

## The Veteran Voice

News for Military Service Veterans and their Family at Chattahoochee Technical College



### Dates to Remember

The Schedule for spring is out! Early Registration for Spring Semester 2015 begins on October 27, 2014 for current students on the following priority schedule:

October 27—students with 45 or more credit hours

October 28—students with 30 or more credit hours

October 29—students with 15 or more credit hours

October 30— November 3 all current students

Fall 2014 Semester Final Exams begin December 8—9, 2014

Spring 2015 Graduation Petition Deadline: December 12, 2014

Spring Semester 2015 Courses Begin January 12, 2015

*Students receiving financial aid do not need to reapply for aid for the Spring Semester.*

Please note! Some classes meet the entire term (A), while other classes meet the First 8 weeks of the term (B) or meet the Second 8 weeks of the term (C)

### Coming Events

Career and College Expo at CTC \* North Metro Campus \* October 29, 2014 \* 10 am—2 pm

More than 90 employers attending (see attached list) \* Bring your resumes

Interview opportunities? Be dressed for success!

Veterans Job Fair \* Cartersville \* October 28, 2014 \* 1—5 pm \* Student Center Room 102

Sponsored by Georgia Highlands College on their Cartersville Campus



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### Coming Events (continued)

#### SwoopFest

Food, music, games and fun mark each of our SwoopFests! Come out for a great time with your CTC community. Student ID is required for admission.

**Appalachian 11:30-1:30 & 4:30-6:30pm Monday, October 20**

**Marietta 11:30-1:30 & 4:30-6:30pm Tuesday, October 21**

**Austell 11am-1pm Wednesday, October 22**

**Mt. View 11:30-1:30 & 4:30-6:30pm Thursday, October 23**

**Canton 11:30-1:30 & 4:30-6:30pm Monday, October 27**

**Paulding 11:30-1:30 & 4:30-6:30pm Tuesday, October 28**

**N. Metro 11:30-1:30 & 4:30-6:30pm Thursday, October 30**

### HIGHLIGHT EVENT—DON'T MISS IT!!!!

#### CTC Veterans Appreciation and Recognition

All veterans and family members invited

Wednesday, November 12, 2014

Atrium (Building B), Marietta Campus

12 Noon

#### Thanksgiving Day Holidays

Classes cancelled on Wednesday, November 26 but college remains open 7:30 am—4:30 pm.

College is closed on Thursday, November 27—Sunday, November 30.

## The History of Veterans Day

In November 1919, President Woodrow Wilson proclaimed November 11 as the first commemoration of Armistice Day with the following words: "To us in America, the reflections of Armistice Day will be filled with solemn pride in the heroism of those who died in the country's service and with gratitude for the victory, both because of the thing from which it has freed us and because of the opportunity it has given America to show her sympathy with peace and justice in the councils of the nations..."

An Act (52 Stat. 351; 5 U. S. Code, Sec. 87a) approved May 13, 1938, made the 11th of November in each year a legal holiday—a day to be dedicated to the cause of world peace and to be thereafter celebrated and known as "Armistice Day." Armistice Day was primarily a day set aside to honor veterans of World War I, but in 1954, after World War II had required the greatest mobilization of soldiers, sailors, Marines and airmen in the Nation's history; after American forces had fought aggression in Korea, the 83rd Congress, at the urging of the veterans service organizations, amended the Act of 1938 by striking out the word "Armistice" and inserting in its place the word "Veterans." With the approval of this legislation (Public Law 380) on June 1, 1954, November 11th became a day to honor American veterans of all wars.

*November 11, 2014, is the 60th anniversary of Veterans Day!*

**Find out about freebies and deals for veterans on Veterans Day 2014 at the following link:**

<http://freebies.about.com/od/freefood/tp/veterans-day-free-meals.htm>

And

<http://militarybenefits.info/veterans-day-discounts-sales-deals-free-meals/>



## In our Spotlight



**Ms. Leroysha Kemp-Carmichael**, your Veterans Affairs Education Benefits coordinator, is in our spotlight this month. She has strongly supported an average of 400–500 student military service veterans and their dependents over the last several years.

