Letter From The Editor

Welcome to the premiere issue of The Frontline, the Office of the University Registrar’s Veterans Services newsletter. We have recently made several changes within the Registrar’s office that we hope will result in improved service to our student veteran population. Our VA Certifying Official, Betty (Childers) Colbert is responsible, in addition to her duties as Certifying Official, for researching, planning and improving veterans’ services here at KU. She is no longer the Student Records Center supervisor so that she can devote her time solely to all things veteran related. Please let Betty know if there is a certain issue or area that you would like to see addressed or if you have a great idea for an improvement. You can reach her at kuva@ku.edu. While we can make no promises, we’re here to listen and one of our goals is to help make your experience at KU a positive one.

Another change is the creation of this newsletter. We hope you enjoy it. We encourage you to complete the brief survey at the end. Let us know what you liked and what you didn’t. What should we have included but didn’t? We will take your comments and suggestions into consideration when planning future issues.

Thanks for reading!

Joan Hahn on behalf of the Office of the University Registrar.
At the Home Front: News and updates from the Veterans Services Office at KU

Walk in hours & appointment times.
To better assist you, we ask that you make an appointment to ensure that we have a Veteran Services staff member available to assist you and receive any paperwork you may have. Call (785) 864-4423 or email kuva@ku.edu to make an appointment. You may also stop by the Veterans Services Office in 151 Strong Hall during our walk in hours of 1:00-4:00pm Monday through Friday, however, we still encourage you to make an appointment to decrease your wait time.

Priority Deadlines for Enrollment Certification.
We now have priority deadlines for turning in your enrollment certification form. This is to prevent potential late fees and process your enrollment to the VA more quickly. Doing so will mean getting your benefits sooner and fewer complications in the process.

Tell us where you’ve been.
We want to know where all of our students have been stationed or deployed. There is a map in our office, right outside Betty’s door. Next time you come to the office remember to put a star on the places where you have been.

Links of Interest

Enrollment Certification form is available here:
http://www.registrar.ku.edu/~registr/veterans/certification.shtml

Summer BAH for Chapter 33 Post/911:
To see if you are eligible for BAH for the summer semester, go to:
http://www.gibill.va.gov/school-certifying-officials/sco-training-resources/job-aids.html Click on Non-standard term credit hour equivalence computation spreadsheet. If you have questions about BAH (or any other benefit), contact the VA for further information (888-442-4551) or www.gibill.va.gov click Submit a Question

Repayment-Fall 2009 Advance Payment:
The VA has started the process of repayment of the 2009 Fall Emergency Advance Payment checks.
For more information go to: www.gibill.va.gov/community/announcements/general.html#20110319-3
CVA

Our Mission:
The KU Collegiate Veterans Association (CVA) is a non-partisan group of college-based military veterans and supporters dedicated to supporting military veterans and their families.

The Collegiate Veterans Association is a group of student veterans assisting incoming veterans in the transition to college life, promoting awareness of the veteran population at the University of Kansas, and supporting the Lawrence and KU community. The CVA helps student veterans at KU with educational assistance, financial resources, and provides a fun, social network for those who have bravely served. We have a number of activities including community service projects to support veterans and social events throughout the year. If you are looking to help fellow veterans and hang out with other student veterans of all branches, this is the group for you.

If you are interested in the group and would like to become involved with the best student group on campus, contact us soon to join. Check out our website and Facebook group for more information.

http://kuveterans.org/

Upcoming Events:
4-6 June- SVA Regional Conference- Kansas City. See the SVA website for more details and contact us if you’re interested in attending. http://www.studentveterans.org/

What we’ve accomplished:
Automatic tuition deferment every semester for veterans receiving educational benefits from the VA.

90-day deferment on textbook purchases at the Kansas Union bookstore.

Free standing Student Veterans Lounge at the Burge Union with flat-screen TV, cable, DVD player, three brand-new computer stations, FREE printing, and CAC/smart card reader for AKO/DKO, AF Portal, MarineNet, & Navy-Knowledge Online access.

Care package drives for current members overseas.

Group Officers:
President: Jonathan Duncan: mailto:johnathan.duncan@ku.veterans.org

Vice President: Andrew Foster: mailto:andrew.foster@kuveterans.org

Treasurer: Juan Gutierrez: mailto:jugu04@ku.edu

Secretary: Kyle Brown Email: kyle.brown@kuveterans.org

Please feel free to contact us with any inquiries you might have. To contact the group email kucva@ku.edu, any of the officers above, the CVA website or Facebook group, or write to us at:

KU Collegiate Veterans Association
1301 Jayhawk BLVD Kansas Union, Room 400,
P.O. Box 188 Lawrence KS, 66045
**Dates, Deadlines, & Events (4/30/2010– 7/1/2010)**

**May 11**
Summer 2010 Tuition & Fees Deferment Deadline. 
Enrollment Certification must be turned in to our office by this date to have the deferment placed on your account to ensure you will not be charged late payment fees. You will be responsible for any late fees if you do not have your form submitted on this day.  
http://www.registrar.ku.edu/~registr/veterans/certification.shtml

**May 15**
Last day of finals! Last day to pay tuition and fees for those on Veterans deferment for the Spring 2010 semester.  
VFW Steak Nite $10 5:30pm 138 Alabama (785-843-2078)

