A Call for Interest: Veteran’s Art Show

The Military and Veteran Student Services Office would like to propose the installation of a temporary art gallery for military, veteran, and family artists in celebration of SUNY Potsdam’s bicentennial. The art show, entitled “To Walk a Mile in Their Boots”, would delve into the impact of military service through visual narratives in a variety of mediums. The goal is to provide the Potsdam community with an opportunity to explore the minds of the men and women charged with protecting our rights and freedoms. We believe that this will not only provide a creative and potentially therapeutic outlet for service members, but also encourage understanding and appreciation among the civilian community.

If you, or someone you know, has an interest in submitting work or supporting this project please contact Cindy Humphrey for more information on how to get involved.

humphrce195@potsdam.edu

“Project 22”

This powerful video documentary illustrates the 6,500-mile, cross-country trip undertaken by two combat-wounded veterans on a mission to bring awareness to the epidemic of veteran suicide. The film not only raises hard-hitting questions, but also highlights the various therapies and programs that are available nationwide. Throughout the documentary the stars/directors interview researchers, health care providers, and veterans, as well as tell their personal stories of service and struggle in an effort to expose the gravity of their cause. With an estimated 22 veterans committing suicide each day, there must be something done to shed light on the issue, and even more, give hope.

As an independent project, Cindy Humphrey is working to bring a screening of “Project 22” to campus in order to illuminate the issue of veteran suicide to the student population. Keep a lookout for posters and flyers around campus in the future for the official time and date of this event!
Governor Cuomo Directs Flags to Half-Staff for Fallen Fort Drum Soldier

~story from governo.ny.gov~

Sept.24,2015: Governor Andrew M. Cuomo today directed that flags on state government buildings be flown at half-staff on Friday, September 25, in honor of a Fort Drum Soldier who died in Afghanistan on Monday, September 21.

Specialist Kyle E. Gilbert died in a non-hostile incident at Bagram, Afghanistan. He was assigned to the 14th Infantry Regiment of the 10th Mountain Division’s 2nd Brigade Combat Team. He was a resident of Buford, Georgia.

“On behalf of all New Yorkers, I extend deepest condolences to Specialist Kyle Gilbert’s family and loved ones,” Governor Cuomo said. “We are saddened by his loss and join them and his fellow soldiers in honoring his service to our nation.”

Governor Cuomo has directed that the flags on all State buildings be lowered to half-staff in honor of and in tribute to New York service members and those stationed in New York who are killed in action or die in a combat zone.

Save the Date!

SUNY Potsdam’s Hockey Team will be hosting Military Appreciation Day

November 7, 2015
7:00 pm
Maxcy Hall Arena

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Potsdam Humane Society
Opportunities to Support Them
Because They Support You

PETS for VETS

The Potsdam Humane Society’s PETS FOR VETS program offers waived adoption fees for ANY military veteran, with an approved adoption application while funding permits. Contact the Potsdam Humane Society to learn more about the program or go to their website.

“Art for Animals”

The SLC Arts Council is hosting a Community Art Show to benefit the Potsdam Humane Society. Artists of all ages were asked to donate up to five pieces of original artwork in any media, featuring their own pets, animals currently available for adoption at the Potsdam Humane Society, and Pets already adopted from PHS.

~info. & photo from potsdamhumanesociety.org~

WANTED: Forever Families

Leelo
A 4-year-old American Staffordshire Terrier mix, Leelo is a sweet girl full of love and enthusiasm. She’s the best of both worlds - play all day and cuddle all night! She can get along with other canines, but does have a somewhat possessive personality. Interested? Go on- go meet her.

Chopper
Are you looking for a partner in crime, to adventure through life with more enthusiasm than you can imagine? If so, here’s the 1 year-old hound mix for you! He is not for the couch potato or meek at heart. This handsome hound mix is a ball of energy and ready for YOU!

Buck
A total family man, this wiggly, sweet, sensitive, 8 year-old American Staffordshire Terrier Mix is looking for a loving home. He would be best suited as the only animal in the home, but he would be a great addition to a family with children of all ages who won’t leave him alone.
Boots to Business

Put your military experience to work.

BNY Mellon is committed to creating a diverse workplace and fostering a culture of inclusion with the belief that it creates a stronger, smarter, and more successful company. Our multifaceted approach to supporting returning military includes:

- Campus workshops
- Corporate and community partners
- Employee engagement

To learn more about BNY Mellon’s Returning Military Initiative, visit www.bnymellon.com/military

VETERANS GET FREE PARKING!

As a veteran, you are entitled to a variety of benefits that will help facilitate your pursuit of higher education at SUNY Potsdam... but you need to take action!

Parking Fee Waivers: Student must be a Veteran who has received an honorable discharge from their respective branch of military service. In order to receive a parking fee waiver, present a copy of your DD-214 to the University Police Office showing your honorable discharge.

Recreational Facilities Fee Waiver: Submit a copy of your DD-214 to Patrick Massaro, Military & Veterans Student Services Coordinator, Sisson 128.

Possible credit for military training and experience: In order to have your military transcripts evaluated, please utilize the Joint Service Transcript website and have your military transcript sent to SUNY Potsdam Admissions office.

Graduate Student Application Fee Waiver: Available to all military/veteran students and their dependents. Please select “pay later” when completing the online graduate application. You must then contact the office of graduate admissions, (315) 267-2165, to inform them of your military/veteran or dependent status. They will then waive the $50 application fee.

For more information about your GI Bill Benefits, please see the Department of Veterans Affairs website: http://www.gibill.gov/

Late/Emergency Withdrawals & Late S/U options

Given extenuating circumstances, requests for late withdrawals, late S/U options and emergency withdrawals can be submitted to the following:

**Crane Students:** David D. Heuser, Associate Dean, Bishop Hall C220

**Non-Crane Students:** Tammy Durant, Student Success Center, Academic Services, Sisson Hall 128

**Graduate Students:** Contact the Graduate Studies Office, Satterlee Hall 115
VETCenter Information

Do you know about the VetCenter options near Potsdam?

VetCenter Mobile Unit in Ogdensburg:
• 1st and 3rd Tuesday of the month in the Lowes Parking Lot at 2001 Ford St. Ext. from 9:30 am – 3pm

VetCenter in Potsdam:
• Every Tuesday at 9:30 am to 3pm in the basement of the Potsdam Public Library, room #2.
• They accept walk-ins or call for an appointment.
• They are available to see any Army Veteran or Combat Veterans.
• Other services being offered are health services, counseling and bereavement.
• Counseling for Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder is also available.
• Veterans receive lifetime benefits.
• They participate in the following programs: Homeless Veteran’s program, Emergency Loans program, and a Voucher for Rent program.

Contact:
David LoRusso MS, LMHC
Watertown Vet Center, 210 Court Street Suite 20, Watertown, NY 13601
Readjustment Counselor (315)782-5479 / David.Lorusso@va.gov

SALUTE Veteran Honor Society Requirements

The SALUTE Veteran 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 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: Patrick Massaro (contact info on the last page of this newsletter)
We’re on the Web!
See us at:
http://www.potsdam.edu/
support/military/index.cfm

Military/Veteran Services Office
Patrick Massaro - Coordinator
Student Success Center
128C Sisson Hall SUNY Potsdam Potsdam, NY 13676

OFFICE HOURS:    PHONE:    EMAIL:
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Worky Study Students’ Hours:
Monday: 10-4    Thursday: 10-2
Tuesday: 1-4    Friday: 10-2
Wednesday: 1-4

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