UPCOMING EVENTS

July

4 July – Nation’s 241st Birthday
7 July – Beginning of Summer II Term
25 July – Tri-Cities Military Affairs Council Meeting (Kingsport Chamber of Commerce)
## July – SVA Chapter Meeting (VFW Post 2108, Johnson City)

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The Colonel’s Corner

Team,

Please stop by the office, welcome the newest member of the team (Megan “Meg” Blevins), and introduce yourself. If you haven't already done so, please let us know if you intend to continue into the fall term, as we still are short nearly 300 certifications from Fall 2016.

Please note the information included in this edition about the Helping Heroes grant, which is open to Veterans. We had 21 veterans awarded the grant ($500 for part-time; $1,000 for full time each qualifying semester) in Academic Year 2016-2017.

Prepare to welcome upwards of 275 new military-affiliated students (MAS) this fall! We may crest 700 total MAS by the end of the year!

The Colonel
Helping Heroes Grant

(Online Application)

The award amount is $1,000 per semester for a student who successfully completes twelve (12) or more semester hours with no failing grade as the final grade for the course. The student shall receive $500 per semester for successfully completing six (6) to eleven (11) semester hours with no failing grade as a final grade for the course. The student shall not receive an award if enrolled in fewer than six (6) semester hours.

The Helping Heroes Grant is awarded on a first-come, first-served basis. In order to be eligible, the student must:

- Be an honorably discharged veteran who had formally served the armed forces of the United States, or a former or current member of a reserve or Tennessee National Guard unit who was called into active military service of the United States;
- Be a Tennessee resident for one year preceding the date of application for this grant;
- Be awarded the following:
  - Iraq Campaign Medal;
  - Afghanistan Campaign Medal; or
  - Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, on or after Sept. 11, 2001;
- Enroll at an eligible 2-year or 4-year postsecondary institution (Click Here for a listing);
- Have not earned a baccalaureate degree;
- Not be in default on a federal Title IV educational loan or Tennessee educational loan;
- Not owe a refund on a federal Title IV student financial aid program or a Tennessee student financial aid program;
- Be in compliance with federal drug-free rules and laws for receiving financial assistance;
- Not be incarcerated;
- Meet each qualification relating to this grant and applicable to the student; and
- Not be required to meet any academic standard at the time of enrollment in order to be eligible for this grant.

Award of a Helping Heroes Grant shall be made after the completion of a semester, so long as the student successfully completes the course with a non-failing grade as the final grade for the course.
Application Deadline:

Complete the application for a Helping Heroes Grant for each academic year. The application processing deadline are: September 1 for fall enrollment, February 1 for spring, or May 1 for summer enrollment. Please mail your DD-214 to the address below or fax it to the Tennessee Student Assistance Corporation at (615) 741-6101.

Tennessee Student Assistance Corporation
404 James Robertson Parkway, Suite 1510
Nashville, TN 37243

Continuation Requirements:

- Successfully complete a course while enrolled at an eligible 2-year or 4-year postsecondary institution with no failing grade as the final grade for the course

- Grant may be awarded for a maximum of eight (8) "full" semesters; 6-11 semester hours completed constitutes ½ semester

- Grant is awarded on a first-come, first-served basis

Award Termination Criteria:

- Receive the award for eight (8) full semesters have passed; or

- Eighth anniversary of the veteran’s honorable discharge from military service; whichever comes first; or

- Earning a baccalaureate degree, whichever comes first

Related Links

T I S o - l l i l s i u o s
Get Involved

There are Veterans of Foreign Wars and American Legion Posts throughout the East Tennessee Region. They are doing great things in your communities, for the nation, and for veterans and their families. Join the Post(s) nearest you:

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<td>Post 2108</td>
<td>2518 Jim Funkhouser Dr., Johnson City, TN</td>
<td>(423) 928-4733</td>
<td>Cdr: William Hampton; QM: James Collier</td>
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<td>Post 9724</td>
<td>2463 Highway 11E, Telford, TN</td>
<td>(423) 753-4761</td>
<td>Cdr: Dennis Stiles; QM: Gary Stover</td>
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<td>Post 2166</td>
<td>2001 West Elk Avenue, Elizabethton, TN</td>
<td>(423) 542-0520</td>
<td>Cdr: Duane Gilbert; QM: Robert Phillips</td>
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<td>Post 9629</td>
<td>4926 Bluff City Hwy, Bluff City, TN</td>
<td>(423) 543-3476</td>
<td>Cdr: Wade Rumley; QM: James Anderson</td>
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<td>Post 4933</td>
<td>830 Minga Rd, Kingsport, TN</td>
<td>(423) 323-3919</td>
<td>Cdr: Leon Brimm; QM: Dean Johnson</td>
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<td>Post 5483</td>
<td>82 North Main Street, Mars Hill, NC</td>
<td>(828) 689-5833</td>
<td>Cdr: Christopher Ledford; QM: Robert Kiggins</td>
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<td>Post 4286</td>
<td>3139 Millers Gap Hwy, Newland, NC</td>
<td>(828) 733-9981</td>
<td>Cdr: Dennis Holden; QM: William Dean</td>
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<td>Post 1990</td>
<td>70 Harlan Street, Greeneville, TN</td>
<td>(423) 638-4201</td>
<td>Cdr: Stephen Miller; QM: Vincent Miller</td>
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<td>Post 6975</td>
<td>14 16th Street, Bristol, TN</td>
<td>(423) 764-0381</td>
<td>Cdr: Thomas Porter; QM: Roger Smith</td>
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<td>Post 9754</td>
<td>261 Silver Lake Road, Church Hill, TN</td>
<td>(423) 357-3613</td>
<td>Cdr: Kenneth Collier; QM: Dean Christian</td>
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<td>(423) 727-9341</td>
<td>Cdr: James Payne; QM: Terry Reece</td>
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<td>Post 7031</td>
<td>144 VFW Drive, Boone, NC</td>
<td>(828) 264-9570</td>
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<td>Post 9543</td>
<td>1605 East Main Street, Rogersville, TN</td>
<td>(423) 272-7423</td>
<td>Cdr: David Evans, QM: Larry Johnson</td>
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<td>165 Cragmont Road, Black Mountain, NC</td>
<td>(828) 669-2347</td>
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<td>Post 1994</td>
<td>100 VHCC Drive, Abingdon, VA</td>
<td>(276) 623-0875</td>
<td>Cdr: Richard Kiser; QM: Jimmy Thompson</td>
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<td>200 North VFW Road, Bulls Gap, TN</td>
<td>(423) 235-5127</td>
<td>Cdr: Lester Long; QM: Donnie Jinks</td>
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<td>23489 Mountain City Road, Damascus, VA</td>
<td>(276) 475-3911</td>
<td>Cdr: Randy Miller; QM: Rex Cornett</td>
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<td>Post 891</td>
<td>626 New Leicester Hwy, Asheville, NC</td>
<td>(828) 254-4277</td>
<td>Cdr: Larry Fowler; QM: Roger Watson</td>
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<td>Post 5362</td>
<td>519 Hopewell Road, Morganton, NC</td>
<td>(828) 544-5544</td>
<td>Cdr: Robert Swink; QM: Daniel Johnson</td>
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**AMERICAN LEGION POSTS**

