This newsletter was created for the intent of keeping you informed of the Military and VA Communities. This newsletter is also a tool to communicate events and resources both at OSU and the community at large. The opinions and viewpoints expressed in the articles are not those of the Oregon State University Military & Veteran Resources Office.

If you know other Student Veterans who could benefit from information in the newsletter please have them sign up for the STUVETSNES Listserv.

**VA and Military Updates:**

**Letter from Curtis L. Coy, Deputy Under Secretary for Economic Opportunity Veterans Benefits Administration - U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs**

*Colleagues and Fellow Veterans,*

*Yesterday we testified before the House Veterans Affairs Committee on “Defining and Improving Success for Student Veterans.”* Specifically, we shared information regarding various VA efforts to help Veterans achieve success in their educational endeavors, including the recent expansion of the VetSuccess on Campus (VSOC) program, launching new online tools (Comparison Tool and Feedback System), and the Million Records Project. Additionally, did you know tutorial assistance is available to help Veterans attending school pay for tutoring necessary to advance your education? Tutorial assistance is available under the Post-9/11 GI Bill if pursuing training at the half-time or greater rate, and have a deficiency in a subject, making tutoring necessary.

**Available Benefit and Eligibility**

*The monthly rate of tutorial assistance may not exceed the cost of tutoring or $100 per month. The maximum amount payable is $1,200. There is no entitlement charge under the Post-9/11 GI Bill.*

A student must meet the following criteria to be eligible for tutorial assistance:

- **Rate of pursuit must be at least 50 percent.**
- **Must have a deficiency in a course that is part of your approved program.**
- **Must be enrolled in the course during the quarter, semester, or term in which the tutoring is received for the course. Tutoring may not occur between quarters or semesters.**

The student, tutor, and certifying official must complete **VA Form 22-1990t**, Application and Enrollment Certification for Individualized Tutoring Assistance. The application may be submitted at the end of each month or combination of months. The application must be signed and dated on or after the date of the last tutoring session certified. The School Certifying Official (SCO) can submit the application on your behalf.

**Information for Schools**

*When a SCO signs an Application and Enrollment Certification for Individualized Tutorial Assistance, he or she will certify the following:*
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- Tutoring is essential to correct a deficiency. A letter from the course instructor should be put in the student’s VA file stating that the student is deficient in the course and that individual tutoring is required to correct the deficiency.
- The tutor meets the college’s qualifications. Ideally, the school maintains a list of approved tutors. The list should indicate the subjects a tutor is qualified to tutor and the hourly charge. Students should be assigned a tutor from the approved list. A tutor may not be a close relative of the student.
- The charges do not exceed the usual charges for tutoring.

Tutorial assistance is also available under many of our Educational programs (VocRehab, Dependent, etc.). Brochures and pamphlets on tutorial assistance requirements of various VA educational benefits are available at [http://www.benefits.va.gov/GIBILL/handouts_forms.asp](http://www.benefits.va.gov/GIBILL/handouts_forms.asp)

Tutorial Assistance is one of the many training program opportunities under the GI Bill benefits that are available to Veterans, Servicemember and their eligible dependents.

If you have any questions about the GI Bill or Tutorial Assistance please contact the school certifying official or call our GI Bill hotline using the information below.

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Curtis L. Coy  
Deputy Under Secretary for Economic Opportunity  
Veterans Benefits Administration  
U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs

US Navy Vet Inspiring Next Generation of Latino Engineers

Former U.S. Navy Nuke Barry Cordero said he knew from an early age that he wanted to help people. Growing up poor in the South Side of Chicago as the descendant of immigrants from both Mexico and Germany, he never heard of engineering as a child. He did know that he wanted to go to college and be a professional one day. Cordero said he wasn’t a great student in high school. “I was in a lot of honors classes but I didn’t perform really well,” he said. “I knew I wanted to be a doctor one day because I really had a passion for helping people.”
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U.S. Navy Nuke and Society of Hispanic Professional Engineers (SHPE) President Barry Cordero. (Angel Canales/ABC News)

One day he went to his school guidance counselor and asked him for advice about what he should do. “He really discouraged me from pursuing college. He encouraged me to use my mechanical experience to pursue a mechanical education,” Cordero recalled.

