



Front Lines –June 2017 Edition

Greetings and welcome to this the June 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...

Reminder... Use of GI Bill – Fall 2017 Semester: Those of you planning on using GI Bill benefits for Fall Semester 2017 should plan on stopping by to see the GI Bill Certifying Officer at your respective campus Admissions & Registration Office ASAP.

See Your Certifier!: Note also that anytime you make an adjustment to your schedule (i.e., add classes, drop classes, etc.) YOU MUST SEE THE GI BILL CERTIFIER. Simply going to the Registration Office does not complete the process for student veterans using the GI Bill. The Certifiers are the link with the VA. They handle the submission of paperwork to insure you're getting the proper benefit payment and conversely to insure you don't get caught in an overpayment situation.

Veterans Upward Bound (VUB) – A Great Resource!: VUB provides FREE comprehensive support services to eligible veterans who need additional help in Math, English and Science to complete their first degree. If you are enrolled or have been placed in a remedial Math or English course and are in need of additional help in these areas, please call the VUB main office at 216-987-4938 to schedule an appointment with our Student Advisor.

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.**

Volunteerism

Here are some great opportunities to put your military experiences to work benefiting others in need.

The American Red Cross' unwavering commitment to members of the U.S. military, its veterans and their families continues to grow and develop more than a century after Clara Barton first recruited nurses to support the U.S. Army. Today, the Red Cross is meeting the needs of a changing military, and expanding services to veterans. Red Cross support of military members and their families enhances morale and contributes to increased operational capability in several ways. New volunteers visit: <https://redcross.org/neo>. Click on "volunteer" tab.

Cleveland Municipal Court's Veterans Treatment Docket needs volunteers – preferably military veterans to help Veterans transition to a successful life. If you are interested in volunteering to help our veterans successfully re-enter civilian life, please contact Derek Moore at (216) 664-4712 or via email at: moored@cmcoh.org for additional information.

Needed: 'A few good mentors': The Cuyahoga Common Pleas Veteran Treatment Court (VTC) is a judge-monitored treatment program for military veterans. A key component of the program is volunteer Veteran Mentors who volunteer their time to help veterans re-adapt to civilian life. For more information visit:

https://drive.google.com/file/d/0B1NiwCZ_V-9iTF8wYXhqcE4yWm8/view?usp=sharing

Employment Opportunities / Links

Ohio National Guard Employment Enhancement

Support: <https://drive.google.com/file/d/0B6KQApfHm1pGbnByRGITNEhyUIU/view?usp=sharing>

Free, Unlimited Military Veteran Job Search Coaching: provided by www.gunnyret.com

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

Ohio.gov: <http://agency.governmentjobs.com/ohio/default.cfm?clearSearch=1>

Cleveland: <http://www.city.cleveland.oh.us/CityofCleveland/Home/Government/CityAgencies/HumanResources/OpenPositions>

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/userra/userra_fs.htm

Information Links

VA Medical Care

You may be entitled to VA Medical Care even if you are already covered by employer provided medical coverage

Complete the enclosed VA Form 10-10EZ for the Veterans Administration to determine your eligibility for enrollment in the VA health care system. The information on the form will be used by the VA to determine your eligibility for medical benefits and on average, will take 30 minutes to complete. This includes the time it will take to read the instructions, gather the necessary facts and fill out the form.

If assistance on filling out the form or if you have questions, you may use ANY of the following to request assistance.

Ask VA to help you fill out the form by calling us at 1-877-222-VETS (8387)

Access VA's website at <http://www.va.gov> and select "Contact the VA"

Contact the Enrollment Coordinator at your local VA health care facility

Contact a National or State Veterans Service Organization

Take advantage of the benefits you earned serving and protecting our country.

Events:

Cleveland Tank Plant Homecoming Military Show and Swap Meet: The International Exposition (I-X) Center and the Military Vehicle Preservation Association announced the 42nd annual MVPA International Convention will be held in conjunction with the Cleveland Tank Plant Homecoming Military Show and Swap Meet June 22-24, 2017 at the I-X Center. www.IXClevelandTankShow.com

USS COD Dutch Friendship Day: Join the COD as they reenact the USS COD's WWII rescue of 55 crewman from the Dutch Submarine 019 at 2 PM Saturday, July 8, 2017.

USS COD – Veterans Family Fair – Scheduled for August 5, 2017

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

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