| Post 25 | Erwin City Hall, 211 E. Main Street, Erwin, TN | (423) 743-6996 | Cdr: Ray Tipton; Adjutant: Charlie King | 6:30 pm; 1st Thursday |
| Post 24 | 409 E. Market Street, Johnson City, TN | (423) 929-1251 | Cdr: Bryan Lauzon; Adj: Ann Malinay | 5:00 pm; 2nd Monday |
| Post 253 | 152 Hales Road, Jonesborough, TN | None listed | Cdr: Michael Smith; Adj: Joel Baughman | |
| Post 49 | 111 S. Watauga Ave, Elizabethton, TN | (757) 748-1587 | Cdr: Ricky Walters; Adj: Matthew Farson | 6:00 pm; 1st Tuesday |
| Post 255 | 730 Gray Station, Gray, TN | (423) 477-8828 | Cdr: Not on file Adj: Cecil Carter | 6:30 pm; 1st Tuesday |
| Post 64 | 101 Longview Drive, Greeneville, TN | (423) 798-1707 | Cdr: Grady Barefield; Adj: Herbert Beck | 7:00 pm; 1st Monday |
| Post 3 | 301 Louis Street Suite 301, Kingsport, TN | (423) 246-6991 | Cdr: Gary Stidham, Sr Adj: Nancy Rachel | 6:00 pm; 3rd Monday |
| Post 145 | 515 Marion Avenue, Bristol, TN | (423) 968-9973 | Cdr: Hugh Mauney, Jr Adj: Douglas Mancabelli | 5:00 pm; 1st Tuesday |
| Post 61 | 318 North Church St, Mountain City, TN | (423) 727-5935 | Cdr: Frank Bass; Adj: Patti Young | 6:00 pm; 2nd Friday |
| Post 21 | 1924 E. Main Street, Rogersville, TN | None listed | Cdr: Charles Sharits Adj: David McCauley | 6:30 pm; last Tuesday |
| Post 41 | 103 Cosby Highway, Newport, TN | (423) 237-4589 | Cdr: William Hixson; Adj: William Hixson | 7:00 pm; 2nd Monday |

Join the campus chapter of **Student Veterans of America**, SVA@ETSU!

Contact James Morris (MorrisJR@etsu.edu) or Cory Moore (moorecs1@etsu.edu) for more information and to join!

Meetings begin at 1630 at VFW Post 2166 in Johnson City

Come Join Us!
**Wherefore Art Thou ROMEO?**

Real Old Men Eating Out, ROMEO, is a fellowship of local veterans from the Johnson City Veteran’s Center. Gatherings are scheduled for the second Tuesday of each month at 11:30am. Locations vary so that the group can expose itself to new restaurants in the area. ROMEO meetings are designed to connect local veterans with each other to share stories, get to know each other and enjoy delicious meals. ROMEO asks that participants pay for their own meals and refrain from drinking alcohol out of consideration for other veterans. For more information and to get your name on the call list, contact Maria Cerniauskas 423-928-8387.

**Holiday Expo and Craft Bazaar**

The Student Veterans of America chapter at East Tennessee State University will be sponsoring its first Holiday Expo and Craft Bazaar. The event is currently scheduled for November 17 and 18 in the Culp Center Ballroom. The convention will benefit the SVA and Bucky’s Pantry. There will be space to accommodate more than 60 vendors. Prospective vendors should contact Debbie Bays by phone, 423-439-6848 or email buckles@etsu.edu for more information.
Autumn Brockelman – 1 July
James Joslyn, Allie Israel – 3 July
Tyler S timp – 4 July
Nicholas Woods – 5 July
Kaitlin Arbogast – 6 July
Jeffery Phillips – 7 July
William Tester, Jeffrey Klepper, Courtney Matney, Victoria Humphrey – 8 July
Jonathan Larson, Isaac Wilson, Charles Waldroff, Brianna Hendricks – 11 July
Matthew May – 13 July
Theodore Morgan – 14 June
Mayer Coelho – 15 July
Autumn Smith, David Charlton – 16 July
Kayleigh Davis – 18 July
Larissa Price – 21 July
Elisha Ashley – 22 July
William Ross – 24 July
Dylan Weston – 26 July
Billy Oxendine, Alyssa Dingus – 31 July