For more information see following website;  

**Employment Opportunities:**

![Student Veterans of America](image)

**Student Veteran Success Corps**  
*How Corporate America is Supporting Student Veterans.*

**Accenture: Vibrant Military Community**

Accenture is a consulting, technology, and outsourcing company. We are proud of our vibrant Accenture Military Community comprising approximately 1,000 employees and we are committed to the recruitment of student veterans who are taking advantage of their benefits and are in pursuit of higher education. Regardless of what stage of your studies you are in, Accenture wants to get to know you so that we can inform you of internship and full time hire opportunities!

Please submit your information to the Accenture Student Veteran Network here: [http://acn.avage.net/studentveterans](http://acn.avage.net/studentveterans)

**AT&T: Learn from the Best**
In the military, you gained a sense of pride for everything you do. Our Retail Leadership Development Program (RLDP) is a great way to bring that drive and transition into a new career. You'll learn from the best in the business about our innovative products and services. Not to mention get on the fast track to making a name for yourself at AT&T. Ready to get started? Visit att.jobs/military to discover how your awesome military skills can help you do amazing things here. Also, learn more about our RLDP and other opportunities at att.jobs/college.

Bank of America: Making The Transition Easier

*Full-time student/part-time job/big-time opportunity*

Many student veterans seek out part time work to earn extra cash. Of the nearly 7,000 veteran employees at Bank of America, many are doing exactly that...earning their degree while working part-time at one of Bank of America's thousands of Banking Centers across the nation. We offer competitive pay, opportunity for growth and attractive work schedules. To see if there is an opening in your area visit http://careers.bankofamerica.com/military/.

GMAC: Show Your Strengths

Worried about your next interview? Unsure how to answer questions about your strengths and weaknesses? Reflect by GMAC can help by showing you your strengths and weaknesses in 10 business-focused competencies and giving you the language you need to succeed in your interviews.

Visit www.gmac.com/reflect more information and save 15% by using the promo code: 15_REFLECTSVA14

Google: Fostering Student Success

1. Google hires graduating students across a number of roles and locations in the US. Visit our student jobs site to see roles and apply early.

2. This Google Student Veteran Summit includes a professional development curriculum designed to help veterans brush up their business skills and ensure a smooth transition to the civilian workplace. Participants will also meet members of Google’s Veteran community and get an inside look at the company's unique culture of impact and collaboration.

To apply, students must:

* Plan to begin their first year in a full-time MBA Program in the United States in the Fall 2014 term

* Be able to provide proof of work authorization in the United States
* Have served in one of the following United States Military Services: Air Force, Army, Coast Guard, Marine Corps, or Navy

* Demonstrate academic excellence in a business-related discipline and interest in technology

If you know any veteran students that might be interested in the program, we encourage you to have them apply now. The deadline to apply is 11:59PM PST May 25, 2014.

3. Google is also thrilled to announce that we will be partnering with SVA to host another year of resume workshops for veterans in 14 cities nationwide.

Whether you have a resume or need to start from scratch, every veteran that attends a workshop is paired with a Google employee for a one-on-one resume critique and coaching session, attends a panel discussion with Google veterans and hiring professionals, enjoys a free lunch, and goes on a tour. Apply now!

**JPMorgan Chase: Valuing Those Who Served**

JPMorgan Chase currently has more than 4,000 job openings across its lines of business and job functions, including anti-money laundering, cyber security and compliance roles. If you are interested in careers at JPMorgan Chase, please visit our website. Consider also visiting JobsMission.com to learn more about the 150+ companies in the 100,000 Jobs Mission.

Also check out our newly released “Transition Field Guide for Veterans,” a helpful resource to assist in developing post-military plans. The guide includes advice on entering the job market, pursuing further training or certification, going back to school or starting a business.

**MIT Lincoln Laboratory: At the Forefront of Research**

Continue to serve your country as a civilian with a career opportunity at MIT Lincoln Laboratory. The Laboratory is a U.S. Department of Defense research and development center that applies advanced technology to problems of national security. In addition to advanced engineers and scientists, the Laboratory requires talented staff in the areas of physical/personnel/information security, DOD contracts administration, finance, electronic techs/engineering assistants, systems administration, and more. Our staff enjoys exceptional benefits and resources and our location near Boston affords access to excellent cultural and recreational opportunities.

