ANNOUNCEMENTS

Want Extra Money for your Education??

- **HELPING HEROES GRANT** – You may be eligible to receive $1,000 per semester for full-time students ($500 for part-time students) if you meet certain criteria. It is awarded on a first-come, first-served basis. **Deadline for application for fall enrollment is 1 September.** Stop by the Veterans Affairs office or you may apply online at [https://www.tn.gov/collegepays/article/helping-heroes-grant](https://www.tn.gov/collegepays/article/helping-heroes-grant). **You can receive this grant a maximum of 8 semesters.**

**Tennessee HOPE Scholarship - Nontraditional**
Check the ETSU scholarship website to see if you might qualify: [http://www.etsu.edu/scholarships](http://www.etsu.edu/scholarships)

**ETSU Checkpoint Is Here!**

You should have received an invitation to join us on ETSU Checkpoint, a new platform whereby you can get information, see the long-term calendars, special events, etc. Please join us on Checkpoint!

**MARSH REGIONAL TO HOLD BLOOD DRIVES AT AREA ORGANIZATIONS**

Marsh Regional Blood Center will conduct public blood drives at the following locations:

- Monday, October 2, 9:00am-6:00pm, ETSU Culp Center, Johnson City, TN
- Monday, October 2, 9:00am-4:00pm, Red Onion Prison, Pound, VA
- Tuesday, October 3, 8:30am-2:00pm, WCCTEC, Abingdon, VA
- Tuesday, October 3, 9:00am-4:00pm, Council High School, Council, VA
- Wednesday, October 4, 9:00am-4:00pm, Southwest VA Comm. College, Cedar Bluff, VA
- Wednesday, October 4, 12:00pm-5:00pm, Mountain Home VA, Mountain Home, TN
- Thursday, October 5, 8:30am-11:30am, Mountain Mission, Grundy, VA
- Thursday, October 5, 1:00pm-6:00pm, Food City, Wise, VA
- Friday, October 6, 7:30am-1:30pm, Sullivan East High School, Bluff City, TN

Marsh Regional provides blood to hospitals and health centers across the region, including Holston Valley Medical Center, Bristol Regional Medical Center, Hawkins County Memorial Hospital, Hancock County Hospital, Mountain View Regional Medical Center, Lonesome Pine Hospital, Indian Path Medical Center, Sycamore Shoals Hospital, Norton Community Hospital, Dickenson Community Hospital, HealthSouth Rehabilitation Hospital, The Rehabilitation Hospital of Southwest Virginia, Select Specialty Hospital, Buchanan General Hospital, Clinch Valley Medical Center and Tazewell Community Hospital.

In addition to scheduled blood drives, donors are welcome at Marsh Regional’s collection centers: 111 W. Stone Drive, Suite 300, Kingsport, 2428 Knob Creek Road, Johnson City and 1996 W. State St., Bristol.

For more information about scheduling a blood drive at a local business, church, school or community organization, please call 423-408-7500, 423-652-0014 or 276-679-4669 or visit www.marshblood.com.

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**The Colonel’s Corner**

**Team,**

*The window closed on 27 September for priority registration for military-affiliated students. Of the 589 MAS I sent e-mails to, just over 200 responded to take advantage of this privilege. Even if you have no ETSU hours, you have the right to “jump the line” ahead of traditional students who have 200 hours. Please take advantage, as this is offered up every term!*

*Northeast State Community College set a record of enrolling 290 military-affiliated students this fall. We also set a record with 589, which was 53 more students than we had a year ago. Thanks to all of you who may have helped a veteran decide to choose ETSU.*

*I understand that the lounge is crowded most of the time. I ask your patience in cooperating with each other, and being respectful of folks who are trying to get on a computer to print something out. Please use the computer to do your studies, and surrender the computer if someone needs to work on an assignment and you are simply checking social media or the newsfeeds.*

*The Colonel*
Sponsor a Wreath Today for the 2017 National Remembrance Ceremony

Please make checks payable to: “Wreaths Across America”

Dedicated to: ________________________________

Name: ______________________________________
Address: ____________________________________
City: _________________________________________
State: __________________ Zip: _________________
Phone: ______________________________________

Questions? (423) 349-4622

Cutoff date to order: November 20, 2017

Sponsorship Levels

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Wreaths Across America (A Non Profit Corp.)

REMEMBER, HONOR & TEACH
Mountain Home National Cemetery
DECEMBER 16, 2017, 12:00 Noon

GROUP ID # TN0010P Location ID: TNMHNMM
Arlington Wreath Project

Worcester Wreath Co. and its involvement with the Arlington project was inspired when at the early age of 12 years old, as a Bangor Daily News paperboy, Morrill Worcester won a trip to the Nation’s Capital. It was a trip he would never forget, and Arlington National Cemetery made an indelible impression. In later life, he recognized that his success as a businessman was in large part, due to the values of this Nation and the Veterans who made the ultimate sacrifice for their country.

