

VETERANS INITIATIVE

WELCOME HOME

“TRI-C IS STEPPING UP TO THE
RESPONSIBILITY
THAT ALL OF US HAVE TO
HELP VETERANS”

General Colin L. Powell, USA (Ret.)
U.S. Secretary of State (2001 - 2005)
Tri-C Foundation Presidential
Scholarship Luncheon November, 2007



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Where futures begin™



For half a century,

Cuyahoga Community College (Tri-C®) has sought to meet the educational needs of veterans of our nation's armed services. The community college movement in the United States was spurred by the G.I. Bill of 1944, which sought to expand the educational attainment of returning service members.

Today, as more veterans return from operations in the Middle East and Asia, the need is greater than ever for workforce-ready programs to help the transition from military to civilian life. The affordable, high-quality education available at Tri-C will continue to be a wise choice for the increasing population of veterans in Northeast Ohio.

To date, more than 30,000 veterans have been served. Many of them have benefited from the College's Veterans Upward Bound program. Through the College's Veterans Initiative, Tri-C continues its commitment to enhance its outreach to veterans and their families and to customize its support services to provide for those who have served so proudly. We also offer scholarship support to make a Tri-C education even more attainable.

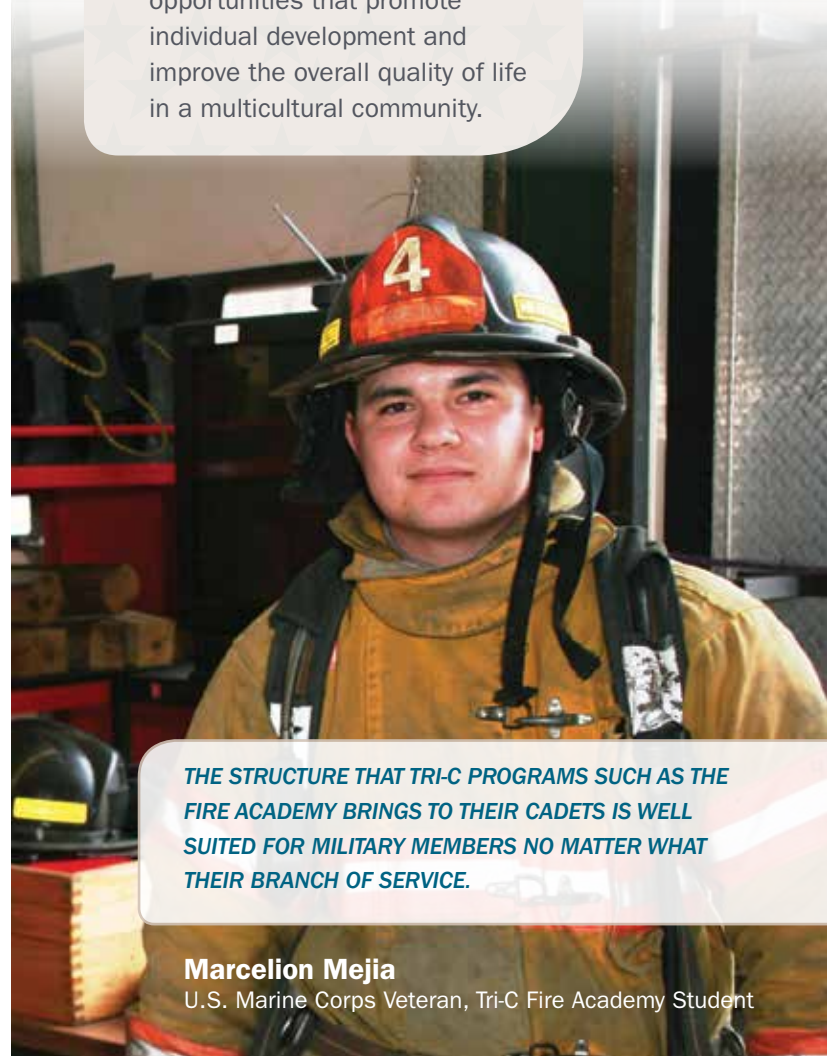
Whether you are a discharged veteran, on active duty or a member of the Guard or Reserve, you and your family are welcome at Cuyahoga Community College. We honor your service, and we trust that you will also find Tri-C to be the place **Where futures beginSM.**

Sincerely,

Alex Johnson,
President, Cuyahoga Community College

“MISSION READY”

Veterans and military families are an asset to the economy of Northeast Ohio, and Tri-C offers a range of programs and services to assist with changing workforce demands. Our mission is to provide high quality, accessible, and affordable educational opportunities that promote individual development and improve the overall quality of life in a multicultural community.