We invite you to explore and apply for opportunities at http://www.ll.mit.edu. MIT Lincoln Laboratory is an equal opportunity employer, and does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, veteran status, or disability. U.S. citizenship is required.

**TEKsystems: Building Long Term Careers**
A Fortune 100 best company to work for, TEKsystems is the leading provider of IT staffing for 82% of Fortune 500 companies. Ranked #1 in the industry for 13 consecutive years, we are the nation’s largest IT staffing firm. With 107 locations across the country, we offer great opportunities for advancement, personal & professional growth, and unlimited earning potential (Base + bonuses and commissions). Our training program is a formal 13 week program on recruiting and sales with a concentration on the IT industry (no previous IT knowledge is necessary).

To view all of SVA’s corporate partners, please visit our [website](#).

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**Upcoming Events:**

**Free Rafting Trips and Other Adventures Just for Veterans Throughout the United States:**
You don’t need to have previous rafting experience. We will teach you everything you need to know to travel comfortably including how to pack appropriately, load a raft, set up tarps, paddle in a raft, and navigate the river. After joining your group in your appropriate location, you will travel by van to an entry point along the river. You will get to know your group, learning wilderness skills and practicing safety procedures. Then you will begin your expedition.


**Memorial Day Celebration May 19, 2014 thru May 22, 2014**
Join Oregon State University and the Corvallis community in a week of memorial for this countries service men and women. May 19th – 23rd service members, past and present, and their dependents are invited to place a pin on the world map displayed in the campus’ Memorial Union Main Lounge to signify the different locations they have served. Carnations will be provided in the Memorial Union throughout the week for the community to place at various veteran memorials around the campus. Additionally, there will be a memorial service starting at noon on May 22nd which will include a flag fold and POW/MIA table as well as a display of military memorabilia from student/staff veterans in the Veterans Lounge with refreshments provided.

**Day of Caring Service Projects**
Registration for Day of Caring Service Projects on Friday May 30th is now OPEN! Students, staff, and faculty are invited to participate in this day of service. Choose from 14 different service projects with 12 community partners. Projects will take place at various times in the afternoon and check-in will be on campus at the Dixon lower courts, with transportation provided from there. The Center for Civic Engagement is partnering with the United Way of Benton & Lincoln Counties to host this event. Work will include options ranging from outdoor park cleanups and invasive species removal to community garden maintenance to facility cleanups, crafting, program preparation, home building, and much more! Many projects can accommodate children and youth as well.
Registration is required, so be sure to reserve your spot by signing up here: http://oregonstate.edu/cce/day-caring-2013-service-projects.

Project details and registration:

**SAGE Garden**: 11 Volunteers needed, 1:30-4:30pm
Starker Arts Garden for Education, Bruce Starker Arts Park
The food grown at SAGE is donated to local food banks and soup kitchens, providing fresh, healthy fruits and vegetables to families in our community who need them most. Every year the garden supplies 3-4 TONS of organically-grown produce to agencies and families all over Corvallis. Community volunteers are the heart of the SAGE garden; over 500 people a year come help us farm this one-acre plot of city land.
Volunteers will be helping with the maintenance of this space doing tasks that may include: prepping soil, planting, tending and harvesting! Transportation will be provided. Children and youth over the age of 6 are encouraged to participate under the supervision of a parent or guardian. Be sure to register youth separately and in addition to their supervising adult.
To volunteer, please register here.

**Corvallis Parks and Recreation**: Avery Park, 30 volunteers needed, 1:15pm-4:30pm
Avery Park (1310 SW Avery Park Drive)
Corvallis Parks and Recreation preserves and creates a community heritage by providing places and programs designed to enhance the quality of life. With over 2,000 acres of parks and open spaces, the Corvallis Parks and Recreation staff simply could not maintain our exceptional parks or offer families such a large variety of activities without the help of volunteers like you.
Volunteers will be working on a variety of projects including invasive species removal, bench preparation, staining, landscape weeding, mulching. The CCE will be leading a group in walking to the project site. For volunteers who do not wish to walk, van transportation will be provided. Youth over the age of 8 are encouraged to attend, with adult supervision. Be sure to register youth separately and in addition to their supervising adult.
To volunteer, please register here.

