



Front Lines – July 2017 Edition

Greetings and welcome to this the July 2017 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...

Fall 2017 Registration....: It's hard to believe but registration for Fall Session 2017 is underway. For those of you planning on attending classes during FALL Session 2017, 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 be dropped from classes. Check-in with your respective Veterans Campus GI Bill Certifiers will be able to assist you if needed.

In all cases, it is recommended to call first to schedule an appointment with the Certifier/Coordinator at your campus. Remember that you must see your respective GI Bill Certifier any time you register for classes, add classes, or drop classes.

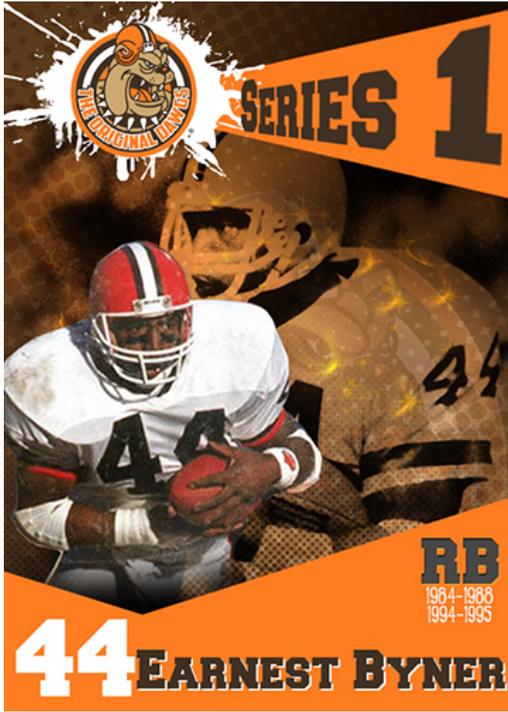
Campus Coordinators: In addition to your GI Bill Certifiers, the Veterans Initiative has Veteran Program Administrators on campus to better support you. At East, Air Force veteran Alaina Foster is the Coordinator running the Alfred Lerner Veteran Service Center. She can be reached at 216-987-2013 or Alaina.foster@tri-c.edu. Our west side team includes Marine Corps veteran Mick Munoz. Mick splits his time between Brunswick and Westshore. Mick can be reached at 216-987-3536 or michael.munoz@tri-c.edu. Army veteran Matt Miller covers the West Campus in Parma five days a week. Matt can be reached at (216) 987-5204 or by e-mail at matthew.miller@tri-c.edu. For those of you at Metro Campus your Coordinator is ONG SGT Ashley Gorbulja. She is at 216-987-6137 or ashley.gorbulja@tri-c.edu. Finally, for those of you who have appointments at The Louis Stokes VA, make sure to stop at our Veterans Education Connection Center on the second floor off the main lobby, Room 2A-146B. Angela Hobbs can assist you there. She can be reached at (216) 791-3800, ext 6380 or by e-mail at angela.hobbs@tri-c.edu.

Veterans Upward Bound – Fall 2017: Veterans Upward Bound is a FREE academic refresher program, designed to provide academic support to help you succeed in college. Our sessions meet on Tuesdays and Thursdays at the Metro campus. Can't make those days? Ask about our Individual Study Plan option! Veterans Upward Bound provides tutoring services as well. **ASK ABOUT OUR SATURDAY SESSIONS!!** Call 216-987-4938 for more information!

Cuyahoga County Scholarships for Tri-C Veterans and Military Family Members Available: Thanks to the generosity of the Cuyahoga County Executive and the Cuyahoga County Council, the Tri-C Veterans Initiative has been awarded an allotment of dollars from the Cuyahoga County Veterans Fund for use as **ONE-TIME** scholarships to assist student veterans, military affiliates (spouses and dependents, spouses and dependents of disabled veterans), and Active Duty and Reserve personnel *who no longer have any military-related educational benefits left*. These scholarship dollars can be used for **both** credit and non-credit courses (workforce certification courses), books and supplies. **Awards will be made on a first come, first served basis as this is a limited, one-time allotment of dollars.**

In all instances the applicant must have the following completed: be registered for classes with Tri-C, current student ID, and student ID number. **Applicants must have completed the FAFSA application process, and have utilized all current Pell funding before this scholarship is approved.** If approved, the scholarship dollars will be credited directly to your student account. Unused dollars will remain as a balance on your student account. **No refunds will be issued.**

All applications will be reviewed for accuracy and verification of supporting documents before the decision to award or not award a scholarship is made. Applicants will be notified via their Tri-C College e-mail address of their award application status (either approved or disapproved). The Cuyahoga County Veteran Scholarship applications can be downloaded from the Tri-C Veterans Website (www.tri-c.edu/veterans), or picked up at any one of the campus Veterans Service Offices. **Completed applications, and the required supporting documentation, need to be certified at a campus Veterans Service Office.**



SUNDAY, JULY 30, 2017
12:00-2:00 PM

**“SUPERBOWL SUNDAE”
WITH THE VETERAN’S HEALTH FAIR.
Hosted by Earnest Byner &
“The Healing Dawgs”**

**Come join us for a memorable “Super Bowl Sundaes”
event at the Cleveland VA Medical Center**

Earnest Byner and his foundation “The Healing Dawgs” will be hosting this event to advocate for Veterans. Byner will share his story along with other former Cleveland Browns teammates. Afterwards, Veterans will get to have a Q/A with the “Original Dawgs”, play a trivia game, and enjoy Sundaes while learning of all the resources available to help our former military.