THE STRUCTURE THAT TRI-C PROGRAMS SUCH AS THE FIRE ACADEMY BRINGS TO THEIR CADETS IS WELL SUITED FOR MILITARY MEMBERS NO MATTER WHAT THEIR BRANCH OF SERVICE.

Marcelion Mejia
U.S. Marine Corps Veteran, Tri-C Fire Academy Student

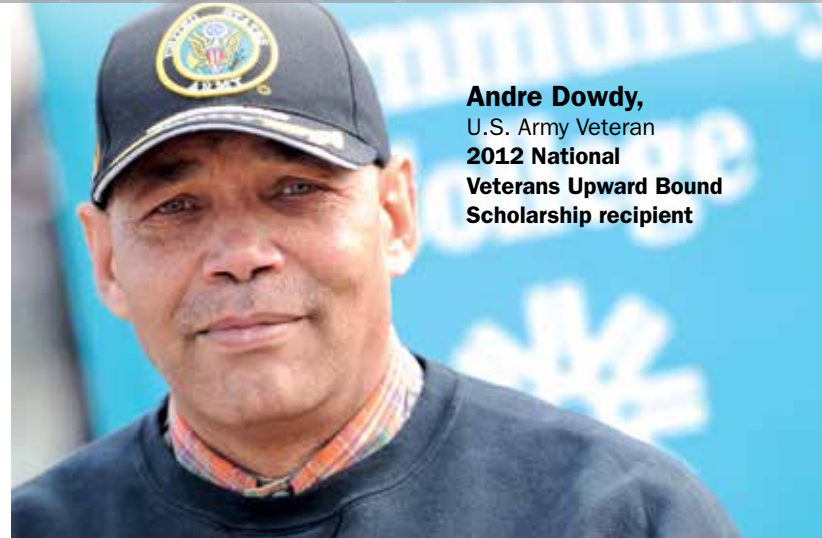
VETERANS SERVICES AND PROGRAMS

“ I WOULD HAVE NEVER BEGUN COLLEGE WITHOUT THE
**VETERANS
UPWARD BOUND**
PROGRAM GIVING ME A START. ”

For students not eligible for Veterans Upward Bound or who have completed Veterans Upward Bound, Tri-C can assist through its veterans' services and programs. Tri-C provides veteran-students and their families with high-quality education, fast-track certification, degree program opportunities, and support services including:

- Benefits acquisition (GI Bill)
- Registration and enrollment support
- Assessment and counseling
- Special classroom needs (ACCESS)
- Occupational career programs
- Baccalaureate transfer/liberal arts curriculum
- Bachelor's degree completion
- Post-degree professional certificates
- Apprenticeship programs/applied industrial technology
- Career planning (Career Center)
- Financial aid advertising and scholarship opportunities
- Student life outreach and activities
- Distance learning opportunities
- Access to community resources
- Access to employment opportunities

FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THE SERVICES, contact Rick DeChant, executive director of Veterans Initiatives, at richard.dechant@tri-c.edu or 216-987-3193 or visit www.tri-c.edu/veterans.



Andre Dowdy,
U.S. Army Veteran
**2012 National
Veterans Upward Bound
Scholarship recipient**

“The personal connections I made
at Tri-C changed my life.”
Steven Fairley, 2015 Veteran of the Year





CRILE ARCHIVES

Center for History Education

A rich resource for students, veterans and the community, the Crile Archives at Tri-C's Western Campus showcases military history from World War I to the present.