- ★ Leroysha has a passion for serving others and your success is her goal.
- ★ Leroysha may be contacted at 770-528-5801 on the Marietta Campus
- ★ Email: [Leroysha.kemp-carmichael@chattahoocheetech.edu](mailto:Leroysha.kemp-carmichael@chattahoocheetech.edu)

## Student Veterans of America (SVA)



**Be a part of this new and exciting opportunity to network with other military service veterans and their family members enrolled at Chattahoochee Technical College.**

**Watch for future announcements about chapter meeting times, dates and location.**

**For more details about the SVA visit the following website:**

**<http://studentveterans.org/>**

## News Releases from the Department of Veteran Affairs

[VA Telehealth Services Served Over 690,000 Veterans In Fiscal Year 2014](#) - The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) today announced that its national telehealth programs served more than 690,000 Veterans during fiscal year 2014. That total represents approximately 12 percent of the overall Veteran population enrolled for VA healthcare, and accounted for more than 2 million telehealth visits. Of that number, approximately 55 percent were Veterans living in rural areas with limited access to VA healthcare. With more Veterans seeking health care, telehealth is rapidly becoming an attractive option, especially for those Veterans who don't have a VA health care facility close to home. (10/10/14)

[VA Processes More than 1.3 Million Veterans' Claims in FY14](#) - More than 1.3 million Veterans received decisions on their Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) disability compensation and pension claims in fiscal year (FY) 2014 – the highest number in VA's history, surpassing last year's record-breaking production by more than 150,000 claims. (10/9/14)

[Secretary McDonald Announces VA to Continue Town Hall Events at VA Facilities Nationwide](#) - Secretary of Veterans Affairs Robert A. McDonald has directed all Veterans Affairs (VA) healthcare and benefits facilities to continue to hold quarterly town-hall events to improve communication with, and hear directly from, Veterans nationwide. This follows the recent completion of town-halls at these facilities held between August and the end of September of this year. (10/8/14)

[VA Sharply Reduces Drug-Resistant Staph Infections in Hospitalized Veterans](#) - A Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) initiative targeting potentially life-threatening staph infections in hospitalized patients has produced significant positive results, according to recent statistics released by VA. VA's success in substantially reducing rates of health care-associated infection with methicillin-resistant Staphylococcus aureus (MRSA) serves as important confirmation that multifaceted intervention strategies can achieve effective and sustained control of MRSA in U.S. hospitals. (10/8/14)

[VA Achieves Certification on Whistleblower Protection](#) - The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) today announced that the Office of Special Counsel (OSC) certified VA under OSC's 2302(c) Whistleblower Protection Certification Program on October 3, 2014. Following through on recent recommendations from the OSC, VA worked to achieve compliance and protect employees who identify or report problems from unlawful retaliation. (10/7/14)

[VA Seeking Nominations for Appointment to the Research Advisory Committee on Gulf War Veterans' Illnesses](#) - The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) is seeking nominations of qualified candidates to be considered for appointment to serve as a member of the Research Advisory Committee on Gulf War Veterans' Illnesses (RAC). (10/7/14)

[Deputy Chief Procurement Officer, Veterans Health Administration Procurement & Logistics Office, Proposed for Removal](#) - Today, Deputy Secretary of Veterans Affairs (VA) Sloan Gibson proposed removal of the Deputy Chief Procurement Officer (DCPO), Veterans Health Administration Procurement & Logistics Office, following an investigation by the VA Office of Inspector General in which allegations of conduct prejudicial to the Government were substantiated. (10/6/14)

[Department of Veterans Affairs Partners With Walgreens to Expand Real-Time Sharing of Medical Information of Vaccines Provided by Walgreens to Enrolled Veterans](#) - In a first-of-its-kind partnership, the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) today announced that it will join forces with retailer Walgreens to provide greater access to Centers for Disease Control and Prevention-recommended vaccinations to Veterans across the country. This partnership grew out of a successful pilot program that began in Florida to provide flu vaccines to Veterans throughout the state. Based on those results, VA is expanding the pilot nationwide. (10/2/14)

Check the Veterans Affairs Department Website for other current news releases: <http://www.va.gov/opa/pressrel/>

## Study: Recent veterans are succeeding in college

By Gregg Zoroya, USA TODAY 9:38 a.m. EDT March 24, 2014

Just over half of veterans who sought a higher education from 2002 through 2013 under the GI Bill completed schooling ranging from vocational training to post-graduate, according to an unprecedented review of nearly 800,000 college records to be released Monday.

The research released by the Student Veterans of America service organization is the first in-depth look at how those who fought in Iraq and Afghanistan are performing in college. While analysts say results could be better, the numbers appear to refute reports — some in the media, some anecdotal — that most of these veterans are dropping out or failing in college.

About one in three of the veterans earned a bachelor's degree or higher.

"I've heard it over the last few years about the disaster of these students. That it's terrible, (that) they're just flunking at huge rates," says Shelley MacDermid Wadsworth, a Purdue University professor and director of the Military Family Research Institute, who studied the report. "That's not right."

The completion rate for these veterans of 51.7% is lower than the four-year graduation rate for younger, non-veteran peers, which was 59% in 2011, according to the National Center for Education Statistics.

"Looking at the obstacles and the issues that student vets have to deal with. ... I think we're doing quite well," says D. Wayne Robinson, a former Army command sergeant major and now president and CEO of Student Veterans of America.

