Team,

GI Bill stipend rates went up! Those of you on ETSU Checkpoint would have seen a note pushed out to you, but the new monthly rates are:

Ch. 30 $1,928.00  
Ch. 31 It depends on whether you were qualified for Ch. 33, so contact us for specifics  
Ch. 33 $1,079.00  
Ch. 35 $1,041.00  
Ch. 1606 $375.00  
Ch. 1607 $1,542.00

Thanks for staying focused on your studies this term...I saw a decrease in Academic Alerts as compared to last year this time. Don’t give up now! You’re almost there!

Let me make one thing clear – sexual harassment, inappropriate language, or innuendo will not be tolerated – ANYWHERE! Each of you is accountable for your own actions, and for calling out students who are not adhering to standards. I WILL rescind violators’ access to the lounge, and take further action with Student Affairs to have you sanctioned, censured, or expelled! Check yourself!

The Colonel
VETERANS APPRECIATION WEEK

NOV. 6 – NOV. 10

VARIOUS EVENTS IN THE VETS LOUNGE

NOV. 6 – NOV. 8

"TAKE A VET TO COFFEE" @ STARBUCKS AND EINSTEIN’S

THURSDAY, NOV. 9

11:30 AM – 2:00 PM

FREE VETERANS APPRECIATION LUNCH @ THE MARKETPLACE

FRIDAY, NOV. 10

11 AM

ETSU VETERANS DAY EVENT – VETERANS MEMORIAL

For more information contact the Office of Veterans Affairs
423-439-7161
ANNOUNCEMENTS

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. Let us know if you haven’t received one so we can get you on Checkpoint!

MARSH REGIONAL TO HOLD BLOOD DRIVES AT AREA ORGANIZATIONS

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

- Wednesday, November 1, 10:00am-5:00pm, UVA Wise, WISE, VA
- Thursday, November 2, 8:00am-2:00pm, John Battle High School, Bristol, VA
- Thursday, November 2, 8:30am-2:30pm, Lee High School, Jonesville, VA
- Thursday, November 2, 1:00pm-6:00pm, Food City, Wise, VA
- Friday, November 3, 7:30am-2:00pm, Sullivan South high School, Kingsport, TN
- Friday, November 3, 9:00am-3:00pm, Union High School, Big Stone Gap, VA

Marsh Regional provides blood to hospitals and health centers across the region. 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.

UPCOMING EVENTS

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<td>Ruck and Run Fundraiser, Academy Sports, beginning at 0830</td>
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<td>ALSO...Belk Charity Sale (0600-1000 hrs) Tickets are needed if you want to attend</td>
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<td>Nov 9</td>
<td>Free lunch at the Marketplace for ALL veterans! Beginning 1130 hrs</td>
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<td>Nov 10</td>
<td>Veterans Day ceremony, ETSU Quad beginning at 1100 hrs</td>
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<td>ALSO...Marine Corps 242nd birthday!</td>
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<td>Medal of Honor Luncheon, Kingsport Chamber of Commerce hosting</td>
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<td>Nov 28</td>
<td>TC-MAC Meeting, 8:30 am, The Crumley House</td>
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<td>ONGOING – Wreaths Across America campaign...please consider purchasing a wreath to go on the grave of a veteran.</td>
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Contact:
Main Number: 408-7500
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.

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. Unfortunately, this did lead to a delay in processing your payments, particularly for our first-time GI Bill users. We apologize for that, but wanted to do the right thing sooner rather than later.

A note on Joint Service Transcripts: Once your JST is received at 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.

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**Get Involved**

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

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.

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**Veteran Tickets Foundation - Tickets For Troops - Vet Tix**

www.vettix.org

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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.

**Tutoring**

If you are eligible and using a GI Bill benefit, then you be reimbursed for up to $100/month in tutoring costs 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 several courses)
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. We have the following vendors:

Pottery, Jewelry, Soaps, Fudge, Christmas items, Doggie Boutique, Apple Butter (Made on -site), Relishes, Dips, Hair Bows, Simply Southern wear, Handcrafted Wood items, Tupperware, Thirty-One, Sassy’s Herbs & Spices, Handmade Purses, LipSense, Lularoe, Photography Services, and Origami Owl.

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
Nicholas Norton, Brianna Watlington – 1 Nov
Madison Clark – 2 Nov
King Edwards, Jr – 3 Nov
Brittany Patmon – 4 Nov
Patrina Cradic – 5 Nov
Kayla Cole – 6 Nov
Ryan Sears – 7 Nov
Donald White, United States Marine Corps – 10 Nov
Samuel Thompson – 12 Nov
Sarah Kyte – 13 Nov
Cipriana Simerly, Joseph Davis, Thomas Moore – 14 Nov
David Carle – 15 Nov
Jalon Stubbs – 16 Nov
Shanelle Butts – 17 Nov
Jonathan Bateman, Sean Robinson – 19 Nov
Aliyah Smith – 20 Nov
Savana Lara, Brycen Burnette – 21 Nov
Alyssa Puckett - 26 Nov
Michael Mahlau, Joshua Paul – 27 Nov
Charles Blevins, Stewart Jackson, Stephen Carroll – 28 Nov
The Effect of Noise Exposure on the Vestibular System

This is an IRB approved study (0116.10-VA)

We are seeking participants (ages 18-55) for a study investigating the impact of noise on the vestibular system. All testing is conducted at the Mountain Home VA Medical Center in Johnson City, TN.

Qualified participants will receive a free hearing evaluation and inner ear (vestibular) tests.

You will not be charged for any treatment or procedures that are part of this study. Participation in this research experiment is voluntary and you may refuse to participate or quit at any time. You will be compensated for your time during the study.

For more information, please call Jeanne Lilly:

423-926-1171 ext. 7555

James H. Quillen VA Medical Center, Mountain Home, TN. 37684

Approved by ETSU/VA Medical IRB / Approval Date: December 13, 2016 / Expiration Date: December 2017