**Corvallis Parks and Recreation**: Riverfront, 30 volunteers needed, 2:30pm-5:30pm
Riverfront (In central Corvallis, on 1st Street between Tyler and B Streets)
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Corvallis Parks and Recreation staff simply could not maintain our exceptional parks or offer families such a large variety of activities without the help of volunteers like you. Volunteers will be working on a variety of projects including invasive species removal, bench preparation, staining, landscape weeding, mulching. The CCE will be driving volunteers to the project site in vans. Youth over the age of 8 are encouraged to attend, with adult supervision. Be sure to register youth separately and in addition to their supervising adult.
To volunteer, please register [here](#).

**Philomath Youth Activities Club**, 11 volunteers needed, 1:15-4:30pm
421 S 19th St, Corvallis
The Philomath Youth Activities Club is a non-profit whose mission is to provide positive recreational and educational opportunities to the youth in our community. All of PYAC's programs are designed to help give youth the tools they will need to successfully navigate through adolescence. They use a very common sense approach to youth development. Simply put, they believe the more positive assets youth possess, the less likely they will be to get involved with risk-taking behaviors. Volunteers will be helping out with PYAC’s firewood project, splitting and stacking wood at their facility. The CCE will be driving volunteers to the project site in vans. Youth and children are not allowed on this project.
To volunteer, please register [here](#).

**Community Outreach, Inc.** 10 volunteers needed, 1:30-4:30pm
865 NW Reiman Ave
Community Outreach has been providing for the basic human needs of the Mid-Willamette Valley’s homeless and poor since 1971—stabilizing those in crisis, feeding the hungry, housing the homeless, healing the sick, and counseling the mentally ill and substance addicted. Volunteers will be helping out at the Community Outreach Office, beautifying the yard and doing other yard maintenance. The CCE will be driving volunteers to the project site in vans. Children and youth are not allowed on this project.
To volunteer, please register [here](#).

**Trillium Family Services**, 11 volunteers needed, 1:30-4:30pm
“Old School” just off of Hwy 20
Trillium is Oregon’s largest provider of mental and behavioral healthcare for children and families. We offer hope to families when they don’t know where else to turn. Whether we are addressing a one-time mental health crisis or an ongoing condition, we equip children and their families with the right tools to understand their challenges, treat their conditions, and gain new skills in order to effectively manage their mental health challenges. Volunteers will help with outdoor cleanup and other landscaping. The CCE will be driving volunteers to the project site in vans. Youth over the age of 14 are allowed to participate, with parental supervision. Be sure to register youth separately and in addition to their supervising adult.
To volunteer, please register [here](#).

**Corvallis Multicultural Literacy Center**. 8 volunteers needed, 2:15-5:30pm
128 SW Ninth Street
Corvallis Multicultural Literacy Center (CMLC) is a place where people of all cultures can come together in a “living room for learning,” where all people can be teachers and learners, where sharing cultures and expanding literacies enables everyone to take part in the community.
At Corvallis Multicultural Literacy Center, the basement needs items taken out. This involves some carrying of boxes and general cleanup. Some outdoor cleanup may be included and would be limited to general tidying. The CCE will be leading volunteers in walking as a group to the project site. Youth over the age of 14 are allowed to participate, with parental supervision. Be sure to register youth separately and in addition to their supervising adult.

To volunteer, please register here.

**Boys and Girls Club of Corvallis**, 11 volunteers needed, 3:00-5:30pm
1112 NW Circle Blvd.
The Boys and Girls Club of Corvallis has been offering quality programs to youth grades K-12 in Corvallis and the surrounding area since 1971. They are the main provider of after-school care in Benton County. One of BGCC’s programs, Corvallis Safety Town, educates children entering Kindergarten about important safety topics including fire safety, dog safety, water safety and more! Under the guidance of a teacher and teen instructors, children learn through hands-on activities, music, and field trips.

Volunteers will be making crafts for Boys and Girls Club of Corvallis’s Safety Town. The CCE will be driving volunteers to the project site in vans. Youth over the age of 8 are allowed to participate, with parental supervision. Be sure to register youth separately and in addition to their supervising adult.

Youth must be able to properly handle scissors.

To volunteer, please register here.

