

**VA and Military Updates:**

**New GI Bill Payment Rates Announced**
Each year in October, the Montgomery GI Bill (MGIB) payment rates increase to meet the growing cost of education. This October the MGIB full-time student payment rate will be increased to $1,564 a month for the 2013 fiscal year (2012-2013 School Year). Eligible veterans and service members could receive as much $56,304 in cash benefits over 36 months. This new monthly payment rate applies to all MGIB users no matter when they became eligible for or began using the Montgomery GI Bill. View the new FY2013 MGIB rates for part-time through full-time enrollment. [http://www.military.com/veterans-report/new-gi-bill-payment-rates-announced?ESRC=vr.nl](http://www.military.com/veterans-report/new-gi-bill-payment-rates-announced?ESRC=vr.nl)

**House Expands Education Resources andRestricts VA Executive Bonuses**
WASHINGTON, D.C.—Today, on the 11th anniversary of the attacks of September 11, 2001, the House of Representatives reaffirmed its promises to America’s veterans by overwhelmingly passing bipartisan legislation to improve benefits and services through the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA).

A major component of this bill, H.R. 4057, as amended, requires VA to implement a comprehensive policy that aids veterans in making informed decisions about their choices in pursuit of higher education. H.R. 4057 also provides for more transparency of information related to education and training opportunities so that veterans are able to make the most of their Post-9/11 GI Bill benefits. [http://veterans.house.gov/press-release/house-expands-education-resources-and-restricts-va-executive-bonuses](http://veterans.house.gov/press-release/house-expands-education-resources-and-restricts-va-executive-bonuses)

**New VA program helping veterans with career training, getting back to school**
Franklin Wingo was more excited about his first day of college this fall than many of his peers at McLennan Community College. “The first day of school, I had a military backpack with all of the books (for my classes),” said Wingo, a 50-year-old U.S. Coast Guard veteran. “I didn’t know what all I’d need. They were calling me Rambo.” Wingo is studying to earn an associate’s degree in paralegal studies. He is one of about 30 local veterans starting college this fall under a new federal program that helps older, unemployed veterans go back to school for training in a new field. [http://www.wacotrib.com/news/169415266.html](http://www.wacotrib.com/news/169415266.html)

**Employment Opportunities:**

**How to Attract and Hire Great Veteran Candidates**
Unemployment is tough, but for veterans the problem is especially pronounced. According to the Labor Department's August employment report the unemployment rate for post-9/11 veterans is a surprisingly high 10.9 percent. Companies are ignoring talented veteran candidates and they are doing so at their own peril. In a conversation with Lisa Rosser, founder of The Value of a Veteran, she pointed out accurately the many benefits to employers of considering veteran candidates. First of all, there are plenty of talented veteran candidates for the taking. Rosser notes there are approximately 200,000 people leaving the service every year. Most businesses can even receive tax credits or compliance credits for hiring military service members. [http://www.huffingtonpost.com/josh-tolan/veteran-job-seekers_b_1869442.html](http://www.huffingtonpost.com/josh-tolan/veteran-job-seekers_b_1869442.html)
**Resident Director**
Oregon State University’s University Housing & Dining Services (UHDS) is seeking qualified applicants for a newly open Resident Director position for the current academic year. The Resident Director (RD) is a 52-week live-in, professional responsible for the overall administration of one or more residence halls housing 200-500 students. The Resident Director supervises primarily undergraduate students in creating safe, educational, caring, and inclusive communities. The Residential Education Unit strives to foster students’ personal awareness, appreciation of others and development of skills to succeed in a diverse, global society and encourages them to demonstrate responsible and ethical behavior in their communities. Additionally, Residential Education provides opportunities for students to develop leadership skills.

This position is a year-round (12-month) 1.0 FTE unclassified position. Salary range is $28,500-$30,500. This position includes a partially furnished apartment, utilities, and a meal plan in addition to the standard OSU benefits package. OSU may approve a small pet (cat, dog, or fish) for residency in staff apartments – subject to UHDS Staff Pet Policy. Position closes October 1, 2012.

For a list of qualifications, a complete job description, and to apply online, visit posting #0008497 at [http://jobs.oregonstate.edu/applicants/Central?quickFind=59779](http://jobs.oregonstate.edu/applicants/Central?quickFind=59779).

**Food Pantry Coordinator**
Oregon State University’s Human Services Resource Center is seeking qualified applicants for their Food Pantry Coordinator Position. For more information about the position see enclosed attachment labeled “Food Pantry Coordinator”.

To apply email a cover letter and resume to [hsrco@oregonstate.edu](mailto:hsrco@oregonstate.edu)

**Upcoming Events:**
Veterans and Family Student Association Meetings are the first and third Friday of every month from 4:00 to 5:00 in the Memorial Union Veterans Lounge. For additional information please contact the VFSA by email at [OSUveterans@oregonstate.edu](mailto:OSUveterans@oregonstate.edu)

The Office of Veterans Services is supporting the Pride Center’s invitation to Lt. Dan Choi to come speak on his role in the LGBTQ movement on October 3, 2012 from 6:15 to 8:15 p.m. For more information on Lt. Dan Choi please refer to the following website: [http://www.gotham-artists.com/Lt_dan_choi.html](http://www.gotham-artists.com/Lt_dan_choi.html).

**Veterans Resources:**
OSU Veterans Webpage: [http://oregonstate.edu/veterans/home/](http://oregonstate.edu/veterans/home/)

OSU Veterans Staff Connection Program: [https://secure.oregonstate.edu/dsapps/veteransconnection/apps/index.php](https://secure.oregonstate.edu/dsapps/veteransconnection/apps/index.php)