In 1992, Worcester Wreath Company of Harrington, Maine found themselves with an excess of wreaths nearing the end of the holiday season. Seeing an opportunity to make a boyhood dream a reality, efforts to do something special with those wreaths began in earnest. With the help of Maine Senator Olympia Snowe and the Maine State Society of DC, arrangements were made for the wreaths to be placed at Arlington. Again an impression was made and he vowed to bring the wreaths every year.

In 2006, in response to thousands of e-mails and letters, Worcester Wreath expanded its wreath donations nationwide. With the help of the Civil Air Patrol and many others, ceremonies were held simultaneously at 230 locations. From the snow banks of Alaska to the sands of Iraq our Nation’s heroes were honored. From here Wreaths Across America™ was born.

In 2016, with the help of thousands of individual and corporate sponsors and volunteers, over 1.2 million wreaths were donated and placed at over 1228 participating locations.

TC-MAC is seeking sponsorships for wreaths that will be placed on veterans graves during a nationwide remembrance ceremony at Mt. Home National Cemetery, in Johnson City, TN.

Please send the completed form (inside) along with a check or money order to

Tri-Cities Military Affairs Council
555 East Main St.
Suite 104CD
Kingsport, TN 37660

Please note:

Wreaths Across America’s national office is unable to accept requests to place wreaths on specific graves. This local group, or the location, may be willing to honor your request. Use the Group Identification Number on the order form to look up their contact information on our web site.

Remember~ Honor~ Teach

Thank you.

Wreaths Across America™

By early 2007, with so many requests for cemetery wreaths, the Worcesers reached out to the community and the nonprofit group Wreaths Across America™ was formed. Mr. Worcester doubled his yearly pledge to Arlington to 10,000 wreaths and continued his tradition of sending 2,500 to the Maine Veterans Cemetery along with providing wreaths for the veteran’s graves in the local communities of the small county he grew up in. Again in 2010 Ceremonial wreaths for each branch of the military were sent to all of the participating State and National cemeteries along with many local town cemeteries and monuments. Wreaths will also be provided for 24 offshore cemeteries, including Normandy Beach and a large Veteran’s commemorative wreath will be sent to each state’s State House for the ceremony on the Monday prior to the WAA Saturday event.

Inspired by his commitment, Wreaths Across America™ has turned its attention to answering the requests of many to emulate the Arlington project at their State veteran’s cemeteries. By offering sponsorships to the public, Wreaths Across America™ hopes that one day every veteran’s resting place will be adorned with a wreath. We need your help to make this a reality.

Your wreath sponsorship places a wreath on a Veteran’s grave, and helps to fund Veteran and educational outreach.

State House Ceremony December 11, 2017, 12:Noon EST

National Remembrance Ceremony:
DECEMBER 16, 2017

For more information on the program or to honor a Veteran, visit TC-MAC on the web at: www.tc-mac.org
Drop-in Consultation

A place for listening...

LET'S and support TALK

Multicultural Center
Tuesdays, 2-4:00 pm

Reece Museum
Wednesdays, 2-4:00 pm

BucSports (for athletes)
Wednesdays, 1:30-3:30 pm

Informal
Convenient
Confidential
No paperwork
No appointment

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**UPCOMING EVENTS**

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**Get Involved**

Join the campus chapter of Student Veterans Association, SVA@ETSU! Next meeting is Thursday, 5 Oct beginning at 6:00 pm at Knights Pizza.

What are we? A peer networking group providing our student veterans the resources, support, and advocacy needed to succeed in higher education AND following graduation.

Contact student president James Morris at morrisjr@etsu.edu or stop by the Veterans Affairs office.

**REMEMBER!** - If you Drop/Add a class (any time during the semester), you need to bring a new concise student schedule to the office of veteran affairs with your advisor’s signature of approval (if a new course is added)—as soon as you can! Also, talk to someone in the VA office BEFORE you Drop, as this will most likely impact your benefits.

At least 12 of you saw the Amendment I sent to the VA on your GI Bill certification (I received phone calls and e-mails as a result)...a few more of you will see it as well. One of our Ch. 31 students pointed out that the GI Bill stipend is paid out THROUGH finals week, so we corrected our report to the VA to ensure you are paid for that time.
A note on Joint Service Transcripts: Once your JST is sent to ETSU’s Admissions Office, they will evaluate it and provide the Office of Veteran Affairs a copy and a “buckslip” with your credits broken out. We will call you in to have a conversation with your advisor and financial aid in order to decide how many (if any) of your general elective credits you would like to have applied to your degree plan. Please don’t just drop the buckslip off at your advisor’s...schedule an appointment and discuss your options.

