Greetings and welcome to this the April 2014 edition of Front Lines, the unofficial newsletter of Cuyahoga Community College’s Veteran Services & Programs. Here’s a very full look at what’s happening…

NEW Payment Deadlines at Cuyahoga Community College (Tri-C®)

Tri-C’s new tuition payment deadline and financial aid completion date for Fall Semester 2014 is July 1.

By July 1, students must go onto my Tri-C® space or visit any campus Enrollment Center to:

• Make a payment in full
OR
• Complete the financial aid application (FAFSA at http://www.fafsa.gov) and submit all requested documentation to the Office of Student Financial Aid and Scholarships
OR
• Set up an appropriate payment plan*

Don’t let a failure to pay cause a delay. Ensure that you get the courses you want to help you with your academic progress. If you miss the deadline, you will be withdrawn from all courses for non-payment.

Students who register or re-register after July 1 are required to make payment at the time of registration.

This applies to classes for credit only.

Tuition payment deadline dates:
Fall Semester 2014 - July 1, 2014
Spring Semester 2015 - Dec. 1, 2014

For more information, visit www.tri-c.edu/tuition or call 1-800-954-8742

*Now for fall, there is no fee for the 3 payment installment plan.

Summer 2014 Registration... More: It’s hard to believe but registration for Summer Session 2014 is underway. For those of you planning on attending classes during Summer Session 2014, now is the time to begin getting things in order
particularly if you plan on using the GI Bill. The earlier you register, the earlier your paperwork gets to the VA, and the
better chance you have that your GI Bill checks arrive in time to avoid being dropped from classes. Check-in with your
respective Veterans Campus GI Bill Certifiers will be able to assist you if needed. Here’s the contact information:

WEST, WEST SHORE & BRUNSWICK Campuses: **Damian Thorkelson**. His office is located in WSS G220 in the
Admissions and Registration Office. Damian's direct line is 216-987-5203.

METRO Campus: **Della Hilbert**. Her office MSS G23 is located in the basement of the Student Services Building down
the hall from the Business Office. Della’s direct line is 216-987-4164.

EAST Campus: **Evelyn Anderson**. Evelyn is located in ESS 1101 B. Her direct line is 216-987-2015.

In all cases, it is recommended to call first to schedule an appointment with the Certifier/Coordinator at your campus.

**Veterans Upward Bound – Summer 2014:** Attention Veterans….

- Do you have fewer than 30 credit hours?
- Still taking remedial math and English?
- Never been through Veterans Upward Bound?
- Not taking classes this summer?

If you answered “yes” to all of these questions, consider enrolling in Tri-C’s Veterans Upward Bound program this
summer. Veterans Upward Bound is a FREE academic refresher program, designed to provide academic support to help
you succeed in college. Our next session begins May 27, meets on Tuesdays and Thursdays at the Metro campus, and
lasts through July 3 – allowing you to sign up for Tri-C’s 2nd 5 week summer session. Can’t make those days? Ask about
our Individual Study Plan option! Veterans Upward Bound provides tutoring services as well. Call 216-987-4938 for more
information!

**Interested in maintaining full time enrollment at Tri-C over the summer?:** For those who wish to maintain full time
enrollment at Tri-C over the summer, it is important to know what “full time” means! There are 4 different sessions that
students can choose from, based on course availability and the student’s schedule.

1) The Full Term is 10 weeks, and runs from May 27-August 3.
   **Full time for the full 10 week term is 7 credit hours.**
2) Session J is 5 weeks, and runs from May 27-June 29. Session K is also 5 weeks, and run from June 30 to
   August 3.
   **Full time for the 5 week terms is 4 credit hours.**
3) Session L is 8 weeks, and runs from June 9-August 3.
   **Full time for the 8 week term is 6 credit hours.**

Each session completes the same material as a traditional 16 week semester, in a condensed amount of time. This is
why it appears as though you can take fewer credit hours to maintain full time, but remember: the pace is accelerated!
Please be sure you work closely with your academic counselor and your certifying official to ensure you are enrolled in
courses within your major.

**Become a Member of the New Veteran’s Today Club at TRI-C!**

The **Veteran’s Today** Club is intended to foster a sense of community and provide an opportunity for men and women to
learn and demonstrate leadership skills. Membership is open to all enrolled veterans at TRI-C.

**Purpose:**

- Help veterans transition and adapt to academic life;
- Assist veterans and their families in securing veteran related benefits and community support services;
- Provide on-campus peer-support and formal mentoring;
- Provide an opportunity to develop and demonstrate leadership skills;
- Engage in fund raising activities to support the purposes of the Club;
- Provide activities and events where veterans can develop a learning community to achieve their educational and
career goals, and
• Provide a forum for faculty, staff, and administration to foster a better understanding of the educational needs of student veterans

Call Mr. Duane Evans Jr. at 216-987-3406 if you are interested in becoming a member.

Veterans Benefits Resource Fair: A Veterans Expo – Benefits and Resource Fair will be held Thursday, April 24 from 10:00 am – 2:00 pm at the Cleveland State University – Student Center Atrium. Learn about VA benefits and community resources for both you and your families. The event is FREE. For additional information please call (216) 875-9942.

Bring your DD214 to this event and enroll for VA Healthcare…

Finally…

Please mark your calendar and forward to your friends and contacts. Thanks

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12th ANNUAL
RALLY FOR TROOPS
SUNDAY, April 27, 2014
CLEVELAND PUBLIC SQUARE-SW Quadrant
11:00 AM to 12:00 NOON

The RALLY FOR TROOPS is open to the PUBLIC and is held in the South West quadrant of Cleveland’s Public Square (directly in front of Terminal Tower). MONICA ROBINS of WKYC will be the Master of Ceremonies and sing the National Anthem. The Rally is a tribute to honor Ohio’s Fallen Hero’s, all veterans and their families for their many sacrifices. As in past years the Rally will conclude with a reading of all of the names of Ohio's Fallen Heroes from Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom. FREE parking in Horseshoe Casino parking lot at W.3rd and Superior and Tower City Parking lots. The RALLY will take place regardless of the weather so please dress accordingly as it is outdoors and will last approximately one hour.

As in past years, one of the highlights of the Rally is the arrival of several thousand of motorcyclists riding into Public Square beginning around 10:00 AM from various Harley-Davidson dealerships in North East Ohio. Participating dealerships include Rock and Roll City Harley-Davidson(Cleveland); Lake Erie Harley-Davidson(Avon); South East Harley-Davidson(Bedford Heights); Western Reserve Harley-Davidson (Mentor); Century Harley-Davidson(Medina); Adventure Harley-Davidson(Dover); Carlton Harley Davidson(Mantua); Mad River Harley-Davidson(Sandusky) and Rubber City Harley-Davidson(Akron). Most of the groups will begin to stage at 8:30 and depart at 9:30 AM but please check with each dealership for more details. In the event of bad weather, please come by car, as it's important to express our continuing support for the many sacrifices of our troops, veterans and the Gold Star families.

Rock and Roll City Harley-Davidson (Cleveland), located at 14550 Lorain Ave., will provide post “Rally” food and entertainment from 12:30 to 2:30 PM.

Every member of the Armed Forces is somebody's son or daughter, worthy of our respect, our pride, our devotion and our never ending streams of support, love and prayers.

Rally for Troops LLC Organizer: John “KIKS” Kikol call 440-263-8121 or kiksharley@aol.com

That's it for now… More as I get it…

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