

# Veterans and Military Affairs

A Letter from Patrick, Military and Veteran Services Coordinator

Ladies and Gentlemen!

We hope you are having a productive and successful Spring 2014 semester. We wish you well in your preparations for finals! If you need anything please don't hesitate to call or stop by the office. As a reminder, if you haven't done so already, please submit your **Veteran's Certification Request Form** for the Summer and Fall semesters as soon as possible. You can print out a copy from the website, <http://www.potsdam.edu/support/military/index.cfm>, or stop by the Student Success Center where our office is located, and fill one out.

**IF YOU ARE GRADUATING THIS SPRING OR THIS SUMMER:** Congratulations! My office and SUNY Potsdam would like to recognize you for your service to our country during the graduation ceremonies. This will be accomplished by providing you with a Red/White/Blue cord that may be worn during the ceremonies. If you don't plan to walk at graduation but would still like to receive this honor, please provide us with the mailing address you'd like your cord sent to. We hope you all are enjoying this warm Spring weather!

## ROTC Competes for "Treats for Troops"

Cadets from SUNY Potsdam's Air Force ROTC and Army ROTC recently competed in a friendly candy bar collection competition as part of the Military/ Veteran Student Services Office's "Treats for Troops." Their competition was to see who could collect the most candy bars in two weeks. With support from members of SUNY Potsdam's students, faculty, staff, and Operation Military Support club, "Treats for Troops" collected over 800 candy bars. "Treats for Troops" was conducted in order to support the much bigger "Sweets for Soldiers" candy bar drive. "Sweets for Soldiers" was started two

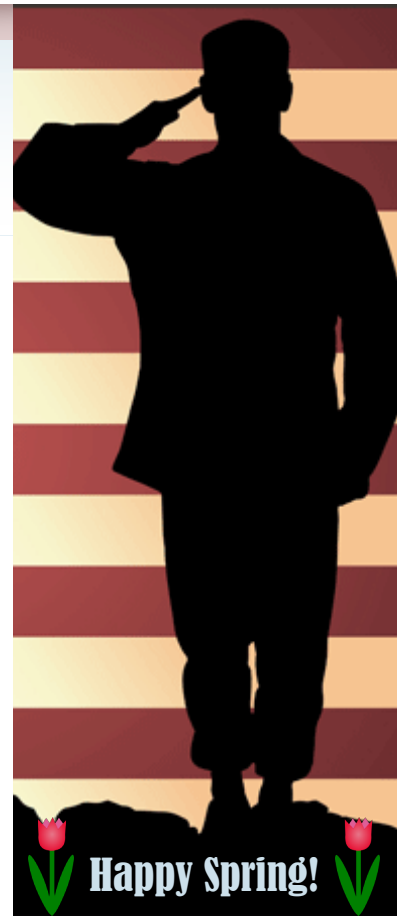
years ago by Mary Activities Committee #2074. With incredible support from the North Central District Lodges, other state lodges, "Sweets for Soldiers" returns home returning soldiers them did not have any of "Sweets for Soldier receives a candy the plane at Fort



Students Crystal Shauger, Mikaela Foster, and Joe Locci say "Thanks" to our deployed service members.

drive will allow soldiers to have multiple candy bars to eat and share with their families when they return home from deployment this summer. Where as last year the total count collected was 7,501 candy bars, (more than doubling the goal of 3,500 bars); this year the grand total is 18,272 candy bars! And they even received 252 boxes of Girl Scout cookies! "Treats for Troops" looks forward to participating again next year.

Charleston, the Chair of Youth at the Potsdam Elk Lodge, and the local community, collects candy bars for soldiers from deployments. Many crave chocolate since most of during deployment. Because bar shortly after they get off Drum. This year's candy bar



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### Did you know...

- On April 4, 1949, the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) was created.
- On April 6, 1917, the U.S. entered World War I.
- On April 18, 1775, the Midnight Ride of Paul Revere and William Dawes occurred.

### Tutoring Information:

Apply for a **GROUP TUTOR** online! HURRY! Your last chance for the semester is fast approaching.

- [www.potsdam.edu/Support/Advisingsupport/support/tutor](http://www.potsdam.edu/Support/Advisingsupport/support/tutor)
- Click on "Request a Tutor"
- NOTE: Minimum of THREE students to apply.

One-on-One Tutoring is no longer available for this semester.

