

Veteran and Military Affairs Newsletter

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Did you know...

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

A Letter from Patrick, Military & Veterans Student Services Coordinator

I hope you all have had a great semester and are looking forward to some well-deserved vacation time.

There have been a few changes since your classes began in the Fall. First, Ellie Hayes in the Registrar's office has relinquished all Veterans Affairs related responsibilities. Ellie spent a number of years certifying veterans educational benefits and helping all of you to reach your educational goals. With Ellie's new job description that function has been transferred entirely to me, so if you have any questions about or changes to your enrollment notify me ASAP to ensure that I can keep the VA up to date.

I'm currently working with the VA to establish two veteran work study positions on campus for the upcoming academic year. These positions would be authorized to work 1300 hours at \$7.00 (tax free) to assist me, in organizing Veteran activities on campus, maintaining veteran files, responding to questions from perspective students, and other veteran related work as required. I'm hoping to receive final approval for these positions by early January. Once I receive this approval I will send out another mass e-mail to alert you to the positions as well as solicit any applications. If you are interested in this opportunity and would



like to learn more please follow this link (http://www.gibill.va.gov/resources/education_resources/programs/work_study_program.html).

For those of you who have not completed your certification request forms for either the Winter or Spring Semesters, please do so as soon as possible and for those who have graduated and I have not yet removed from the Vet list, congratulations and please send me an e-mail letting me know to remove you from the list.

Happy Holidays and Happy New Year!

SUNY Potsdam Provides Fee Waivers for Eligible Veteran Students

- Parking (Must have an honorable discharge)
- Recreational Facilities Fee (Must have an honorable discharge)

In order to be eligible for these fee waivers a veteran student must have received an honorable discharge from their respective branch of military service. In order to receive a parking fee waiver you must present the University Police Office with a copy of your DD-214 showing your honorable discharge. Please submit a copy of your Certificate of Eligibility and DD-214 to my office in order to receive the Recreational Facilities Fee waiver. If you have any questions about this process please let me know.

2013 North Country Veterans Appreciation Day & Town Hall Meeting

Clarkson University's campus
In the new Student Center
Saturday, January 5, 2013

Veterans Crisis Line:

Confidential help for
Veterans and their families.

Call: 1-800-273-8255
press 1

or go to
VeteransCrisisLine.net

The goal of this event is to meet a wide spectrum of needs for the region's veterans, wounded warriors, active duty service members, National Guard and Reserve units, retirees, gray area retirees, family members, caregivers, survivors, and future service members. In

addition, this event will consist of three individual town meetings to focus on healthcare, education opportunities, and overall benefits and claims. There will be local, state, and federal representatives in attendance to answer your questions and hear your

concerns.

In addition, as a way to truly appreciate and recognize your service, Clarkson University and St. Lawrence University are offering free hockey tickets to their games that evening to our military members and a guest.

More information about this year's event can be found on our website at:

<http://www.northcountryveterans.com/>

To go directly to the registration page, please visit

<http://northcountryveterans.eventbrite.com/?ref=ecount#>

2013 Disney Promotional Tickets

\$156 Four Day Ticket with
Park Hopper Option

Valid until September 28th,
2013

For more information visit:
<http://www.shadesofgreen.org/4DAY2011.htm>

Regional Veteran's Clinics Information

Did you know about the Two Clinic's in the Potsdam Area?

**Veteran's clinic in
Canton:**
2nd and 4th Wednesday of
the month in the
Department for Social
Services building.

**Veteran's Clinic in
Potsdam:**
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 an appointment.
They offer to see any
Army Veteran or Combat
Veteran's. Other services
being offered are health
services, counseling, and
bereavement.

-Counseling for Post-
Traumatic Stress Disorder
is also available.
Veteran's receive life time
benefits.

-Lastly they participate in the
following programs:
Homeless Veteran's
program, Emergency Loans
program, and a Voucher for
Rent program.

Contact:

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Watertown Vet Center
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Important Dates to Remember for Spring 2013

January 21, 2013 Spring Classes begin Martin Luther King Jr. Day	March 25-29, 2013 Spring Break	May 10, 2013 Last Day of Classes
January 25, 2013 Last Day to add/drop classes	March 31, 2013 Easter	May 13-17, 2013 Final Exams
February 18-19, 2013 February Recess	April 16-19, 2013 Registration for Fall 2013 begins for Graduate Students, Seniors, Juniors, and Sophomores	May 18, 2013 Commencement for Grad Students
March 19, 2013 Last Day to Withdraw/Elect S/U	April 23-24, 2013 Registration for Fall 2013 for Freshman	May 19, 2013 Commencement for Undergrads
March 21, 2013 Advising Begins		May 22, 2013 Final Grades are Due by 10 am

Fall 2013 Registration Dates

- The Schedule of Classes will be available online on Thursday, March 21! Go to "Class Search" on BearPAWS or check out the "Class Schedule by Department" for an overall view.
- Make an appointment: Advising begins March 21.
- Log on to the Registrar's website at www.potsdam.edu/offices/registrar and click on "Registration" for step by step instructions and information.
- Registration dates: Graduate Students: April 16, Seniors: April 17, Juniors: April 18, Sophomores: April 19, Freshmen: April 18-19. You may register on the web anytime after your beginning registration time, and may continue to add courses until midnight, August 25.
- Questions? If you have questions, please contact the Registrar's Office, at 267-2154, or the Academic Advising Office, at 267-2339.

Late/Emergency Withdrawals and 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
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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 five 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 or call (315) 267- 2166.

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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:

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We're on the Web!

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

Points of Contact on Campus

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