**Habitat for Humanity**: Hilltop Site Maintenance, 11 volunteers needed, 2:30-5:30pm
Hilltop Village at Chip Rose Park
Benton Habitat for Humanity is an affiliate of Habitat for Humanity International. Benton Habitat for Humanity is a community based nonprofit organization working in Benton County, Oregon. We welcome volunteers and supporters from all backgrounds and also serve people in need of decent housing regardless of race, religion, age, gender, political views or any of the other distinctions that too often divide people. Hilltop Village is a piece of property owned by Benton Habitat for Humanity, to be used for future home sites. At this stage of the process, Hilltop is all grass, with a native species landscape buffer between our property and the neighbors. A well-maintained site could attract future donors and partnerships to the next stage of the Hilltop Village project.

Volunteers will help to pull weeds, trim native species, and maintain the hilltop site for future development. This project is important for our relationship with neighbors and the community. The CCE will be driving volunteers to the project site in vans. Children above the age of 8 are welcome to join, under the supervision of an adult volunteer. Be sure to register your child/youth separately in addition to your own registration.

To volunteer, please register here.

**Habitat for Humanity**: Home Construction, 10 volunteers needed, 1:30-4:30pm
Current Habitat for Humanity home construction site in downtown Corvallis
Benton Habitat for Humanity is an affiliate of Habitat for Humanity International. Benton Habitat for Humanity is a community based nonprofit organization working in Benton County, Oregon. We welcome volunteers and supporters from all backgrounds and also serve people in need of decent housing regardless of race, religion, age, gender, political views or any of the other distinctions that too often divide people.

Volunteers will be joining our construction volunteers on our jobsite, currently in downtown Corvallis. Duties vary depending on where we are in the construction process, but might include framing in walls, painting, landscaping, or a thousand other things! No experience is necessary, just a willingness to help
out. Our Construction Supervisor will provide training and direction on the site. The CCE will be driving volunteers to the project site in vans. Children are NOT permitted on this project
To volunteer, please register here.

**Boys and Girls Club of Albany**, 8 volunteers needed, 2:15-5:30pm
1215 SE Hill Street, Albany
The goal of the Boys and Girls Club of Albany is to provide a fun, safe, supervised environment for recreational and educational activities where all boys and girls, especially those who need us the most, can develop self-esteem and the qualities needed to become caring, responsible citizens. Trained professional staff provide positive adult mentors and role models. Nationally recognized programs help young people succeed in school, stay healthy, learn important life skills, pursue interests in the arts and sports, and explore vocational choices. Volunteers will be helping to fix the parking lot at the Boys and Girls Club of Albany. Volunteers may also help with some yard work and inventory materials. The CCE will be driving volunteers to the project site in vans. Children not permitted on this project.
To volunteer, please register here.

**Jackson Street Youth Shelter**, 8 volunteers needed, 2:15-5:30pm
555 NW Jackson Ave.
Jackson Street Youth Shelter, Inc., is here to promote safety, stability, and well-being for youth. We work to prevent homelessness by showing a path to long-term success through building positive relationships and skills for self-sufficiency. Jackson Street’s purpose is to assist Oregon children, adolescents, young adults and families, especially those in Benton and Linn Counties, to develop a positive attitude toward themselves and others, to build self-esteem, accountability, and an appropriate degree of independence. They provide shelter services and address the issues of health, education, juvenile justice, life skills, and job-readiness, so as to reduce homelessness, runaway behavior, substance abuse, delinquency, family dysfunction, child abuse, delayed education, and unemployment. This project includes deep cleaning the Meeting House, minor tree trimming and weeding in the backyard, and reorganizing the basement. The CCE will be leading volunteers in walking as a group to the project site. Children are not permitted on this project.
To volunteer, please register here.

**Home Life, Inc. at Robinson House**, 12 volunteers needed, 1:30 - 4:30pm
2740 NW Hayes Ave Corvallis
Home Life, Inc. is a local nonprofit working to serve people with disabilities. Home Life Believes that people with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities should be treated with dignity and respect, and should be involved in decision making that effects their lives, should be encouraged to live as independently as possible within a safe, healthy environment that fosters growth, and that people with disabilities have many capabilities, are valuable, and contribute to the community. In July of 2009 Robinson House opened its doors as a Home Life program. Robinson House opened with four clients receiving services from the program. In May of 2011 we welcomed our newest client to the house to fill the space that had opened up in 2010. Over the three years that Robinson House has been open our clients have experienced incredible growth in their life skills as well as personal independence. The project includes working on a large backyard that has been neglected for years. There will be weeding in the yard and flower beds. The CCE will be driving volunteers to the project site in vans. Children above the age of 6 are welcome to join under the supervision of an adult volunteer. Be sure to
register your child/youth separately and in addition to your own registration. To volunteer, please register here.

