April Showers Bring May Flowers

This also means that many of our Huskies are preparing to walk across the stage at Undergraduate or Graduate Commencement! If you are graduating, please check out the blue announcement box below.

GRADUATING VETERANS
Be sure to pick up your graduation cords at our Campus Life Building (240) office location! Just ask MPTSS Office Support Specialist, Terri Gibble, for the cords.

ARE YOU GRADUATING IN MAY?
You must submit your online RSVP by Monday April 17, 2017 at 4 PM!
Click here for more information.
From books to housing expenses or school fees to tuition, getting an education can be a pricey undertaking. Benefits help immensely, but you may be wondering about additional methods of paying for college.

**How will you cover the costs?**

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**VFW’S SPORT CLIPS HELP A HERO**

This scholarship provides service members and veterans with the financial assistance they need to complete their educational goals without incurring excessive student loan debt. Recipients of this scholarship could get up to $5,000 per semester to cover the costs of tuition and fees.

To be eligible for this scholarship, the application must:

1. Be a citizen of the United States.
2. Be retired, honorably discharged, active duty, or a member of the National Guard or Reserve.
3. Have completed Basic Training and follow-on training (Advanced Individual Training, technical school, etc.).
4. Separated with or currently hold a military rank of E-5 or below.
5. Demonstrate a need for financial assistance.
6. Participate in, be accepted to, or currently enrolled in a VA-approved program or school at an accredited post-secondary institution.

*The deadline to apply is April 30, 2017*

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For any questions, contact a Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW)
HelpAHero@vfw.org • FAQ

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**Featured Employer:**

**BNSF Railway**

BNSF is one of the biggest railroads in North America, serving the western two-thirds of the U.S. The BNSF Team of about 42,000 safely transports the products and materials that help feed, clothe, and power communities across the U.S. and around the globe. This company is a key part of the economic infrastructure of the United States and move more than 10 million rail cars and intermodal units each year.

**Why is BNSF Railway our featured employer?**

This company is in the top 50 highest ranked Military Friendly Employers, received the prestigious Department of Defense Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve (ESGR) Freedom Award, and four Seven Seals Awards. Ultimately, they value veterans and the qualities they bring to BNSF, such as a great work ethic, a focus on safety, and a commitment to always look out for one another.

For career opportunities with BNSF Railway, check out their career page.
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| **Hauser-Ross Eye Institute of Sycamore, IL**
  is looking to fulfill the position of **Medical Receptionist**
  Ready to apply? Click [here](#) for the application. |
| **Illinois Mathematics and Science Academy**
  is looking to fulfill the position of **ITS HelpDesk Summer Intern**
  Ready to apply? Click [here](#) for the application. |
| **Pearson of Naperville, IL**
  is looking to fulfill the position of **Scoring Supervisor**
  Ready to apply? Click [here](#) for the application. |
| **Kishwaukee Hospital in DeKalb, IL**
  is looking to fulfill the position of **Philanthropy Student Intern**
  Ready to apply? Click [here](#) for the application. |
| **Community Physical Therapy & Associates**
  is looking to fulfill the position of **Occupational Therapy Assistant**
  Ready to apply? Click [here](#) for the application. |
| **Alarm Detection Systems in Aurora, IL**
  is looking to fulfill the position of **Human Resources Intern**
  Ready to apply? Click [here](#) for the application. |
Springtime Sudoku
The Office of Military and Post-Traditional Student Services presents

Facts and Snacks
Spring 2017 Workshop Series

Join MPTSS for a series of workshops designed to best help students who identify as a military veteran, adult learner, commuter and/or transfer student.

Lunch and refreshment items will be provided at each workshop!
All presentations will be held in the Campus Life Building Room 100, 12:30 - 1:30 p.m.

Workshop #1: Tuesday, January 31, 2017
**Ensuring a Successful Semester (and Beyond)**

Workshop #2: Tuesday, February 7, 2017
**Technology at NIU**

Workshop #3: Tuesday, February 21, 2017
**Navigating the NIU Campus and its Resources**

Workshop #4: Thursday, March 9, 2017
**Roommates 101: From Moving In to Moving Out**

Workshop #5: Tuesday, March 21, 2017
**Off-Campus Housing Options**

Workshop #6: Tuesday, April 4, 2017
**Getting Involved on Campus and in the Community**

Workshop #7: Thursday, April 13, 2017
**Ask the HR Rep**

Workshop #8: Tuesday, April 18, 2017
**Preparing for Finals**

Workshop #9: Tuesday, May 2, 2017
**Tying Up Loose Ends: Wrapping Up Your Semester**

Check our Facebook page and the NIU Master Calendar throughout the semester for more details on each workshop.

