Welcome Back for the 18/19 Academic Year

Welcome back! Another academic year is upon us at the University of Delaware. Your veteran services coordinator and student veteran organization (BHV) have been making plans for the upcoming academic year.

We are in the final planning stages of UD’s 2nd annual Veteran Week. The week kicks on Saturday, October 27, 2018, 8 am at the Delaware Veteran Memorial Cemetery in Bear, DE. Student veterans and staff from the University of Delaware, Delaware Tech, Wilmington University and other veteran organizations across the state are partnering to clean 7,000 headstones, benches and other items located at the DE Veterans Memorial Cemetery. This event will take place 5 days prior to the cemetery placing American flags on each headstone on the property. Our clean-up project will give family members and loved ones a cleaned and shined headstone.

Other highlights of Veteran Week’s include the flag planting on the green November 5th (1 flag planted for each service member killed since the 9/11 terror attacks) and the 2nd annual Veterans ball on Saturday November 10th. Specific details about all the Veteran Week’s events will be announced early in the fall semester.
Fall 2018 VA Certifications

Despite reminder email messages and phone calls, some students still have not submitted the UD Veteran Benefits Enrollment Data Form. The VA cannot process your benefits until after this form is received and the UD veteran’s coordinator certifies your enrollment. Due to the heavy workload at the beginning of the fall semester, the VA has been extremely backed up in processing fall term certifications in recent years. This backup causes a delay in the book and BAH payments to students and a delay in tuition and fee payment to the university. If you have not completed this form as of yet and intend to use VA benefits please be sure to submit this form to Brooks Raup right away.

**Important Reminder:** As soon as you register for classes for a term please be sure to submit the UD Veteran Enrollment Data Form so you can receive your benefits in a timely manner.

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

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 2019, Spring 2019 or Summer 2019).
5. Click on Save Credits
We’re coming to Catherine Rooney’s on September 5th from 6pm – 7:30pm

We’ll be at your school to meet interesting and diverse minds from all different backgrounds and majors who are ready to help us find unexpected solutions.

At the reception, you can:
- Meet and talk with JPMC employees and UD alumni
- Learn if a summer 2019 internship with us is right for you
- Eat free food

Dress casually! We’ll be in jeans.

Email elana_l_borinsky@jpmchase.com if you’re interested in attending!

We look forward to meeting you.
Updates:

Monthly Housing Based on Campus Student Attends the Majority of their Classes: The law requires the monthly housing allowance (MHA) under the Post-9/11 GI Bill program to be calculated based on the zip code of the campus where the student physically attends the majority of classes, rather than the location of the institution of higher learning where the student is enrolled.

Forever GI Bill - Harry W. Colmery Veterans Educational Assistance Act: Please see link below for additional information on the new forever GI bill.

https://www.benefits.va.gov/GIBILL/FGIBSummaries.asp#501
Fun Facts about Each Branch

**Army:** 30 of the 45 Presidents served in the Army, 24 during time of war, two earned the rank of 5-star General (Washington and Eisenhower) and one earned the Medal of Honor (T. Roosevelt)

**Navy:** The Navy’s bell-bottom trousers, are commonly believed to be introduced in 1817 to permit men to roll them above the knee when washing down the decks and to make it easier to remove them in a hurry when forced to abandon ship or when washed overboard. In addition the trousers may be used as a life preserver by knotting the legs and swinging them over your head to fill the legs with air.

**Air Force:** The Air Force's F-117 fighter uses aerodynamics discovered during research into how bumblebees fly.

**Marines:** The nickname “Leatherneck” originates from the stiff leather stock that early Marines wore around their necks, probably to protect their jugular vein against saber blows.

**Coast Guard:** The Coast Guard is smaller than the New York City Police Department.