The most sought-after undergraduate degrees by veterans were in business, social sciences, homeland security, law enforcement and firefighting, and computer and information services.

Researchers say veterans appear to be doing better than other so-called non-traditional students — those who delay attending college, enroll part-time or have children, factors common with many current veterans.

Curtis Coy, who oversees GI benefits as deputy undersecretary for economic opportunity for the Department of Veterans Affairs, says the results "clearly show that the investment the American taxpayer has made in (veterans') education is well worth it."

The study was a collaboration of Student Veterans of America, the VA and the National Student Clearinghouse, which compiles enrollment and graduation data.

Completion rates varied for veterans depending upon branch of service, and Robinson says this could be proof of the strain of war. The largely ground combat duty of Iraq and Afghanistan fell disproportionately on Army soldiers and Marines.

Air Force veterans had a higher academic completion rate of 67%, while Army veterans were at 47% and Marine veterans at 45%.

Comparisons with civilian graduation rates aren't precise. Most colleges calculate graduation rates based on students who enroll in their institution and obtain a four-year undergraduate degree.

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The veterans completion rate counted those who used GI Bill benefits to obtain a bachelor's or graduate degree, but also a vocational certificate or associate degree, even those who completed an on-the-job training course.

It also allowed more time — the full 10 years the records covered — for a veteran to complete an education and be counted.

Student Veterans spokesman Will Hubbard says the results show that these former service members are persistent in pursuing higher education, even if it takes more than four years.

Counting completions this way, the report says, was out of consideration for the strain and vagaries of service — National Guard or reservists whose lives were interrupted by multiple deployments, or active-duty troops who needed time after war and the military to adjust to civilian life.

Comparisons with prior war generations also are difficult, the report says. Studies have shown that about half of those veterans eligible for the GI Bill after World War II obtained a training certificate or college education, as did about two-thirds of Vietnam veterans, according to a 1976 VA study.

The new study looked at a sample of the roughly 3.5 million veterans who used education benefits in 2002-2010 — 500,000 who used the Montgomery GI Bill, and another 500,000 who used a more generous post-9/11 benefit that became available in 2009 for the Iraq and Afghanistan War generation. After excluding those still in school, researchers sifted 788,915 records representing one out of five veterans who used federal education benefits in the 2002-2010 time period. They tracked completion rates through 2013.

The Montgomery benefits, created in 1985 as a recruitment incentive, provide a monthly stipend and can be used any time up to 10 years after leaving the service. The post-9/11 GI Bill covers tuition, housing and books and is good any time up to 15 years. The government has spent \$34 billion on the new GI bill assisting veterans.

Among other findings, about 80% of the veterans chose public schools. Some 21% were women, in contrast with females making up only 15% of the military. About one in four veterans who enrolled were age 25-29.

### Information Sources

**For housing: [www.vahomes.com](http://www.vahomes.com)**

**For medical information: [www.doctorsareus.net](http://www.doctorsareus.net)**

**For discount tickets: [cheapseats.org](http://cheapseats.org)**

**Veteran Support Returning Combat Veterans' Readjustment Counseling Center :**

**[www.va.gov/rcs](http://www.va.gov/rcs) or tollfree 1-877-WAR.VETS (927-8387)**

**Seeking a job related to your military specialty: Check out this website for converting your former AFSC, MOS, etc., to civilian job titles:**

**<http://www.mynextmove.org/vets/>**

**Are you struggling with coursework? Do you need tutoring assistance? Visit one of our Academic Success Centers.**

### ***ACADEMIC SUCCESS CENTERS – FALL SEMESTER 2014***

**Tutoring is available in English, math, reading, and more. Tutoring may be offered for other subjects depending upon availability of tutors. There is no charge for this service. TUTORING IS FREE. The college also provides an on-line learning center where all students may access tutorials and many other resources to help you with your learning. The following is the schedule for the Success Centers. We are here for you!**

***Appalachian Campus*** Monday - Thursday: 8am-5pm

Room 215 Friday: 8am – 4:30pm (NO TUTORING)

(706) 253-4519

**Sandra Hughes Wooldridge, Academic Affairs Support**

***Austell Campus*** (NO TUTORING) Monday -Thursday: 8am-12pm & 1pm-6pm

Room A1117 Friday: **CLOSED**

(770) 732-5924

**Helen Rhoads, Academic Affairs Support**

***Canton Campus*** Monday & Wednesday: 8am–6pm

Room A106 Tuesday & Thursday: 8am-5pm

(770) 720-3596 Friday: 8am-3pm (NO TUTORING)

**Sabrina Nation, Academic Affairs Support**

***Marietta Campus*** Monday - Thursday: 9am-7pm

Building D, Room 2203 Friday: 9am - 1pm

(770) 528-4588 Saturday: 9am-2pm (TUTORING)

