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### Special points of interest:

- SALUTE Veterans Honor Society Information
- Points of Contact
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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 weekday. 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](http://www.potsdam.edu/exted)) or call (315) 267-2166.

### A Letter from Louise, Director of Student and Family Transitions



Dear Veterans,

Happy Fall Semester! As we move into our sixth week of the 2011-2012 academic year, I hope you all are settling into life on campus and keeping up with your academics. I wanted to extend a special welcome to all new students who are veterans who have recently left active service to begin this new adventure in earning your college degree. Another special welcome goes out to students who are family members of our veterans and who are receiving of the G.I. Bill benefit.

#### Did you know...

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

As Director of Student and Family Transitions, which is housed in our Student Success Center in Sisson Hall 128, I oversee the first-year and transfer orientation programs, our First Year Success Seminar and our Bear Bus Program. Additionally, I am faculty advisor to our Adult Learner's Association and a member of our Military/Veteran Task Force. Being a member of the Military/Veteran's Task Force allows me the opportunity to be a liaison between you and our college. I encourage you to take a look at our website and contact me if you have any additional questions regarding your college experience here at SUNY Potsdam.

The link to our website is: <http://www.potsdam.edu/support/adultlearners/veteraneducation/index.cfm>

Lastly, I want to extend a warm invitation out to all our student's connected to the military to attend our annual author's visit. This year's author is Caption Rye Barcott who served five years in the Marines. See the announcement below for more details and I hope I get the chance to meet you in person at this special event and don't forget to stop by and pick up a free copy of his book at my office.

Here's wishing you success this fall 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.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact Susan Goodreau at [godrease@potsdam.edu](mailto:godrease@potsdam.edu)

### Common Reader Free Book for all Military Students and Family members

"It Happened on the Way to War, A Marine's Path to Peace"

by Rye Barcott  
-A free book is available to all VETERANS or students who are family members of our military. Stop in 128 Sission Hall with Student I.D to pick up your book!

-Rye Barcott will be giving a free campus-wide presentation followed by a

book signing, on Wednesday, October 12, 2011 at 7:00 pm in Hosmer Hall.





## Fall 2011 Important Dates

-Fall Recess:  
October 8-11

-Thanksgiving Recess:  
November 23- 27

-Final Exams:  
December 12- 16

-You can withdraw from a full term class or choose the S/U option until Tuesday, October 25 (at the Registrar's Office).

Add/drop deadlines for courses that are scheduled for only part of a semester, or for shortened terms such as Winterim and Summer session, are adjusted depending on their length. The deadline for withdrawing or choosing the S/U option for such classes is the midpoint of the course.

Have you Heard Yet??

The State University of New York at Potsdam is...

**GOING**

**GREEN!!!!**

*-You will no longer receive a paper refund check*

*-We are using reusable lunch boxes and coffee mugs*

*-School officials are pushing bike riding and alternative travel*

*-What are you doing to help Potsdam GO GREEN?*

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 Ctr.

Academic Services

Sisson Hall 128

Graduate students-

Contact the Graduate Studies Office

Satterlee Hall 115

## Regional Veteran's Clinics Information

*"The Army taught  
you war,*

*We teach you  
peace"*

Did you know about the  
Two Clinic's in the Pots-  
dam Area?

**Veteran's clinic in Canton:**

2nd and 4th Wednesday  
of the month in the De-  
partment for Social Ser-  
vices Building.

**Veteran's Clinic in Pots-**

**dam:** --Every Tuesday at  
9:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. in  
the basement of the Public  
Library room #2.

-They accept drop in's or  
call for appointment. They  
offer to see any Army Vet-  
eran or Combat Veteran's.  
Other services being of-  
fered are health services,  
counseling, and bereave-  
ment.

-Counseling for Post Trau-  
matic Stress Disorder is  
also available, Veteran's  
receive life time benefits.  
Lastly they participate in  
the following programs,  
Homeless Veteran's pro-  
gram, Emergency Loans  
program, and a voucher  
for rent program.

### Contact:

Dave LoRusso MS, LMHC  
Watertown Vet Center  
210 Court Street Suite 20  
Watertown, NY 13601  
Readjustment Counselor  
315-530-3475  
David.Lorusso@va.gov

## 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  
E-mail: tyola@potsteam.edu  
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: finaidd@potsteam.edu  
Phone: (315) 267-2162  
Office: Raymond Hall, 3rd Floor

### Registrar's Office

Ellie Hayes  
VA Certifying Official  
E-mail: hayeset@potsteam.edu  
Phone: (315) 267-3102  
Office: Raymond Hall, 3rd Floor

### Career Planning:

Karen Ham  
E-mail: hamkl@potsteam.edu  
Phone: (315) 267-2339  
Office: 206 Sisson Hall

### Accommodative Services:

Sharon House  
E-mail: housesese@potsteam.edu  
Phone: (315) 267-3267  
TTY: (315) 267-2071  
Office: 111 Sisson Hall

### Academic Support Office

Sarah Elliot  
E-mail: aso@potsteam.edu  
Phone: (315) 267-3447  
Office: 102 Sisson Hall

### Student and Family Transitions

Louise Tyo  
E-mail: tyola@potsteam.edu  
Phone: (315) 267-2735  
Office: 128 Sisson Hall

### Counseling Center:

Jeffrey Lazovik  
E-mail: counseling@potsteam.edu  
Phone: (315)-267-2330  
Office: 131 Van Housen Hall

### Student Accounts:

Alicia Flynn  
E-mail: student-accounts@potsteam.edu  
Phone: (315) 267-2137  
Office: Raymond Hall: 4th Floor

### Watertown/Ft. Drum Programs:

Tom Fuhr  
Extended Education  
E-mail: fuhrtw@potsteam.edu  
Phone: (315) 267-3089  
Office: 208 Raymond Hall

Do you have a story you want to share?

Need encouragement as a Veteran on our college campus?

Have an idea for the newsletter?

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