Welcome Back for the 2017-2018 Academic Year:

Welcome back! The new academic year is upon us here at the University of Delaware and as a veteran organization we are currently in the final planning stages of many exciting events and programs on and around campus for this coming year.

One of the biggest events we are currently planning is “Veteran Week” this coming November. We are in the final phase of planning this event however; we still have work to do to complete “Veteran Week” for its roll out starting November 6th. If you would like to assist in this planning of “Veteran Week” please reach out to the Blue Hen Veterans or myself. Please click on the new and improved Blue Hen Veteran web site where you can find meeting times and locations, upcoming events, schedules and much more. [https://www.bluehenveterans.org/](https://www.bluehenveterans.org/).

We have many other events and programs in addition to veteran week this coming year so if you have any questions please be sure to contact me directly or any member of the Blue Hen Veterans.

1. Classes Scheduled – Veterans Enrollment Data Form Submission

As a reminder once you have scheduled classes for a term, please remember to submit your Veterans Enrollment Data form to have your VA benefits certified to the VA for payment. Failure to submit this form will result in no VA certification being submitted to the VA for payment of tuition and fees, book allowance and BAH payment. Click on the link below and scroll to the top of the screen to submit the enrollment form for a specific term. Please look for the UD Veterans Educational Benefits Enrollment Data Form

[http://www1.udel.edu/registrar/students/veterans.html#res](http://www1.udel.edu/registrar/students/veterans.html#res)
Military Transfer Credit Information: REMINDER

Effective in Fall 2017, students may earn some limited credit for military experience and have that credit posted to their University of Delaware transcript. Current students admitted prior to Fall 2017 should follow the process below to have coursework evaluated.

1. Submit a written request to have your Joint Services Transcript (JST) evaluated for posting of transfer credit. Send your request to Carolyn Quinci, Senior Associate Registrar, by way of email (cquinci@udel.edu).

2. Request to have your official Joint Services Transcript sent to the University of Delaware by going to the Joint Services Transcript site at https://jst.doded.mil/smart/signIn.do. Once you are logged-in, click on the “Transcripts” tab at the top of the page, then click the option for “Official Transcript Request.” Type “University of Delaware” in the search bar, click on the name of the school once it populates, check the box stating, “I have read and agree with the above consent statement,” and click “yes.”

Following this process above should send your official Joint Services Transcript to the University of Delaware for review of credits. Once you have submitted your written request and JST, please allow two weeks for processing. Check your Transfer Credit Report, found in your Student Center in UDSIS, for any updates to your record. If you have any questions about this process please feel free to let me know.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

1. VA Status Update:

I spoke with a VA representative on Monday and she let me know that the VA is approximately 4-6 weeks behind schedule making tuition and fee payments to the school in addition to making book allowance payments to you the student.

2. First State Cup – Veterans Tailgate

Blue Hen Veterans will host their second annual First State Cup Veterans Tailgate for the home football game between University of Delaware and Delaware State University. The Blue Hen Veterans would like to host the DSU Forces, Delaware State University's student veteran organization. It is our hope to foster a community of military veterans and their families across the state and region. August 31 @ 3:30
3. Passage of the “Forever GI Bill”

Recently President Trump signed the Harry W. Colmery Veterans Educational Assistance Act of 2017 “Forever GI Bill” into law. There are 29 sections of the new GI Bill and I am currently going over each of them to see when and how they will affect UD and you the student. This new GI Bill affects both veterans and dependents using VA educational benefits no matter which benefit you are using. Overwhelmingly, this is a great bill and the pros of this new GI Bill outweigh the items given up to pass this bill. There was great support for this “Forever GI Bill” as it passed the House of Representatives and the United States Senate unanimously.

When I have updates that are more specific, I will be sure to send them out to you all. As always if you have any questions please feel free to contact me directly as I am always happy to help.

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