Any questions? Contact us!
The Office of Military and Post-Traditional Student Services
Holmes Student Center, 23K, 815-753-9999
Campus Life Building, 240, 815-753-0691
NIU Veterans Association

Our Mission Statement: To achieve the advancement of student veterans, their rights, and their benefits, through an environment of comradery, social events, and service to the community.

Meetings every 1st and 3rd Thursday each month.

Vet Student Housing! $400/month rent, utilities included, on-site laundry, walking distance from campus.

Key Events
- Dodgeball tournament vs. Other NIU student organizations
- Homeless Veterans Awareness Campout
- Tailgating
- Social Events

Help Make NIU a Better Place for Veterans!

Vet House: 824 Greenbrier Rd. Dekalb IL, 60115
Email: niuveterans@gmail.com
Follow us on Facebook: www.facebook.com/niuveteransassociation
**Important Dates & Deadlines**

**April 1, 2017**  
April Fool’s Day

**April 4, 2017**  
Workshop #6: Getting Involved on Campus and in the Community  
• 12:30-1:30 PM CLB 100

**April 13, 2017**  
Workshop #7: Ask the Human Resources Rep  
• 12:30-1:30 PM CLB 100

**April 16, 2017**  
Easter Sunday

**April 18, 2017**  
Tax Day

**April 18, 2017**  
Workshop #8: Preparing for Finals  
• 12:30-1:30 PM CLB 100

**April 22, 2017**  
Earth Day

**April 23, 2017**  
Honors Day

**April 28, 2017**  
Arbor Day

**Spring Sports**  
Baseball—[game schedule]  
Softball—[game schedule]

Find more events and important dates on the NIU [Master Calendar](#)

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**FEATURED RESOURCE:**

**WARRIOR EXPEDITIONS**

In 1948, Earl Shaffer told a friend he was going to “walk off the war” to work out the sights, sounds, and losses of World War II. Four months later, Earl Shaffer became the first person to hike the entire length of the Appalachian Trail from Georgia to Maine.

Following in Earl Shaffer’s footsteps and in recognizing the therapeutic effects of long distance outdoor expeditions, Warrior Expeditions created the Warrior Hike, Warrior Bike, and Warrior Paddle programs which are designed to help combat veterans transition from their military service.

**Program Information**

**Impact**

**Application Process**

**Website**

**Email**

**Facebook**
8th ANNUAL OFF-CAMPUS HOUSING FAIR

Join the Office of Military & Post-Traditional Student Services as we present students with the opportunity to speak with local properties from the DeKalb/Sycamore area regarding off-campus housing availability!

Date: Monday April 3, 2017 from 11 a.m.—2 p.m.
Location: Capitol Room of the Holmes Student Center (across from the College Grind)
Admission: FREE!

Food will be provided to those in attendance by NIUPads.com. This event will also feature prize drawings.

NIU Veterans Association will be showcasing information for those interested in living in their off-campus house. NIU Students Legal Assistance and Campus Safety will be available, as well.

SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION

VA Work Study Program Intern Positions

Who is eligible?
Persons studying on a full-time or 3/4 time basis on certain program

How much does the veteran intern earn?
Federal or State minimum wage; whichever is greater

What type of work can interns do?
Tasks related to VA work at approved Work-Study sites
GIVE US YOUR FEEDBACK!

To ensure this newsletter is tailored to your wants and needs, send us your feedback on this issue!

Contact eschiro1@niu.edu with Newsletter Feedback in the subject line of your email.

Note: This email is for newsletter purposes, only. Any questions regarding benefits or other student veteran info should be directed to our Military Student Benefits Counseling office in CLB 240.

PEEK INTO MAY

Here are a few stories we’re working on for next month’s issue:

- Congrats to all graduating Huskies!
- MPTSS End-of-the-Year Celebration
- Summertime fun