Delaware student veterans!

The time has come to recognize and congratulate you on the hard work and dedication you have showed over these last few years. On behalf of the University of Delaware, I extend a sincere congratulations and best of luck to this year’s class of graduating student veterans of 2018. You have been exceptional representatives of the University of Delaware and through hard work, dedication and sacrifice have made it to another milestone in your career. Congratulations!

The University of Delaware is a better place having the likes of student veterans like yourselves. You now join the fraternity of past Blue Hen Veterans and have laid the groundwork for our future. For this, I personally thank you!

On behalf of the University of Delaware, congratulations and best of luck!

For those student veterans graduating and would like a chord to wear at graduation notating your veteran status please stop by my office to pick up your chord. If you have any questions please contact me directly.
Summer 2018 and Fall 2018 VA Certifications

To date I have submitted every Summer 2018 term VA certification to the VA for payment for those of you who have submitted the UD Veteran Enrollment Data Form. If you are taking classes in the coming Summer 2018 session 1 and or 2 please be sure to submit the UD Veteran Enrollment Data Form as soon as possible and before the end of the term.

**Important Reminder:** As soon as you have classes scheduled for Fall 2018 academic term please be sure to submit the UD Veteran Enrollment Data Form immediately! Over the last few academic years the VA has been extremely backed up in processing fall term certifications. The back up in processing these VA certifications has caused the VA to delay book and BAH payments to students and delay the tuition and fee payment to the university. To hopefully speed up payments from the VA please make sure you submit UD Veteran Enrollment Data Form was soon as you have classes scheduled.

Please see the steps below to apply “Additional Credit” to your student account for the expected VA payment.

**Steps:**
1. Log into your “My Finance” page
2. Click on make a payment
3. Click on the icon below “Additional Credit” (it will have a pencil)
4. In the pop-up box under Type select “Veterans Benefits”, enter the amount the VA will cover and in the comment section be sure to state this is a VA payment for the specific term (Fall 2018, Winter 2018, Spring 2019 or Summer 2019).
5. Click on Save Credits

**Have a Great Summer!**
**Updates:**

**Military Order of the Purple Heart:** The Military Order of the Purple Heart (MOPH) will effectively close all offices and transfer all Veterans to accredited Service Officers of other VSOs effective June 30, 2018. Please see the attached link for those who may be impacted.


**Student debt forgiveness for disabled vets:**

I wanted to pass this article on that I found on military.com site concerning disabled veterans and loan forgiveness. Please check out the article at https://www.military.com/military-report/student-debt-forgiveness-disabled-vets.html

**Veteran ID Cards:**

If you are interested in obtaining a Veteran ID card please check out the link below.


**Scholarship Opportunities for Veteran and Dependent Students**

While applying for outside scholarships is no guarantee, please check out these links below for possible outside scholarships you could look into for additional funding for the upcoming academic year.

https://www.usveteransmagazine.com/list-of-military-scholarships-for-service-members-spouses-and-dependents/

https://www.legion.org/scholarships/legacy

This upcoming November starting on the 5th we will be having UD’s 2nd annual Veteran Week. If you would like to assist in the planning and preparation for this upcoming Veteran Week please be sure to reach out to myself or to the BHV letting us know. We are always looking for new members and anybody who would like to assist during this event.

BHV – Blue Hen Veterans can be reached at (302) 831-3059 or by email bluehenvets@gmail.com or on Facebook at https://www.facebook.com/BlueHenVets/

**Fun Facts about Each Branch**

**Army:** The Army was in charge of exploring and mapping much of America. For example, the Lewis and Clark Expedition was comprised of Army officers and noncommissioned officers.

**Navy:** The rivalry between the United States Military Academy at West Point, New York and the United States Naval Academy at Annapolis, Maryland is one of the biggest - and oldest - football rivalries. The teams have been going head to head since 1890! As of 2017, the U.S. Navy leads the series 60–51–7 with Army winning the last

**Air Force:** Johnny Cash, George Carlin, Willie Nelson, Morgan Freeman, Hunter S. Thompson, and James Stewart are just a few celebrities who were Airmen. Stewart flew missions in World War II and Vietnam and rose to the rank of Brigadier General while still working in Hollywood.

**Marines:** Fewer than 100 people have received the title of honorary Marine.

**Coast Guard:** The Coast Guard refers to a vessel as a “cutter” if it’s over 65-feet long.