**Craft 'N Care On Campus, about 25 volunteers needed*, 3:00-5:30pm**
OSU Women's Center

Craft 'N Care is a program organized by the Center for Civic Engagement to bring community service to students on campus. During Craft N Care events, students make a variety of different crafts to be donated to local senior living facilities, homes for adults with developmental or intellectual disabilities, children's hospitals, homeless shelters, troops, animal shelters, and/or youth organizations. These crafts are typically used as decorations for upcoming events, seasons, or holidays or simply to brighten up the environment of the buildings, and especially the lives of the people that use them!

During this crafting event, we will be creating bracelets for Corvallis-Gondar Sister Cities Association (C-GSCA), a group of citizens and city officials organizing to collaborate with the people of Gondar to develop sustainable solutions and promote cultural awareness, respect, and understanding. In defining this mission the C-GSCA places an emphasis on addressing needs in Gondar that have been identified and prioritized through a joint effort of representatives of both cities. In selecting projects, priority is given to solutions that are sustainable—that is, to solutions that can reasonably be maintained by Gondar’s citizens and government once they have been implemented. C-GSCA will be sending these bracelets to students in Gondar as a symbol for friendship, support, community and solidarity. Children are welcome to attend. Please register children/youth separately. Check – in at the service location (Women’s Center).

To volunteer, please register here.*

*registration recommended but not required, drop-in option available.

For accommodations related to ability, please call 541-737-3041 or email cce@oregonstate.edu.

**Resources:**

**Scholarship Opportunity**

**The Grateful Nation Scholarship Awarded to a Woman Who Has Served in the Armed Forces**

The Zonta Service Foundation of Corvallis is accepting applications for its Grateful Nation Scholarship. This scholarship offers $2,700 per year, $900 per quarter to help cover tuition, fees, books, and supplies charged to a recipient’s account at Oregon State University-Corvallis.

**CRITERIA**

The Grateful Nation Scholarship will be awarded to a female OSU undergraduate or graduate student who has served in one of the armed branches of the U.S. military since September 10, 2001, and: 1) has received an honorable or general under honorable discharge from the service; 2) was assigned to a unit that deployed to Iraq or Afghanistan or was sent individually to Iraq or Afghanistan; and 3) was awarded one of the following medals:

Prior to April 30, 2005, the Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal
After May 1, 2005, the Iraq Campaign Medal or the Afghanistan Campaign Medal

If an Air Force veteran who was not awarded one of the two above medals, has orders showing
TDY (temporary duty assignment) to an assignment in Iraq or Afghanistan supporting Operation Enduring Freedom (OEF) or Operation Iraqi Freedom (OIF)

OR

To a female OSU undergraduate or graduate student who has served in one of the armed branches of the U.S. military since September 10, 2001 and who has 0 percent or greater service connected for Post Traumatic Stress Disorder due to combat exposure or military sexual trauma

OR

To an unremarried spouse of a soldier who died while on Active Duty, weekend drill, or Annual Training since September 10, 2001.

Preference will be given to a female veteran who meets the above mentioned qualifications and: Served in a unit exposed to combat, and was decorated for the combat by a specific combat badge or award, including but not limited to:

- Purple Heart
- Commendation Medal with V device
- Bronze Star with V device
- Silver Star
- Combat Action Badge
- Combat Medics Badge

All medals and time in service should be verified by a DD214 or a DD215.

Selected recipients must be enrolled and attend classes at the OSU campus, and be full time (minimum of 12 credits for undergraduates and 9 credits for graduate students) either solely at OSU, or in combination with OSU and partner courses.

Download the scholarship application

Applications must be postmarked no later than May 23, 2014.

For questions, contact Arnold Rollin at toadedd@aol.com
“Let’s Talk” is a program that provides confidential consultation to Veterans and ROTC Cadets at OSU. It’s free!

