

# FrontLines

## NEWSLETTER



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### A NOTE FROM THE DIRECTOR

As I write this, it is *cold!* Punxsutawney Phil has been out looking for his shadow, and yikes — he saw it! This is the time of year when we celebrate things like Groundhog Day to help us get through the worst of winter and remind us that spring is just around the bend.

I like Groundhog Day because it’s halfway between the start and end of winter. Once we pass Feb. 2, we know better weather is on its way ... eventually. Perspective is important. We can see how far we’ve come while also looking forward to the day when bulky coats, scarves and gloves can be put away.

College is a little like that, too. You’ve made it far enough into the term that you can see the knowledge you’ve gained — and in just a few more weeks, you’ll have another semester under your belt.

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As always, we are here to encourage you and help you across that finish line. Just give us a call!!

*Marjorie Morrison, Interim Executive Director, Veterans Initiative*

### VET RESOURCES

Subscribe to the weekly VA newsletter for information about resources available to veterans and their family members — including giveaways and freebies! Visit <https://www.va.gov/VetResources/> to sign up!



VetResources is a weekly newsletter for veterans, their families, caregivers and survivors. Have a resource to share? Use hashtag **#VetResources**

## TAX SEASON

Filing your taxes doesn't have to be stressful!

The Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program is here to help. Coordinators for all branches of the military are trained to address military-specific tax issues.

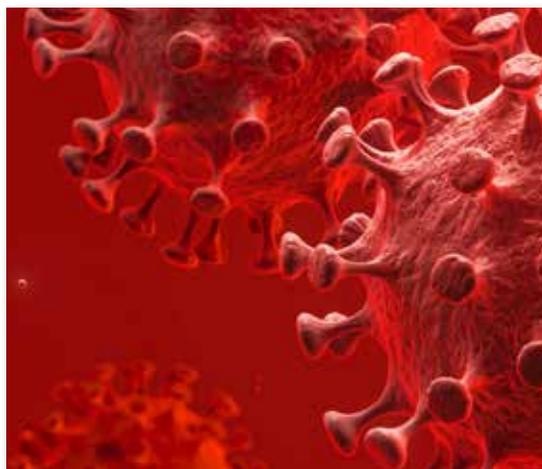
You can even get free tax consultation and preparation through VITA. Services are 100% free to veterans and their families, courtesy of the IRS.

Though many physical locations are closed, there are still chat, text, email and phone consultation options available, as well as free specialized software to assist with your tax filing.

[Click here to learn more about VITA.](#)

Interested in more IRS resources for veterans? Visit the [Information for Veterans page](#) on the IRS website.

## COVID-19 UPDATES



Did you know that Tri-C offers free testing through a partnership with Care Alliance Health Center? Anyone can get tested by Care Alliance at Tri-C's Metro Campus from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays or at a rotating Tri-C campus every Thursday from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

A government-issued ID (with name, address and photo), Social Security number and insurance card (if applicable) are required for testing.

**Metropolitan Campus** 2900 Community College Ave. | Cleveland, OH 44115

Testing takes place in the Lot 4 garage. (Enter off of Community College Avenue.)

- **Mondays and Wednesdays**  
Feb. 1 - April 28 | 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.
- **Thursdays**  
March 11 and April 8 | 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Visit [tri-c.edu/covidtest](https://tri-c.edu/covidtest) for the most up-to-date testing dates and information.

Need to visit campus? Most administrative staff are still working remotely, and almost all courses are still operating remotely. Visit the [Tri-C coronavirus webpage](#) for more information.

## ENGAGING WITH ENGLISH



Late last month and into this month, you may have read about some high-stakes stock market trading going on and run across complex terms such as "short selling."

If you're looking for a way to stretch your brain, I've got a quick writing and critical thinking prompt for you: ***Should all young people learn how to invest in the stock market?*** Should parents and students learn about investing? How can society

level the playing field so that young people can learn how to invest responsibly? Would you take a course on finance at Tri-C even if it wasn't required?

Do your own research to help you answer these questions, or [check out this New York Times Student Opinion piece.](#)

## GET INVOLVED!

Student veterans are invited to join the Veterans Today Club. Email [matthew.miller@tri-c.edu](mailto:matthew.miller@tri-c.edu) for more information.

Veteran or military-affiliated employees are invited to join the new veteran employee resource group. Email [alaina.foster@tri-c.edu](mailto:alaina.foster@tri-c.edu) for more information.



Veteran students and employees who wish to submit stories or photos for this newsletter can email them to [jeremy.wong@tri-c.edu](mailto:jeremy.wong@tri-c.edu) for consideration. All submissions are subject to approval by the College prior to publication.



Visit our website at [tri-c.edu/veterans](http://tri-c.edu/veterans)



## VETERAN HISTORY AND BLACK HISTORY MONTH

You might be aware of famously segregated units in American military history, such as the Tuskegee Airmen, the 761st Tank Battalion or the “Black Panthers.” But did you know that African Americans’ military history dates back to the earliest days of the United States?

African Americans — slaves as well as freedmen — served on both sides of the Revolutionary War. All-Black units were formed in Rhode Island and Massachusetts, and African Americans fought in guerilla units across the American south.

Ohio played a significant role in African American military history, too, with Black sailors making up more than 25% of all naval personnel in the Battle of Lake Erie. Large numbers of African Americans enlisted in the Navy after the Revolutionary War, as laws prohibiting their enlistment in the Army did not apply to other branches of service.



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*Sailor Cyrus Tiffany served in both the American Revolutionary War and the War of 1812. He is said to have saved Cmdr. Oliver Hazard Perry's life in 1813.*



*Let us know how we can help you achieve your academic goals!*

## THE VETERAN SERVICES TEAM IS HERE TO HELP!



Need assistance with enrollment, registration, financial aid or benefit information? Struggling with English or math? Looking for referrals to community services?

Let us know how we can help you achieve your academic goals! Call the Veteran Services remote phone line at 216-307-6385 or email a team member for assistance.

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Remember, if you receive orders to deploy, contact your campus representative for further direction.

## ONLINE RESOURCES

### ENROLLMENT SERVICES

#### Academic Counseling

- [Counseling Center Hours and Information](#)
- [e-Advising](#)
- [Schedule an Appointment](#)

#### Application for Admission: [Apply](#)

#### Assessment/Testing: [Testing Center Hours and Information](#)

#### College Credit Plus (CCP)

- [College Credit Plus Information](#)
- [CCP Student and Parent Checklist](#)

#### Financial Aid: [Student Financial Aid and Scholarships](#)

#### International Student Services: [International Student Information](#)

#### New Student Orientation

- [Information and FAQ](#)
- [Online Orientation](#)

#### Registration: [Register for Classes](#)

#### Student Accessibility Services: [Information and Resources](#)

#### Tuition Payments: [Pay Tuition](#)

### STUDENT SERVICES

#### Bookstore

- [Barnes & Noble Bookstore](#)
- [Find Textbooks](#)
- [Textbook Rentals](#)

#### Career Services

- [Career Services Information](#)
- [Student Career Services](#)
- [Schedule an Online Appointment](#)

#### Library

- [Library Information](#)
- [Staff Directory](#)
- [Access Your 'My Library' Account](#)

#### Psychological Counseling

- [Personal Counseling](#)
- [Help Is Here](#)

#### Technology Learning Centers: [Hours and Locations](#)

#### Transfer Centers

- [Transfer Center Information](#)
- [Schedule an Appointment](#)

#### Tutoring Services

- [Tutoring Information](#)
- [Smarthinking Online Tutoring](#)

#### Veteran Services: [Veteran Resources](#)

