A Note from Patrick, Military and Veteran Services Coordinator:

Ladies and Gentlemen,

I hope you had a productive and successful semester. If you haven’t already done so, please fill out your Certification Request Form as soon as possible and turn it into me or my work-study students, or place it in my mailbox in Sisson 128.

From all of us in the Military/Veteran Student Services office, we hope you have a joyful holiday and we will see you next semester. (If you are not returning, good luck with your future endeavors!)

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
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315.267.3328

Dec. 9, 1809 – William Barret Travis, Commander of the Texas troops at the battle of the Alamo, was born.

Dec. 17, 1903 – Near Kitty Hawk, North Carolina, Orville and Wilbur Wright make the first successful flight in history of a self-propelled, heavier-than-air aircraft.

Dec. 25, 1896 – “Stars & Stripes Forever” was written by John Philip Sousa.

Info from: http://thisdayinussmilhist.wordpress.com
Military Appreciation Night

The second annual Military Appreciation Night Hockey Game was held on November 21, at the Maxcy Hall Arena. The SUNY Potsdam Men’s Hockey team played and beat SUNY Canton’s Kangaroos 4-2. The Bears wore camouflage jerseys to honor America’s servicemembers and veterans. In a pregame ceremony, SUNY Potsdam graduate student Mikaela Foster, veteran of the U.S. Marine Corps, and a SUNY Canton USMC veteran, Thomas Sanford, dropped pucks. ROTC Cadet and Crane School of Music student Aaron Smith sang the contest’s National Anthem. The game was cheered on by an enthusiastic crowd, including many members of the ROTC Golden Knight Battalion, who were in attendance. From the Military and Veteran Student Services Office, we’d like to send out a special thank you to everyone who came out and supported this event.

Buy a Christmas Tree to Support Veterans

CNY Veteran’s Outreach Center is selling locally grown Christmas Trees, donated by a generous local Christmas tree-farm, for $30! All proceeds will go toward providing meals this Christmas for veterans and their families.

If you’d like to purchase a tree or donate funds for the Christmas meals, contact the CNY Veteran’s Outreach Center. For more information about the CNY Veteran’s Outreach Center, check out their website at cnyvoc.org.

CNY Veteran’s Outreach Center
726 Washington St.
Utica, NY 13502

315-765-0975
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!

Bubba-Chubba still needs a home!

"Potsdam Humane Society is seeking a home for a long time resident. Bubba Chubba, a 3 year old pit mix, has been in the shelter over a year and a half. In March 2013, Bubba, abandoned, tied to a porch with no food or water, was rescued by a local dog control officer. He is 80 pounds of muscle, but thinks he is a miniature poodle! Very sweet and loving, he considers himself a lap dog, and does not know his own size. Due to his extended shelter stay, he is very excited when someone visits his kennel, which can turn people from considering him. Bubba chubba needs a good foster home where he will be the only pet, and where he can run off all the pent up energy he has stored!

Once a foster-to-adopt situation is in place for him, a local dog trainer has offered two sessions of teaching Bubba his doggy manners. Maureen Ring, a PHS volunteer dog trainer, says she cannot work with this nice boy, until the energy level has been reduced, but recognizes what a great dog he will be, given the chance. Bubba Chubba wants a patient young person who likes to run and play, and has the will to transform Bubba into the docile family member he can become. If you are that person, or know of someone looking for a great dog, please call the shelter at 315-265-3199. Bubba’s adoption has been sponsored, so he is free to an approved adopter. All anyone would have to add is time, patience and love.

PHS has had some similar long term residents who have found wonderful homes. In a trusted loving environment, many of their undesirable traits disappear. So it was with Baron von Willie. After more than 600 days with PHS, Gabe took Willie to his home in Massena and can’t think of life without him. Let’s see if we can we do the same for Bubba.....it’s his time!

Potsdam Humane Society is a no kill facility where no animal will lose its life because of lack of space or out our mission. Make time for Bubba to find his special loving forever home.”

~quoted from www.potsdamhumanesociety.org~

The Potsdam Humane Society
17 Madrid Ave., Potsdam, NY 13676
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!

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 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/

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
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)
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, 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: housed@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  
Extended Education E-mail: fuhrtw@potsdam.edu Phone: (315) 267- 3089  
Office: 208 Raymond Hall