Veteran Tickets Foundation - Tickets For Troops - Vet Tix

www.vettix.org

Vet Tix provides event tickets to our Military, Honorably Discharged Veterans and family members of troops Killed in Action.

Vet Tix * provides tickets to events which reduce stress, strengthen family bonds, build life-long memories and encourage service members and veterans to stay engaged with local communities and American life. We support our troops by honoring their service and providing positive family and life experiences, during and after their years of service to our country.

Vet Tix provides tickets to all branches of currently-serving Military and Veterans, including immediate family of troops KIA.

Vet Tix secures tickets to sporting events, concerts, performing arts, educational and family activities across the nation. VetTixers sign up online. We verify their service. VetTixers request tickets to events that interest them, then pay a small delivery fee to receive their free tickets.

* Vet Tix is a 95% Charity

Veteran Tickets Foundation’s Tickets for Troops Program is dedicated to giving back to those who gave us so much. We team up with major sports teams, leagues, promoters, organizations, venues and every day event ticket holders to provide free and discounted tickets to currently serving and veterans of all branches of the US military.

The Veteran Tickets Foundation is proud to announce that to date 3,316,665 event tickets have been given out in all 50 States and Washington, DC to our Military, Veterans and their families.
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 INFORMATION & SERVICES FOR STUDENTS AT ETSU

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We show you how to use citation management tools, databases, & other online resources

You can check out laptops, DVDs, CDs, etc. & use over 109 PCs & Macs

There's food, too (Einstein's)

We're open: Monday-Friday 24/5 | ETSU ID required to enter library after 11pm
Saturday 9am-12am  Sunday 9am-2am
Consult our website for special hours during holidays & summer session
**Tutoring**

If you are eligible and using a GI Bill benefit, then you are authorized to retain a tutor and be reimbursed for up to $100/month from the Veterans Administration. Typical tutoring rates are $10-11/hr. You can either:

a) Find a tutor on our information board in the lounge (We have the names of tutors for: General Chemistry, Physics I & II, & Biology 1 & 2. See Debbie Bays or call her (9-6848) for their contact information); or

b) Speak to your professor about an upperclassman who received an A in the course and would be a good tutor; or

c) Retain a peer in the class who is doing extremely well; or

d) Talk to the Graduate Assistant (if you have one for your class).

AFTER you complete your tutoring (and most likely, the term) submit a completed VA Form 22-1990t for one of our signatures and you mail it in for reimbursement processing.

**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 scheduled for November 17 and 18 in the Culp Center Ballroom. The convention will benefit the SVA and Bucky’s Pantry.

Volunteers **ARE needed** for Expo Nov 16 (evening), 17 & 18 (9-5)– Anyone that would like to sign-up to help with vendor unloading, giving directions/information, helping at the door, help at the “Hold station”, etc., please contact Debbie 439-6848
Calling All Veterans

Tetrick Funeral & Cremation Services is offering a Free Bus Tour and Information for Veterans about the benefits and honors offered you by the National Cemetery Administration. (Mountain Home National Cemetery) Tour followed by a complimentary lunch.

Wednesday, Oct. 18th  9:30 am
Tetrick Funeral & Cremation Services
3001 Peoples Street, Johnson City

To make your reservation, please call (423) 610-7171

www.tetrickfuneralhome.com
Morgan Ketner, Eric Szmuc, Victoria McPhail, Andrew Gonzalez – 1 Oct
Mackenzie Freeman, Codey Machleit, Tyleisha Gaffney – 2 Oct
Galan Strader – 3 Oct
William Denton – 4 Oct
Austin Milam – 5 Oct
Christopher Brown – 7 Oct
Justin Yates – 9 Oct
Shane Barlow, Sierra Henry, Andrew C. Smith, William Gordy, Eva Jessee – 10 Oct
Melissa Dodson – 11 Oct
Christopher Napier, Maranda McCarter – 12 Oct
Veda-Shea Koch – 13 Oct
Andrew Skeens – 14 Oct
Harry Richardson, Haley McConnell – 15 Oct
Marc Jackson – 16 Oct
Matthew Stout, Preston Fulton – 17 Oct
Robert Evans – 20 Oct
Jackson Newgent – 22 Oct
John Brooks, Thomas Fleischhauer, Andrew M. Smith, Cheri Blevins – 23 Oct
Jodie Strapp – 24 Oct
Brian Bevels – 25 Oct
Nathan Burns – 26 Oct
Beth Hergert – 27 Oct
“Trey” Dart, Alexander Williams – 28 Oct
Azael Rodriguez, Samuel Piro – 29 Oct