The story of the Western Campus began in 1944 when the United States Army opened Crile General Hospital. After treating more than 20,000 GIs, Crile General Hospital became Crile Veterans Administration Hospital, closing in 1964. It was named in honor of Gen. George Washington Crile (1864-1943), a pioneering Army surgeon and founder of the renowned Cleveland Clinic. Each item in the collection has a story to tell and stands as a testament of courage for those who served.

In 1966, the Western Campus opened for classes in the former Crile General Hospital in Parma, Ohio. That first fall semester, 3,000 students registered to attend classes.

Experience living history and learn by participating in our community partnerships:

- Dignity Vietnam Memorial Wall Experience
- Public history programs
- Annual ex-POW luncheon
- Films/discussion series/civic forums

THE CRILE ARCHIVES CENTER FOR HISTORY EDUCATION

Cuyahoga Community College
Western Campus
11000 Pleasant Valley Road
Parma, OH 44130



www.crile-archives.org | 216-987-5309

VETERANS UPWARD BOUND

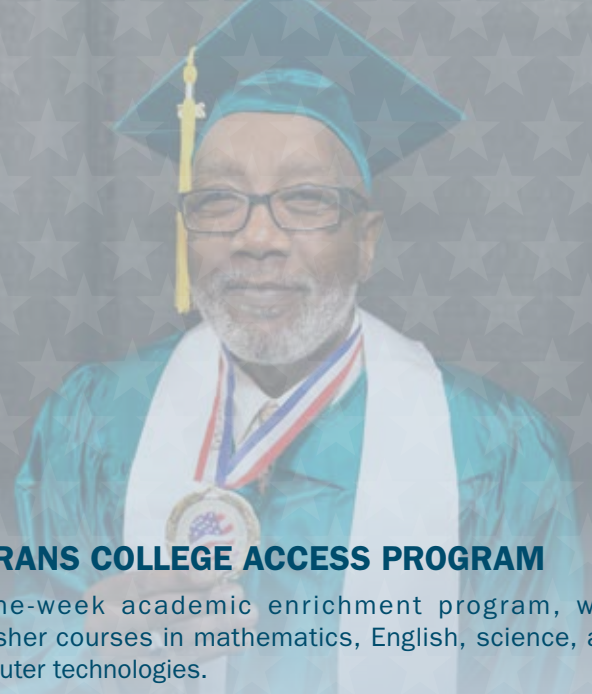
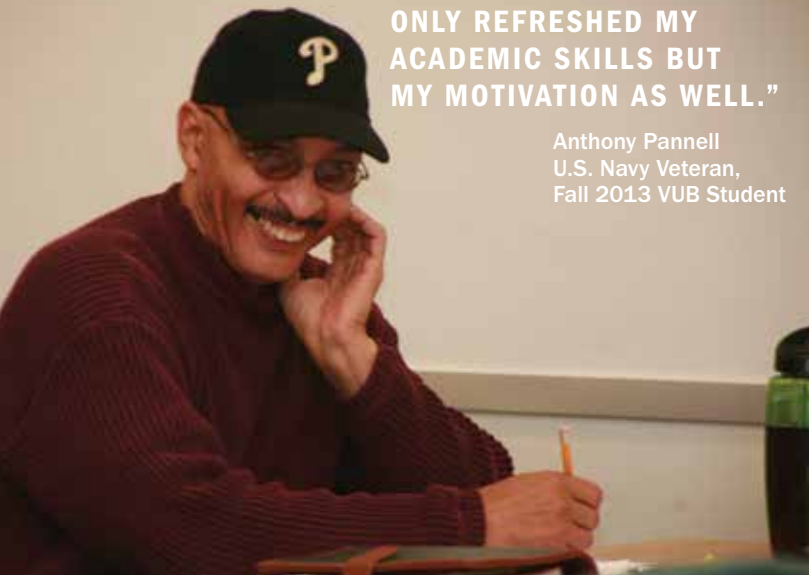
When Tri-C opened its doors in September 1963, it became Ohio's first community college. Since 1973, Veterans Upward Bound (VUB) has provided eligible veterans with support services. Many veterans went directly from high school into the military and spent their college-age years serving their country. Others left college to serve. These veterans seek the opportunity to pursue their educational and career goals; this is where VUB at Tri-C can help. The VUB program prepares veterans to transition into student life with assistance in preparatory coursework completion, college access, and academic skills development, all leading up to graduation and/or transfer.