**May 17th**
VFW Installation of Officers

**May 29th**
VFW Grave Flags meeting at 7AM  
Memorial Park 1517 E. 15th Street

**May 31st**
Memorial Day  
VFW Ceremony 11AM at Memorial Park 1517 E. 15th Street  
American Legion Ceremony 10:00am at the Oak Hill Cemetery 1605 Oak Hill. If vets want to help place the avenue of flags please let the American Legion know: (785-842-3415)

**June 1**
Fall 2010 priority deadline for Enrollment Certification  
http://www.registrar.ku.edu/~registr/veterans/certification.shtml

**June 4, 2010**
1700-2100 The American Legion’s Annual Shrimp Peel, tickets $11.00 in advance 13.00 at the door  
medium sized shrimp, chicken strips, coleslaw, tator tots  
3408 W. 6th (785-842-3415)  
*Meal includes boiled shrimp, chicken strips, coleslaw, tator tots*  

**June 8**
Deadline for Yellow Ribbon Program applications for Summer 2010. See the “Intelligence Report” below for more information on the Yellow Ribbon Program.

**June 12th**
First day of summer classes

**June 14th**
Flag Day  
The American Legion will be placing out 50 flags at the post could use veteran help.  
(785-842-3415)

**June 17th**
VFW State Convention in Topeka  
6/11-6/13

**July 8**
Deadline for Yellow Ribbon Program applications for Fall 2010. Certification must be turned in to our office by this date to have the deferment placed on your account to ensure you will not be charged late payment fees. You will be responsible for any late fees if you do not have your form submitted on this day.  
http://www.registrar.ku.edu/~registr/veterans/certification.shtml
Intelligence Report: Yellow Ribbon Program

The University of Kansas will continue to participate in the Yellow Ribbon Program (YRP) for the 2010/2011 school year (August 1, 2010–July 21, 2011). KU will increase to 15 the number of spaces available for undergraduate students and to 10 the number of spaces available for graduate students. KU is also raising its total contributed funds to $6,000 per academic year ($2,000 for Fall, Spring and Summer).

The Yellow Ribbon GI Education Enhancement Program (Yellow Ribbon Program or YRP) is a provision of the Post-9/11 Veterans Educational Assistance Act of 2008. This program allows institutions of higher learning (degree granting institutions) in the United States to voluntarily enter into an agreement with the Veterans’ Administration (VA) to fund tuition expenses that exceed the highest public in-state undergraduate tuition rate. The institution can contribute up to 50% of those expenses and VA will match the same amount as the institution. The agreement with the VA is on an annual basis. This VA program is available only to Chapter 33 (Post 9/11) benefit recipients who are eligible at the 100% level. It is available on a first come first served basis and there are other restrictions that apply. For complete information regarding the Yellow Ribbon Program go to: http://www.gibill.va.gov/post-911/post-911-gi-bill-summary/yellow-ribbon-program.html

The Summer 2010 semester Deadline for Yellow Ribbon Program applications is July 8th.

WarHawks

Meet this issue’s student veteran, Andrew Foster. Andrew is a Political Science major and History minor from Wichita. He served in the U.S. Navy for 6 years as a Fire Controlman (FC) repairing, maintaining, and operating the AEGIS weapon system on the USS McCampbell DDG-85. Stationed out of Naval Station San Diego, his ship traveled to dozens of interesting places, such as Dubai, Thailand, Panama, Singapore, and Hong Kong. Andrew is active with the Dole Institute of Politics and is the Vice President of the Collegiate Veterans Association at KU. Andrew says “I came to KU because it’s a great school, I like basketball and I wanted to have fun in college.”

Look for more Warhawk student profiles in the next issue.
We’re Working for You: Meet your VA Student Assistant

**Auston Lauber USAF**

Where are you from?
Wichita, KS

What is your major?
Film & Media Studies

Where did you serve?
Kadena AB- Okinawa Japan, Barksdale AFB- Bossier City, Louisiana & deployed to the island of Diego-Garcia in support of OEF

How do you spend your free time?
Watching movies and playing video games

What do you enjoy most about working as a VA Student Assistant?
I like learning as much as possible about the GI Bill benefits and helping people who have questions about their benefits.

Do you have any pets?
I have one cat named Simon

Have you ever met a famous person?
I met John Cho, Missi Pyle, Thomas Jane, Frank Darabont, Travis McCoy (Gym Class Heroes), MC Chris and Jessica Simpson.

What was the last book you read?
For non-school related reading I read *Silent Bob Speaks* by Kevin Smith

Are you a beach, country or city person?
I would say a country person. I grew up in a city and I like the beach but I would love to have some land that I could call my own.

Would you like to be famous?
Not so much movie star famous but I would like to be known for something that I did.
Troops Report: What our student veterans are doing this summer

Scott Boland-
“Hanging around Lawrence.”

John Duncan-
“Summer school, SVA south regional conference, and Warrior Leadership School in Nebraska.”

Aaron Razak-
“7 level school at Lackland AFB San Antonio, summer classes, working at the VFW, Annual Tour at McConnell AFB Wichita in July, and getting my personal trainer certification.”

Kyle Brown-
“NOT summer school, working on A-10’s at Whiteman AFB, and having fun.”

Ted Morehouse-
“I am playing Frisbee, getting a tan, and studying geology.”

Debrief

Thank you for taking the time read the premiere issue of The Frontline. We hope you found it to be interesting and educational. Please take a few minutes to complete the five question survey at the end of this section so that we can improve the newsletter.
We would like *The Frontline* to be both informative and useful. Please take this short (five question) survey to help us produce a better newsletter:

http://studentvoice.com/ukan/veterannewsletter

Thank you!