Monthly Newsletter

DE Veteran Memorial Cemetery Clean Up Project

I wanted to thank everybody who came out Sunday October 28th to volunteer their time to support this veteran project. We cleaned 7,892 headstone markers and 73 benches around the cemetery property. Great job by everybody and thank you for volunteering your time on Sunday!

The photo on the left is a group photo of the almost 75 volunteers and the photo on the right is all the volunteers from UD!
Veteran Week Activities Continued:

- **November 5th**: We will be planting American flags on the green starting at 5:30 Monday morning. We will have donuts and coffee for all those who participate.

- **November 9th**: We will be having two speakers on the green in front of the American flags giving a short speech honoring veterans for Veterans Day. The speakers this year will be State Senator Delcollo and General Brandt who is the Assistant to Chief of Chaplains in the Army National Guard. The speakers will be on the stairs of Memorial Hall at 10:30 to 11:30 Friday November 9th.

- **November 10th**: Veterans and Friends Ball
  - [https://www.bluehenveterans.org/veterans-ball](https://www.bluehenveterans.org/veterans-ball)
Winter 2018 VA Certifications

I am starting to submit VA certifications to the VA for payment for Winter 2018. If you have not already completed the UD Veteran Benefits Enrollment Data Form and intend to use VA benefits for Winter 2018 please be sure to submit this form to me ASAP!

Please see attached link below to access the needed enrollment data form.

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 2018, Spring 2019 or Summer 2019).
5. Click on Save Credits
The VA continues to experience a high pending claims inventory, which is causing continuing processing delays for some GI Bill students. The VA apologize for these delays, and want to assure you they are doing everything in their power to reduce the pending workload, address the oldest claims, and continue to test the housing payment IT modifications required for the Colmery Act. As of October 24, thier pending work is continuing to go down. If you have still not received payment please let me know ASAP.

Those of you who are using CH. 1606 Montgomery GI Bill - Selected Reserve please remember to check in at the end of each month with the VA. This “check in” process is a requirement by the VA so they can process your monthly allowance payment.

- [https://www.gibill.va.gov/wave/index.do](https://www.gibill.va.gov/wave/index.do)

If you are in a degree program at a college or university, or a certificate or diploma program at a business, technical, or vocational school, you will not receive payment until you have verified your attendance. Your enrollment can be verified starting on the last calendar day of the month by using our Automated Verification of Enrollment (WAVE) at [https://www.gibill.va.gov/wave](https://www.gibill.va.gov/wave) or by calling our toll free Interactive Voice Response (IVR) telephone line at 1-877-823-2378.

- If you are a student using CH.33 Post 9/11 GI Bill and are an out of state resident and have not seen the residency credit posted on your student account bringing your tuition and fees down to the in state tuition and fee rates please contact me ASAP so that I can have that credit posted to your student account.
**Fun Facts about Each Branch**

**Army:** The Army is marginally responsible for inventing the microwave. A World War II engineer at Raytheon realized radiation from radar - which the Army was using to scan for enemy missiles - could be used to heat products, too.

**Navy:** If an anchor is fouled, it means the line or chain is wrapped around the shank and fluke arms. This indicates the anchor is no longer suitable for use. These retired anchors are usually displayed for decorative purposes on base or in Navy communities. The symbol is also part of the Chief Petty Officer rank insignia. When used in body art, the fouled anchor represents a tour across the Atlantic Ocean.

**Air Force:** The Air Force shares its birthday with the CIA. Both were founded on September 18, 1947.

**Marines:** The first American to orbit the earth was a Marine: John Glenn flew the Friendship 7 in 1962 and became the first American to orbit the Earth. Glenn served in the Marine Corps from 1942 to 1965.

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