PROGRAM ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

- Served at least 180 days of active duty other than for training in the U.S. armed forces (waiver available for recently discharged combat veterans)
- DD-214 discharge other than dishonorable
- Demonstrate academic needs as well as academic potential

“THE VUB PROGRAM NOT ONLY REFRESHED MY ACADEMIC SKILLS BUT MY MOTIVATION AS WELL.”

Anthony Pannell
U.S. Navy Veteran,
Fall 2013 VUB Student



VETERANS COLLEGE ACCESS PROGRAM

- A nine-week academic enrichment program, with refresher courses in mathematics, English, science, and computer technologies.
- A six-week summer bridge program that covers college study skills, time and stress management, career exploration, personal financial planning and computer technologies.

ADDITIONAL PREPARATION AND SUPPORT SERVICES

- Academic advising
- Educational testing and assessment
- Individualized tutoring
- Career assessment and counseling
- Personal counseling
- Financial aid advising and scholarship opportunities
- Tri-C admission assistance
- Transfer assistance to four-year institutions
- GI Bill and VA benefits information
- Peer mentoring and Veterans Today Club
- Workshops and motivational speakers
- Referral to veterans' services

The Veterans Upward Bound project is complete funded by the U.S. Department of Education.

For more information, call 216-987-4938 or visit www.tri-c.edu/VUB.



“Thanks to the Tri-C VUB staff,
I haven’t given up on my dream
of getting a degree and, for anyone
who is looking to get into college,
it is never too late at **Tri-C.**”

Ebony Becton, U.S. Marine Corps Veteran, VUB Graduate



Veterans Service Centers

Serving as a key component of the Veterans Services Initiative, the College's Veterans Services Centers continue to provide outreach and support services to veterans at the College's Eastern, Metropolitan, West and Westshore campuses, as well as at Brunswick University Center and the Louis Stokes VA Medical Center.

The Veterans Education Connection Center (VECC) at the Louis Stokes VA Medical Center in Cleveland is only the second college center in the nation to be located in a VA hospital. Veterans receiving counseling and other services at the VA Medical Center can not only take online classes from Cuyahoga Community College, but also receive academic advising, learn about their education and training options, register for classes, apply for GI Bill benefits, and use a wide array of educational and career resources.

In addition to supporting community outreach, the Centers coordinate academic assessments, enrollment assistance, new student orientation, and support services for veterans and family members. The Veterans Services Centers also connect military family members with the College's Career Centers which provide job search preparation, assessment, and career advising. The Career Centers assist student jobseekers in preparing for and securing career opportunities in high-demand industries in Northeast Ohio.

INNOVATIONS IN SERVICE

Over the past several years, it is military families that have come to represent the most notable growth in terms of those served by Veterans Initiative's offerings.

The efforts to address this growth have begun with the roll out of an enhanced Veterans Initiative service model, which opens the doors to ALL military family members from Northeast Ohio – whether they are students of the College or not. The focal point in making this happen is in providing “hoteling” space to outside military family support agencies at the College's Veterans Service Centers on a regularly basis. These additional services, in coordination with our existing support and service, create a true “one-stop” location serving the Northeast Ohio military community for College and non-College related issues.





**SERVE THOSE WHO HAVE
SERVED SO PROUDLY:**

THE TRI-C FOUNDATION

Veterans and military families who return to our communities and the workforce need support to adapt to the demands of the economy and learn emerging technologies. Military benefits may have expired, and veterans and their families may need special support services and financial assistance to access education required to meet the needs of today's workforce. Many of these veterans and their family members will choose community colleges such as Tri-C as their entry point into higher education and the workforce.

Your support is critical to these transitional journeys. Opportunities to help are available through the Cuyahoga Community College Foundation's Veterans Initiative. To learn more about how you can support the Veterans Initiative and the Foundation, contact:

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Through your investment, Tri-C veteran-students and their families will have the ability to pursue higher education as a way to a better future. Investing in our veterans will provide them with the training and services they need to assimilate back into civilian life, and it will provide all who contribute with a chance to serve those who have served so proudly.