This service will be available on **Mondays from 11:00 AM – 1:00 PM** Spring term weeks 2-10 in Snell Hall on the 5th Floor.

1. All Let's Talk consults will occur in 30-minute increments (11:00, 11:30, 12:00, and 12:30).
2. Call in to 541-737-2131 to preschedule - you’ll request a Let’s Talk appointment and provide your Student ID number and first and last name to hold your appointment.
3. Arrive 5 minutes before your appointment and then talk with Beth for about 30 minutes.

The goal is to walk out with a plan and resources to address your concern.

Speaking with a counselor consultant can help provide insight, solutions, and information about other resources.

Let’s Talk is not a substitute for formal counseling and doesn’t constitute mental health treatment, but the counseling consultant can listen to your specific problems and introduce you to what it’s like to speak to a counselor.

No topic is off limits. Common concerns include:

- stress
- sadness
- worry
- relationships
- academic performance
- family problems
- financial struggles

**Who should visit Let’s Talk?**

Any Veteran at OSU or ROTC Cadet can come to a Let’s Talk consultation, but it’s the best fit for student veterans or cadets who:

- Aren’t sure about counseling or wonder what it’s like to talk to a counselor;
- Aren’t interested in ongoing counseling but would like the perspective of a counselor;
- Have a specific problem and would like someone with whom to talk it through; or
- Have a concern about a friend or family member and would like ideas about what to do.

**Questions about Let’s Talk?**

Contact Beth Wasylow, PhD, Licensed Psychologist at 541-737-2131 or Beth.Wasylow@oregonstate.edu

The Let’s Talk Program at Oregon State University is based on the Let’s Talk Program at Cornell University.

**What happens at a visit to Let’s Talk?**

When you two meet, the counselor consultant will listen closely to your concerns, possibly ask questions and provide, support, perspective and suggestions for resources.
How is Let’s Talk different from counseling at CAPS?
Counselors at CAPS provide ongoing counseling, which usually consists of weekly or bi-monthly 45-50 minute appointments. Let’s Talk is not formal counseling; it is a service where student veterans and cadets can have an informal consultation with a counselor consultant from time to time.

Need help with an urgent mental health crisis? CAPS offers 24-hour crisis intervention services for enrolled students or for those who are concerned about an enrolled student. If you are feeling desperate or thinking about suicide, or you’re afraid for the wellbeing of someone you know, you can call CAPS at 541-737-2131.

I think I have a problem that would benefit from counseling, but I don’t know anything about it. Would going to Let’s Talk help me figure out what to do?
Absolutely. The counselor consultant will help you talk through your issues and help you determine the best way to get help. If you feel comfortable with the counselor consultant, it is sometimes possible to meet with her at CAPS in an on-going way.

Let’s Talk visits are confidential. Are there any limits to confidentiality?
Conversations are confidential, with a few very rare exceptions. Counselors may need to share information in an emergency when there is an immediate threat of harm to self or others. Counselors are required by law to report when a minor, elderly person, or someone otherwise incapacitated and unable to act on his/her own behalf is being abused. Let’s Talk counselors keep brief written notes of their contacts with students, and in the event that there is an emergency or a student is referred to CAPS, other CAPS staff may see these notes. Finally, these notes can be released in the unlikely event of a court order.

The student veteran or cadet will co-develop and co-sign a brief record of contact.

Let’s Talk visits are never reported on a student’s official university record.

We don’t want anything to be a barrier to students accessing help. If you have further questions about confidentiality, we encourage you to discuss them with the Let’s Talk counselor consultant.

New OSU Office Hours for Benton County Veteran Service Officer (VSO).
If you are interested in accessing and applying for other VA benefits such as medical, disability, VA home loan information, etc., come see the new Benton County VSO, Mary Newman. Mary will be on campus in my office (Registrar Office) the 1st and 3rd Thursday of every month 1:00 to 4:00.

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OSU Veterans Resource Blog
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OSU Veterans Website:
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Oregon Department of Veterans Affairs Website:
http://www.oregon.gov/odva/Pages/index.aspx

Oregon Department of Employment Veteran Representatives:
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OSU Veterans and Family Student Association Facebook page:
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Thank you and have a great day.

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