdam Campus.

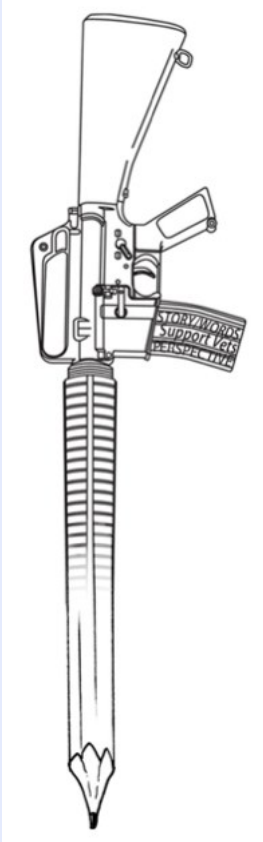
Ideas discussed during this meeting include the formation of a SUNY Potsdam Chapter of

SALUTE, the National Veteran’s Honor Society, Resume and Writing workshops focused for Veterans, PTSD Awareness issues, and an increase in online, summer, and winterim courses.

The SUNY Potsdam Veterans Task Force is currently seeking Veterans to join. If you are interested in becoming a

participant, or would like more information, please contact:

Tom Fuhr (Watertown/Ft. Drum Programs)
 Director of Extended Education
 E-mail: fuhrtw@potsdam.edu
 Phone: (315) 267-3089
 Office: 208 Raymond Hall



A Note from Dr. Karen Springsteen, English and Communications Dept.

Warrior

Writers

Greetings veterans. I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself, Karen Springsteen, and tell you about a series of writing workshops I have been sponsoring with the support of Nate Lewis, an Iraq war veteran and Potsdam alum.

We hold the workshops as part of a collective project called Warrior Writers, and our purpose is to 1) create a culture that articulates veterans' experiences, 2) provide the opportunity for a creative community for artistic

expression among veterans, and 3) provide witness to the lived experience of warriors.

Last year, Warrior Writers gave a reading at the SUNY Potsdam campus festival. This year, we are working on putting together a small book.

All veterans, active duty, National Guard, Reserves and family are welcome to come to the workshops. No previous experience with writing is needed – just the desire and ability to get your thoughts down on paper and share them with other vets.

If you are interested in Warrior Writers, please feel free to come to our next meeting, Friday April 15, from 5-7pm in Morey Hall 117.

Food, drinks, and writing materials will be provided. You are also more than welcome to email me or stop by my office for more information.

Thanks!

Contact info: Karen Springsteen
(springkl@potsdam.edu)

Office: 119 Morey

Warriors Writing Workshop

Sound off!
Warrior Writers Workshop
join the proud ranks of warriors turned writers

All recent war Veterans, Active Duty, National Guard, and Reserves are welcome.

Food and writing materials provided.
Optional opportunity to publish your writing a chapter in a book.

Friday April 15
5-7pm
Morey 117
questions: springkl@potsdam.edu

ROTC Commissioning Ceremony

Congratulations to the following students who are being Commissioned into the U.S. Military as 2LTs:

Irma Richards
Andrew Toyo
Jon Schumacher
Lorin Smith
Andrew Bognaski

The Commissioning Ceremony will be held:

Date: Friday, May 20, 2011
Time: 1800 (6 p.m.)
Location: Knowles MRP

All are welcome to attend!

Did you know...

Completion of Basic Training satisfies all of your PE General Education Requirements?

SALUTE Veteran Honor Society Requirements

New to SUNY Potsdam for the Fall 2011 semester is the SALUTE Veteran Honor Society. This Honor Society is meant to provide Veterans of the US Armed Forces with support, bridges from undergraduate education to graduate school or veteran-friendly professional life, and as a means of academic recognition.

To qualify for SALUTE, students must meet the following requirements:

- Minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0 for Undergraduates (3.5 for Graduate Students)
- Minimum 12 credits earned at SUNY Potsdam
- Must have served, or are currently serving in the US Military, National Guard, or Reserves
- Submission of DD-214 (reflecting honorable discharge), Discharge from Active Duty, or a copy of Military Orders
- Completed Application to SALUTE
- \$20 Application fee

If you are interested in applying to SALUTE, please contact:

Louise Tyo
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Phone: (315) 267-2735
Office: 128 Sisson Hall

**Points of Contact on Campus**

Should you have any questions, please refer to the following individuals for help:

Financial Aid:

Susan Godreau
Scholarship Coordinator
E-mail: finaid@potsdam.edu
Phone: (315) 267-2162
Office: Raymond Hall, 3rd Floor

Registrar's Office

Ellie Hayes
VA Certifying Official
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Office: Raymond Hall, 3rd Floor

Career Planning:

Karen Ham
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Do you have a story you want to share?

Need encouragement as a Veteran on our college campus?

Have an idea for the newsletter?

E-mail Louise Tyo:
tyola@potSDam.edu