Healing Dawgs Contact info:
Sherry@healingdawgs.com
Phone: 813-770-5859
www.healingdawgs.org

*Come Visit the Veteran’s
Resource Fair!*

*Bring Your
“Military Discharge Paperwork” if
not already enrolled.*

*Veterans can check all their
VA Healthcare Benefits.*

*Advocating for Veterans
Issues.*

*Louis Stokes Cleveland VA
Medical Center
10701 East Blvd.
Cleveland, OH 44106*

Come Join Us!

Dates and Times



Veterans Experience Action Center

August 10, 2017: 9AM—2PM
August 11, 2017: 9AM—2PM
August 12, 2017: 9AM—NOON

Representatives from Veterans Benefits and Health Administration,
The Vet Center And Veterans Service Organizations,
will be available to assist with the following:

- Face-to-face explanation and assistance facilitating and expediting existing claims and appeals
- Filing new claims & Claim Development
- Providing information and assistance regarding available VA benefits and counseling
- Providing information regarding benefit-related VA programs
- Onsite VA Healthcare Enrollment & Exams
- Answering healthcare, eligibility, and benefit-related questions
- Veteran ID Cards & Homestead Exemption

Federal, State, and County Organizations,
in collaboration with the local Community
& Veteran Partners Are Here to Meet the
Individual Needs of Veterans.

LOCATION

TRI-C West Campus
11000 W. Pleasant Valley Rd.
Parma, OH 44130
Parking in Lots C & D

QUESTIONS & MORE INFORMATION

In NE OH Call: 2-1-1
Or Call: (216) 436-2000
Web Chat: 211oh.org

Ohio Department of Veterans Services (ODVS) News: Please take the time to check out the ODVS social media pages at www.ohiovet.gov and encourage other veterans to subscribe to our news updates. If you'd like to see past editions of the ODVS newsletter, here is the link to our archive: http://dvs.ohio.gov/home/monthly_newsletter.aspx

[Connect to the Ohio Department of Veterans Services online](#)

ODVS web: <http://dvs.ohio.gov/>

Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/ohiodepartmentofveteransservices>

Twitter: <http://twitter.com/#!/OhioVets>

Ohio Women Veterans Conference to be Held in August 2017: Registration is now open for the biennial Ohio Women Veterans Conference to be held Saturday, August 12, 2017 at the Ohio Union at The Ohio State University.

With more than 50 exhibits and 20 speakers, women veterans will find information about Ohio's new fast track to jobs and education as well as services available locally through 88 County Veterans Services Offices. The conference is free but there is an optional fee for lunch.

This year's theme is Celebrating Generations of Service – 67,000 Veterans Strong. Topic areas include managing your money military style, maximizing military skills on your civilian resume, support and mentoring for women veterans in the workplace, challenges with aging, statewide resources, access to benefits and more.

Sponsored by the Ohio Department of Veterans Services with support from the Ohio Women Veterans Advisory Committee, the conference is expected to attract 750 women veterans from throughout the state representing all branches of military service. Together, the department and the committee serve to locate, educate and advocate for all women veterans who served in the United States military.

To register visit <http://dvs.ohio.gov/main/women-veterans-conference.html>. For more information call **614.644.0898**

Employment Opportunities / Links

VA JOBS Home: <http://www.va.gov/jobs/>

USAJobs: <https://www.usajobs.gov/Veterans>

Military Jobs.com: <http://www.military.com/veteran-jobs>

Ohio Federal Government Jobs: <http://federalgovernmentjobs.us/job-location/ohio-oh.html>

Stars and Stripes; Veteran Job Center: <http://veteranjobs.stripes.com/>

USERRA: The Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act (USERRA) protects service members' reemployment rights when returning from a period of service in the uniformed services, including those called up from the reserves or National Guard, and prohibits employer discrimination based on military service or obligation. The U.S. Department of Labor's (DOL) Veterans' Employment and Training Service (VETS) administers USERRA

Link to DOJ USERRA website: <http://www.justice.gov/crt/military/statute.htm> and Link to the DOJ website: http://www.dol.gov/vets/programs/usera/usera_fs.htm

Veteran Resources:

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Cleveland VA Regional Benefit Office: <http://www.benefits.va.gov/cleveland/>

VetBiz.gov Home: <http://www.vetbiz.gov/>

Joint Veterans Council of Cuyahoga County: www.jvcooc.org

Equal Honor for All: www.equalhonor.org

Greater Cleveland Fisher House: <http://greaterclevelandfisherhouse.org/>

Louis Stokes Cleveland VA Medical Center: <http://www.cleveland.va.gov/?vwsessionid=fe802c6620da402484b74ac24a5f1650>

Greater Cleveland Veterans (GCV) Memorial: www.clevelandvetmemorial.org

Locating Veterans and Service Members: <http://www.archives.gov/veterans/locate-service-members.html>

National Center for Veterans Analysis and Statistics: <http://www.va.gov/vetdata/>

Military News: www.military.com

The American Legion: <http://www.legion.org/>

Veterans of Foreign Wars USA: <http://www.vfw.org/>

Stars and Stripes Veterans Link: <http://www.stripes.com/news/veterans>

Air Force Times: <http://www.airforcetimes.com/>

Army Times: <http://www.armytimes.com/>

Marine Corps Times: <http://www.marinecorpstimes.com/>

Navy Times: <http://www.navytimes.com/>

Defense News: <http://www.defensenews.com/>

Veterans Benefits Administration: <http://www.vba.va.gov/>

GI Bill website: <http://www.benefits.va.gov/gibill/>

Veteran Resources: <http://www.veteransresources.org/>

Explore VA Benefits: www.explore.VA.gov

Ohio VFW: <http://www.ohiovfw.org/>

Ohio Legion News: <http://ohiolegionnews.com/>

That's it for now... More as I get it...

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