Monthly Newsletter

VA BENEFIT UPDATE:

If you have not done so already and wish to use VA education benefits for the upcoming 2018 winter and or spring term(s) please be sure to submit the UD Veterans Educational Benefits Enrollment Data Form. The form should be submitted when you register for classes but no later than the first day of classes. Please see the attached link below to access the veteran form.

http://www1.udel.edu/registrar/students/veterans.html

If you have already submitted the UD Veterans Educational Benefits Enrollment Data Form and have not received any payment from the VA (books, BAH or tuition and fees) please reach out to me directly ASAP! The VA is currently still behind processing benefits however if you have not been paid I will reach out to the VA on your behalf to resolve these issues.

Additionally, please remember when scheduling classes for upcoming terms (winter or spring), as soon as you have classes scheduled for either term you can submit the UD Veteran Educational Benefits Enrollment Data Form. Without the submission of the form I cannot submit certification to the VA for payment. The quicker you submit this form the faster we can submit your certification to the VA for benefits.

If you have any questions or concerns please let me know as I am always happy to help!

UD Veterans Educational Enrollment Data Form
The University of Delaware was named to Victory Media’s 2017 Military Friendly® Schools List, and ranked as fourth among the Top 10 Gold Military Friendly® School Award winners in the category of Tier One Research Institutions. Victory Media now requires schools to administer a Veteran Student Survey and has a minimum response rate for a school to be designated a Military Friendly® School. We still need 50 more responses by December 16 to maintain eligibility.

As a military student, student veteran or veteran dependent student at UD, we hope you can take time to complete this survey. Your responses will help us know how well we are serving you and your fellow military and veteran students, and to make improvements to better serve you and students considering attending UD.

It is very important that you complete any portion of this survey and submit it. You can do the entire survey which takes approximately 15 minutes, a brief survey that takes approximately 5 minutes or you can do the 1 question survey. Any one of these survey submissions would assist us in maintaining and improving on our rankings in the coming years.

If you have any questions please let me know ASAP! Please see link below that takes you to the survey!

Scholarship Information

The National Association of Veteran Program Administrators (NAVPA) is proud to introduce our National Scholarship Program. Our Scholarship Program offers eight scholarships, one to each of the eight NAVPA regions of the United States. The NAVPA Scholarship is available to veterans, service members and their dependents. However, the Veteran must have received an Honorable Discharge from their last term of service.

The application period will open October 22nd, 2017. All NAVPA scholarship applications and attachments MUST be submitted by January 19, 2018. Winners will be notified after the NAVPA Board of Directors review applications at the midyear meeting in February 2018.

Please know that the winner of last year’s NAVPA scholarship from our region came from the University of Delaware! Be sure if you like to apply for this scholarship that you do so soon as the deadline is fast approaching.

Click link below to apply for NAVPA scholarship.

http://www.navpa.org/scholarship-application/

Miscellaneous

If you are in need of disability benefits from the VA, health care, applying for education benefits and much more please be sure to check out https://www.vets.gov/

If you have any questions please let me know! If you do not have any questions please remember to fill out the UD Veteran Enrollment Data Form for either winter or spring term. Have a very Merry Christmas!
Fun Facts about Each Branch

**Army:** The Army owns so much land that if it were a state, it would be larger than Hawaii and Massachusetts combined. The Army has a ton of infrastructure. Soldiers serve at 158 installations around the world, and the service owns more than 15 million acres of land across the US, which totals up to roughly 24,000 square miles. That would make the "State of Army" larger than smaller states like Maryland, Hawaii, Massachusetts, and Vermont.


**Air Force:** Each March, some airmen participate in a “Mustache March”, a tradition where airmen grow mustaches to honor Air Force legend and triple ace Brig. Gen. Robin Olds.

**Marines:** The first American to orbit the Earth was a Marine. In 1962, aboard NASA’s Mercury capsule Friendship 7, a Marine named John Glenn became the first American to orbit the Earth.

**Coast Guard:** It is responsible for reporting the movements of icebergs. As a result of the sinking of the Titanic in 1912, the Coast Guard has monitored and reported locations for icebergs in the Atlantic and Arctic oceans as part of the International Ice Patrol for 13 nations. As of 2011, the Coast Guard monitors icebergs for Belgium, Canada, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Italy, Japan, the Netherlands, Norway, Panama, Poland, Spain, Sweden, the United Kingdom and the U.S.