Veterans and Military Affairs

A Note from Patrick, Military and Veteran Services Coordinator:

Ladies and Gentlemen,

It’s that time of year again! We’re nearing the end of the semester, finals are fast approaching, and you need to **fill out your Certification Request Form for Fall 2015**. Please do this as soon as possible and turn it into me, my work-study students, or place it in my mailbox in Sisson 128. Take a moment to look through this newsletter for upcoming events! If you enjoy 5K runs, canoeing or kayaking, or if you love to eat, there is something in here for you! From the Military and Veteran Services Office, we hope you have a studious end to the semester and a fun-filled summer. Stay safe and we’ll see you in the Fall. For those of you who are graduating, Congratulations! Be sure to stop by our office for your military cord.

**Itching to Run a 5K?**

Join the Veterans Outreach Center for the Second Annual 5k Walk/Run for Veterans. The fun run will begin and end at the Thompson Park Pavilion. Race day registration is from 8:30am-9:45am in the Pavilion. Preregister by emailing kdrake@ucdevelopment.org.

- **When:** Saturday May 2, 10:00am
- **Where:** Thompson Park, Watertown, NY

**Registration fee:**
- $25 for ages 10 and up
- $20 for Veterans & Active Duty Military


**Freedom on the Water: Veterans Paddling**

Calling all Veterans! Do you like to canoe or kayak? Well you’re in luck! Head out to the **Canton Canoe Weekend May 2-3**.
- Canoe or Kayak provided
- Paddles, PDF’s, and paddling partners available if necessary

For more information, contact Chuck at 315-244-3712, bolesh1@gmail.com

[www.slvpaddlers.org](http://www.slvpaddlers.org)

**Did you know...**

April 22- Congressional Medal of Honor Citation for Actions Taken This Day: USMC Major Smedley Darlington Butler (First Award);

“For distinguished conduct in battle, engagement of Vera Cruz, 22 April 1914. [He] was eminent and conspicuous in command of his battalion. He exhibited courage and skill in leading men through the action of the 22d and in the final occupation of the city.”

Info from: [http://thisdayinusmil-hist.wordpress.com](http://thisdayinusmil-hist.wordpress.com)
ATTENTION ADULT LEARNERS:
We appreciate you and your families!

May 7th is Adult Learner Appreciation Day...

The Student Success Center would like to invite you and your kids to the Adult Learners Lounge for a free bite to eat, anytime between 9am-4pm. There will be coffee and donuts in the morning, and pizza and snacks in the afternoon. So go ahead and skip the bagged lunch! Cake will be served, and there will be activities for your kids while you study. We hope to see you there!

Military-Research Internship Opportunity

If you enjoy military history and you enjoy doing research, this may be the internship for you!

SUNY Potsdam’s Bicentennial is upcoming! Celebrations will start in September 2015. The Bicentennial Organizing Committee would like to commemorate the role veterans have played in our college’s history. Jenica Rogers, the Director of Libraries and Archives at Crumb Library, will be taking on interns to do historical research during the Spring 2015 semester.

If you have an affinity for military history and what role veterans have played on this campus, you may really enjoy this internship. Don’t miss this opportunity-- contact Jenica Rogers if you’re interested!

Jenica Rogers
Director of Libraries and College Archives
Director of Bicentennial Celebrations
Chair, SUNY Council of Library Directors
rogersjp@potsdam.edu
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Student Success Center
Academic Advising Services

- Academic advising for undeclared students not assigned elsewhere
- Advising for non-matriculated and transfer students
- Unofficial academic audits- especially for juniors and seniors
- Guidance on and explanation of General Education and graduation requirements
- Exploration of academic majors, minors, and programs
See the Student Success Center page on the SUNY Potsdam Website for more information:
http://www.potsdam.edu/support/ssc/index.cfm
PETS FOR VETS & Strut Your Mutt 5K

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! You can also find out how you can participate in the 6th Annual Strut Your Mutt 5K on May 2nd. See their website or Facebook page for more details.

The Potsdam Humane Society
17 Madrid Ave., Potsdam, NY 13676
potsdamhumanesociety.org ~ Facebook: Potsdam Humane Society

Kanga Needs a Home!

“Potsdam Humane Society seeks a home for Kanga, the shelter’s longest resident.

Clarkson sophomore, Leanna Hooper, who may be seen riding her bike around Potsdam with Kanga in tow, has fostered the puppy. Kanga is a 3-year-old pitbull-boxer mix who was adopted as a puppy and somehow became a stray. A very thin Kanga was picked up by Potsdam animal control officers and returned to the shelter.

Hooper, a volunteer at the shelter, took a special interest in Kanga and wanted to help her get her “break” and volunteered to foster her in a home environment and Kanga has thrived to become a healthy happy canine.

Kanga has learned a lot in foster care and is now house broken, knows simple commands and is good on leash, according to the Potsdam Humane Society.

Call 265-3199 for a meet and greet soon as her foster care will end with Clarkson’s semester.”

~story from northcountrynow.com~
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)
Military/Veteran Services Office
Patrick Massaro- Coordinator
Student Success Center
128C Sisson Hall SUNY Potsdam Potsdam, NY 13676

Office hours:  
Thurs/Fri: 8am-4pm

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(315) 267-3398

EMAIL:  
massarps@potsdam.edu

Points of Contact on Campus

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

Accommodative Services: Sharon House, Coordinator
E-mail: housese@potsdam.edu, Phone: (315) 267- 3267
TTY: (315) 267-2071 Office: 111 Sisson Hall

Counseling Center: Gena Nelson, Director
E-mail: counseling@potsdam.edu, Phone: (315)-267- 2330
Office: 131 Van Housen Hall

Registrar’s Office: Ellie Hayes, Staff
E-mail: hayeset@potsdam.edu, Phone: (315) 267- 3102
Office: Raymond Hall, 3rd Floor

Academic Support Office: Tim Morse, Coordinator
E-mail: aso@potsdam.edu, Phone: (315) 267- 3447
Office: 110 Sisson Hall

Student Accounts: Alicia Flynn, Senior Staff Assistant
E-mail: studentaccounts@potsdam.edu, Phone: (315) 267- 2137
Office: Raymond Hall: 4th Floor

Student and Family Transitions: Louise Tyo, Director
E-mail: tyola@potsdam.edu, Phone: (315) 267- 2735
Office: 128 Sisson Hall

Career Planning: Karen Ham, Director
E-mail: hamkl@potsdam.edu Phone: (315) 267- 2339
Office: 206 Sisson Hall

Watertown/Ft. Drum Programs:
Tom Fuhr, Director of Watertown Extension Center
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We’re on the Web!
See us at:
http://www.potsdam.edu/support/military/index.cfm