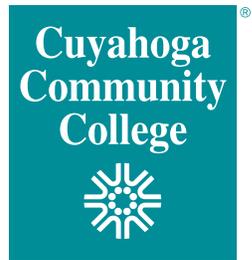


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## NEWSLETTER



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### LETTER FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

November has slipped into our lives so quickly this fall. October was just a blur, and here we are!

I hope you took the time to vote this Election Day. Regardless of your political stance or the outcome of the election, you can each take time to recognize that your service to our nation is a big part of what allows our country to be the democracy that it is. Our participation in this democracy keeps it alive and responsive.

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I thank each of you for your service, and I hope that you will feel the gratitude within the many forms of recognition for veterans this month.

Be kind to yourselves and take care.

*Marjorie Morrison, Interim Executive Director, Veteran Services Team*

### 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!

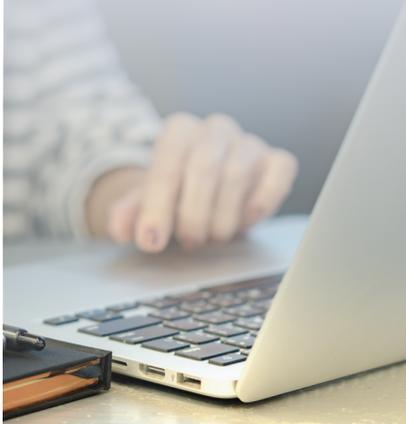


VetResources is a weekly newsletter for Veterans, their families, caregivers, and survivors. Have a resource to share? Post it on **#VetResources**

## SPRING CLASSES

Spring registration is open! Remember that the VA will only pay for courses that are part of your program sequence, though you may qualify for Full Tuition Assistance to cover the cost of any additional courses. Contact your campus rep or leave a message at 216-307-6385 for more information.

**You must submit certification documents every semester.** These documents take time to process, so be sure to get them in as early as possible.



## STUDENT SPOTLIGHT ★ ★ ★ ★ ★

### OLIVIA RODRIGUEZ, TRI-C'S STUDENT VETERAN OF THE YEAR 2020

*It is with great honor that we announce the recipient of Cuyahoga Community College's 2020 Student Veteran of the Year Award: Olivia Rodriguez.*



Olivia is an outstanding student, an active community member and a passionate individual driven to meet her goals and better the world.

Academically, Olivia is meticulous about her studies and exhibits organizational and time management skills that set her apart from her peers. While at Tri-C, she was a member of Phi Theta Kappa and the Honors Program, and she served as president of the Westshore Campus Environmental Club. She graduated from

Tri-C with a 3.49 GPA and is now currently enrolled at Loyola University.

Olivia is committed to serving and bettering her community. She is a combat medic in the U.S. Army Reserves. She has helped those in need as a nationally registered EMT, and she earned the Army Achievement Medal for leadership during training. As a Tri-C student, Olivia was able to expertly manage her time and juggle the responsibilities of the U.S. Army alongside a full-time course load, as well as employment in the Stomp Café on campus. As a student leader, she launched textbook and book recycling programs as well as beach and water cleanups. She won the People's Choice Award for her participation in the Cleveland Metamorphosis Project, and she participated in the Case Western Reserve University Social Justice Teach-In this past February.

Olivia's most recent on-campus job was a work-study position funded by Veterans Affairs. She is dedicated to serving her country, even beyond her current service in the U.S. Army Reserves, and seeks to one day hold government office, work within a government or corporate/NGO organization, or otherwise work to improve systems that help citizens access healthy food.

## EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT



### MICK MUÑOZ



Mick Muñoz joined the U.S. Marine Corps after graduating high school. He served from 1988-1992, including Operation Desert Shield, Desert Storm and Provide Comfort. Mick used the G.I. Bill® to attend Cuyahoga Community College, where he earned an Associate of Arts degree. He went on to earn a Bachelor of Arts degree from Baldwin Wallace University.

Mick can be found serving military affiliated students at Brunswick University Center (BUC) and Westshore Campus. He also serves as a mentor to Tri-C students who experienced foster care, belongs to the College's Hispanic Council, and is the Safe Zone coordinator for BUC.

## GET INVOLVED!

Student veterans at the Western Campus 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 [gary.bass@tri-c.edu](mailto:gary.bass@tri-c.edu) for consideration. All submissions are subject to approval by the College prior to publication.



## ARTICLES AND ITEMS OF INTEREST



- [National Salute to Veterans to Air on PBS on Veterans Day](#)
- [Veterans Day Deals and Freebies](#)
- [The Military Vote Could Determine the Next President — After Election Day](#)



## 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.

## MATH CORNER

By Gary Bass, VEAP Math Instructor

Maybe you've tried sudoku, where you have to get every row, column and box to use the numbers 1-9 only once. Here's yet another way to challenge your brain!

With cross math puzzles, you have to get each row and column correct by placing the correct numbers 1-9 in each box. Don't forget the order of operations — multiplication and division happen *before* addition and subtraction!

5	x		—		17
+		x		x	
	x	6	—		5
x		+		+	
	+		+	1	18
21		33		22	

Answer to last month's logic puzzle: A is odd, B is even, D is odd

## TRI-C'S VIRTUAL VETERANS DAY

This year, in lieu of our traditional campus commemorations for Veterans Day — and in accordance with current safety protocols — we will host a Collegewide virtual event featuring performances by Dominick Farinacci and a local Color Guard. The commemoration will also include contributions from Tri-C veteran employees. A link will be posted at [tri-c.edu/veterans](http://tri-c.edu/veterans) on Nov. 11, and the event will be available for viewing

throughout the rest of the month.



## VETERANS DAY DISCOUNTS

Those of you who stake out your favorite restaurant each Veterans Day may be in for a surprise this year, as many businesses have changed their deals due to the pandemic. These changes may mean the deals are virtual, may apply to takeout as opposed to dine-in only, or may be half-price instead of free. Use an internet search to see what businesses near you may be offering to thank you for your service.



## VETERANS DAY

By Jeremy Wong, VEAP Instructor

The 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month in 1918. The guns fell silent that day, putting an end to World War I.

Under President Woodrow Wilson, the United States had entered into a massive overseas mobilization, the likes of which had never before been attempted.

The Spanish Flu pandemic was still raging, but it was a time for celebration. Combat had ended, with the Entente powers victorious — thanks to the arrival of the United States.

One year later, President Wilson issued a message to his countrymen on the first Armistice Day, celebrating the solemn pride and heroism of those who had died in service of the nation. Armistice Day was celebrated on Nov. 11 of every year until 1954, when it was renamed Veterans Day. No apostrophe.

After all, this is not a day that belongs only to veterans. Unlike Memorial Day, this public holiday isn't just about thinking of the fallen. It celebrates the end of wartime. We acknowledge our gratitude for the sacrifices made by veterans and their families, as well as gratitude for the peace brought through their efforts.

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Honoring  
ALL WHO  
served

THANK YOU  
VETERANS



## VETERAN TRIVIA

Some of the highest grossing war movies, according to IMDB.com:

*American Sniper* (2014)  
\$350.13M

*Saving Private Ryan* (1998)  
\$216.54M

*Pearl Harbor* (2001)  
\$198.54M

*Dunkirk* (2017) \$188.37M

*Lincoln* (2012) \$182.21M

*1917* (2019) \$159.23M

*Platoon* (1986) \$138.53M

*Lone Survivor* (2013) \$125.10M

*Good Morning, Vietnam* (1987)  
\$123.92M

*Black Hawk Down* (2001)  
\$108.64M