-<http://www.potsdam.edu/support/tutoring/index.cfm>

## North Country Veteran's Appreciation Day

**Have you ever served any time in the military?**

**Do you want to?**

**Are you a veteran?**

**A Military Retiree?**

**A Caregiver?**

**A Wounded Warrior?**

**Do you have ANY affiliation with the armed forces?**

**Do you support our troops, veterans, and wounded service members?**

**If so this event is for you!!!!**

**When: Saturday, August 9, 2014  
12:00pm to 4:30pm**

**Where: Cheel Campus Center,  
Clarkson University**

Mike Boprey, Director of St. Lawrence County Veterans Service Department and Clarkson University would like to invite you to the North Country Veteran's Appreciation Day so that the community can show its appreciation for the service you are currently giving, gave, or are about to give to our great nation.

-Registration begins at 11:30am and continues throughout the day.

-Opening ceremony begins at 12:00pm.

-There will be entertainment, vendors, and food available!

Have questions about this event? Contact North Country Veterans Committee through the website shown below.

**To register:** go to <http://www.northcountryveterans.com/> and click the "register now" button on the right side of the webpage.

## Canton Baseball Military Appreciation Day



SUNY Canton Kangaroos

VS



Alfred State Pioneers

**Sunday, April 27**  
**SUNY Canton Baseball Field**  
**Game time: 12:00 pm**

**Attention Veterans:** As a sign of our sincere appreciation, we would like to recognize you prior to the start of our game. If you would like to attend this event please contact: Tina Flanagan at 386-7555 or email [flanagant@canton.edu](mailto:flanagant@canton.edu)

**Senior Day:** The Baseball Team's Senior Athletes will also be receiving recognition during this game.



### PETS FOR VETS: Adopt a pet for free!

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, pet availability, or to sponsor a pet for a vet!

The Potsdam Humane Society is located at 17 Madrid Ave., Potsdam, NY 13676

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

### Spring 2014 Important Dates

**Last Day of Classes:**  
Friday, May 9

**Academic Preparation:**  
Sat. & Sun., May 10&11

**Final Examinations:**  
Mon.-Fri., May 12-16

**Undergraduate Honors Convocation:**  
Saturday, May 17

**SUNY Potsdam Master's Commencement:**  
Saturday, May 17

**SUNY Potsdam Bachelor's Commencement:**  
Sunday, May 18

**Final Grades Due:**  
Wed., May 21 (10 a.m.)

### **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](http://www.bnymellon.com/military)

# Summer Session!

**DID YOU KNOW?  
IN SUMMER SESSION, YOU CAN...**



- Complete courses required for your degree
- Fulfill your General Education requirements
- Take an elective course not offered during the academic year
- Study Abroad
- Study Online
- Complete an Academic Internship

**REGISTRATION BEGAN MARCH 26– SO ACT FAST!**

**SESSION 1 BEGINS MAY 22.**

**-If you have any questions, stop by the Office of Extended Education, 206 Raymond Hall; email at [exted@potdam.edu](mailto:exted@potdam.edu); call 315-267-2166.**

**-Go to [www.potsdam.edu/summer](http://www.potsdam.edu/summer) for course listings.**

**-Please also refer to the website for possible changes in meeting dates and times of new course offerings.**

**Check out the special  
summer programs!**



## VETERANS GET FREE PARKING!

And other benefits too!

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 128C.

**Possible credit for military training and experience:** In order to have your military transcripts evaluated, please utilize the Joint Service Transcript website (<https://jst.doded.mil/>) and have your military transcript sent to SUNY Potsdam Admissions office.



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

## 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>



### Hair out of Regs?

Stop by the Student Success Center and pick up a Military Discount Card to Smart Syle Family Hair Salon!

-Present the card with your military I.D. and you'll receive 10% off all products and services!

## Veterans Crisis Line:

Confidential help for Veterans and their families.

Call: 1-800-273-8255

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Or go to:

VeteransCrisisLine.net

## VetCenter Information

**Do you know about the VetCenter options near Potsdam?**

**Note: The Canton option has been switched to Ogdensburg.**

**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)

## 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

## Points of Contact on Campus

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

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

Counseling Center:  
Gena Nelson  
E-mail: counsel-  
ing@potdams.edu  
Phone: (315)-267-2330  
Office: 131 Van Housen Hall

Registrar's Office  
Ellie Hayes  
VA Certifying Official  
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set@potdams.edu  
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Office: Raymond Hall, 3rd Floor

Academic Support Office  
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massarps@potdams.edu

**We're on the Web!**  
*See us at:*  
[http://www.potsdam.edu/  
support/military/index.cfm](http://www.potsdam.edu/support/military/index.cfm)

**VA Work Study Student's hours:**  
M-F: 9am-1pm