VA BENEFIT UPDATE:

If you have not done so already and wish to use VA education benefits for the upcoming 2018 Spring term 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.

PLEASE REMEMBER THIS FORM NEEDS COMPLETED EACH TERM YOU WISH TO USE VA BENEFITS!

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
I wanted to invite you all for coffee and donuts to welcome you all back for the Spring 2018 academic term. Steve McGuire who is involved in the VWF has graciously donated coffee and donuts to all student veterans and dependents who wish to stop by. I hope to see you all there for coffee and donuts and wish every one of you a productive term here at the University of Delaware.

Location: Perkins Student Center 1st Floor Lounge

Time: 9:00 am - 11:00am on February 12th
Scholarship Information

If you are looking for a few extra dollars please see the links below for possible scholarships.

1. https://www.fastweb.com/directory/scholarships-for-veterans


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.

Please see link below for a short clip of “UD Veterans Week” 2017

http://www.udel.edu/registrar/students/vetnews/2017_UD_VeteranWeek_iMovie.mov
Fun Facts about Each Branch

Army: There's a reason many soldiers joke about the existence of an "E-4 Mafia". That's because if you want anything done in the Army, you'll probably need a specialist (or three) to get it done. Across active-duty and reserve ranks in 2015, there are 264,890 specialists, making up more than one-quarter of the US Army.

Though the Army used to have specialist ranks that had grades from Spec-4 to Spec-9, it eliminated that system in 1985, setting aside Specialist-4 as a junior-enlisted rank called just "Specialist" from then on. Unlike corporals, who are also E-4s, the specialist rank isn't considered a non-commissioned officer, which is probably why some are very good at earning their "sham shield."

Navy: In 1819, the United States Congress placed the Secretary of the Navy in charge of naming ships—a power he or she still enjoys. Generally, names are compiled by the Naval Historical Center based on the suggestions from the public, sailors, and retirees, and from naval history. The Chief of Naval Operations formally signs and recommends the list to the Secretary. Ships named for individuals are christened by “the eldest living female descendent” of that individual. Commissioned ships are prefixed with USS, which stands for United States Ship. Though the convention had been in use since the late eighteenth century, it was not standardized or formalized until 1907, by Teddy Roosevelt.

Air Force: In 1947, then-Air Force Capt. Chuck Yeager broke the sound barrier in his Bell X-1 rocket-powered aircraft, beginning a new era of aeronautics in America.
**Marines:** While most people have heard of **Toys for Tots**, many don’t realize this wonderful organization is actually a U.S. Marine Corps Reserve mission! The organization was founded in 1947 when Major Bill Hendricks, USMCR, was inspired by his wife to gather a group of Los Angeles-based Marine reservists with the goal of collecting toys to be distributed to families-in-need during the holidays. The group wound up collecting over 5,000 toys in that first year, and made Toys for Tots a national effort the following year. As of 2016 Marines have collected over 512 million toys for children in need.

**Coast Guard:** The Coast Guard was the first afloat armed force. Predating the Navy and most other federal government organizations, the origins of the Coast Guard date back to 1790. From our earliest days as the Revenue-Marine and the Revenue Cutter Service – to today, as the United States Coast Guard, our service has always been Semper Paratus (Always Ready) to serve our Nation.