**Paula Gronemeyer, Academic Affairs Support**

***Mountain View Campus*** Monday – Thursday: 8am-6pm

Room 233 Friday: (CLOSED)

(770) 509-6346

**Diane Busse, Academic Affairs Support**

***North Metro Campus*** Monday - Thursday: 9am-7pm

Room A133 Friday: 9am-2pm (TUTORING OFFERED)

(770) 975-4243 Saturdays: (CLOSED)

**Melody Mulkey, Academic Affairs Support**

***Paulding Campus*** Monday - Thursday: 9am-7pm

Building C Friday: (CLOSED)

(770) 443-7948

**Montreal Thomas, Academic Affairs Support**

## Do you need other college support services?

General questions: <http://www.chattahoocheetech.edu/ask-swoop/>

Campus Life and Student Clubs or Organizations: <http://www.chattahoocheetech.edu/services/student-clubs-and-organizations>

Campus Police: Call 770-529-2311 (any campus)

Career Services: <http://www.chattahoocheetech.edu/services/career-services>

Counseling: <http://www.chattahoocheetech.edu/services/counseling-and-support-services>

Disability Services: <http://www.chattahoocheetech.edu/services/disability-services/>

Financial Aid: <http://www.chattahoocheetech.edu/enrollment/student-financial-services/financial-aid-office>

Special Populations: <http://www.chattahoocheetech.edu/services/special-populations-services/>

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Veterans Service Coordinator: Barry Munday, [barry.munday@chattahoocheetech.edu](mailto:barry.munday@chattahoocheetech.edu)

## External Support Services

Community College of the Air Force - <http://www.au.af.mil/au/ccaf/transcripts.asp>

Joint Service Transcript (Army, Navy & Marines) - <https://jst.doded.mil/smart/signIn.do>

National Personnel Records Center - <http://www.archives.gov/st-louis/military-personnel/>

State of Georgia Department of Veterans Service – [www.sdvs.georgia.gov](http://www.sdvs.georgia.gov)

USA Jobs (civil service employment opportunities) - <https://www.usajobs.gov/>

Veterans Affairs Department - <http://www.gibill.va.gov/>

Georgia Department of Labor Veteran Support: [rohiff.shaffer@gdol.ga.gov](mailto:rohiff.shaffer@gdol.ga.gov)

## Career and College Expo Employer Participants

October 29, 2014 10am—2 pm North Metro Campus

Brenau University

DeVry University

Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University

Georgia Southern University

Georgia State University

Kennesaw State University

Life University

Reinhardt University

Saint Leo University

Sherman College of Chiropractic

Southern Polytechnic State University

Strayer University

University of Phoenix

2Work Staffing

A Destiny Unlike Any Other

A Little Bit of Heaven

Aaron's Inc & Home Smart

Alorica

BlueStar Staffing

BoJangles'

Bright Horizons

Buckhead Life Restaurant Group

Caldwell Tree Care

Cana Communications

Children's Palace Learning Center'

Cobb County School District

Ed Castro Landscape

Emgo International Limited

Hire Dymanics

Jeremias, Inc.

Spectra Flooring

Kennesaw Pediatrics

Marietta/Cobb Museum of Art

Nationwide North Georgia Staffing

Primerica Financial Services

Rawalwasia Group

RS Thomas Training Associates

Sheltering Arms

Stock Building Supply

Teachers R US

The Learning Experience

TRC Staffing Services

US Army

UniFirst

Wide Spectrum of Exposure

WorldPay

Americo

Amtech

Ashton Staffing

Aventis Systems

Beaulieu America

Brandt Information Services

CarMax

Comcast

Donnelly Communications/ProCore Solutions

FactoryMation

Federal Bureau of Prisons

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Hay State Prison

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Hay State Prison  
Kelly Services  
Lake Lanier Islands Resort  
Liberty Tax  
Lockheed Martin  
Medical Imaging Solutions  
Meditech  
Modify  
Neocom Solutions  
Peak Corporation  
Ryder  
SDA CPA Group P.C.  
SEDC  
Selectek  
Snelling Professional Services  
The Plant Peddler  
Taylor Business Services, Inc.  
United Medical Responses  
Assured Comfort Heating & Air  
Automated Logic, Inc.  
AutoNation  
Caraustar Industries  
Castrol Premium Lube Express  
Crete Carrier Corp./Shaffer Trucking  
Custom Engineering Solutions  
D.W. Campbell Goodyear  
Express Employment Professionals  
Ingalls Shipbuilding  
Snappy Electric, Plumbing, Heating & Air



The Veterans Crisis Line connects Veterans in crisis and their families and friends with qualified, caring Department of Veterans Affairs responders through a confidential toll-free

**Any questions about this newsletter, please contact Dr. Barry Munday,  
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or 770-443-3612**



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