



NORTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY

Military and Veteran Services

Division of Student Affairs

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Did you know veteran students have priority registration? Veteran and students using military benefits at NIU are among the first group on campus eligible to register for classes. Registration is currently open for the Spring 2024 semester. Register before classes and times fill up. Don't forget to reach out to your academic advisor to ensure you are on track for graduation.

Once you have built your schedule and registered for Spring 2024, don't forget to complete an enrollment certification form, required each semester. The form must be submitted prior the MSS office is able to process your educational benefits. Stop by the MVS office in the campus life building if you need assistance!

Military & Veteran Services Office?

Do you know where the Military & Veteran Services office is located? The office is located in the Campus Life Building room number 160. The Peters Campus Life building is adjacent to Holmes Student Center at the intersection of Normal Rd. and Lucinda Ave. The building parking lot is open to blue and yellow permits making it easily accessible to commuter students. If you are nearby, don't forget to stop in to the veterans lounge. The lounge is a space offers military and veteran students an exclusive place to study and meet on campus.

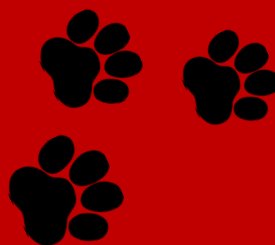


Looking for a campus job?

The Office of Military and Veteran Services in partnership with the Disability Resource Center has created a work study opportunity for students utilizing the G.I. Bill. For additional information, please email mss@niu.edu or stop by the MVS Lounge. The position is for front desk duties and the salary is the state of Illinois minimum wage (not taxed).

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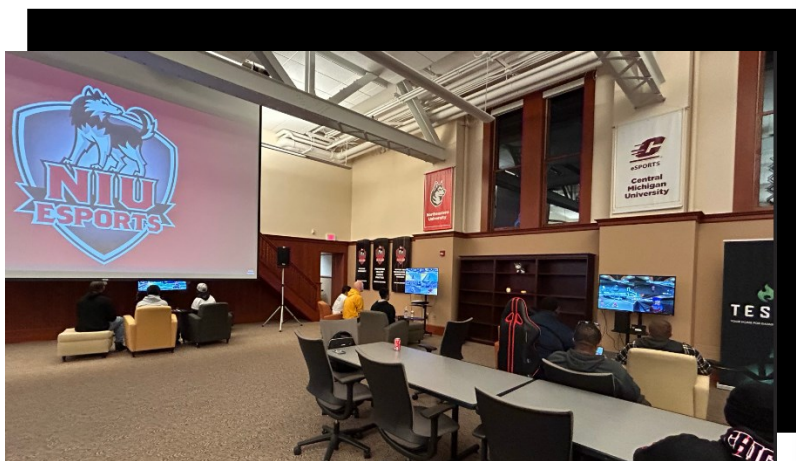
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Next Time - This Months Events!

Esports Night!

NIU's Esports arena was reserved for veteran and dependent students. Various gaming councils were set around the space to entice friendly competition with one another. Watch our announcements and calendar for our spring Esports event.



Pool, Pizza, & Bowling Night at the HSC!

Many came out and enjoyed an evening at the Huskie Den. The entire lower Huskie Den was opened up to veteran and dependent students to enjoy themselves and show off their skills. Free bowling, pool, and pizza was offered to participants. Don't miss the next PPB event!



Important Dates & Deadlines

November 15, 2023

My Scholarships open so apply through the NIU portal.

November 17, 2023

Open Enrollment begins, fill out Enrollment Certification Forms this day for next semester!

November 22-26, 2023

Thanksgiving Break

November 23, 2023

Thanksgiving day

December 9, 2023

Classes end!

December 11-16, 2023

Finals week!

December 17, 2023

Fall graduation & commencement ceremony.
Congratulations graduates!

December 25, 2023–January 1, 2023

MVS office closed for the holidays

Ensure you have completed your certification of enrollment form for the semester. A certification of enrollment is required to be completed each semester.

FEATURED RESOURCE: VETERANS DAY RECAP

NIU and the Military and Veteran Services office hosted a ceremony in the Altgeld Auditorium to honor veterans and kickoff the Veterans Day weekend. The Veterans Day event began with a colors presentation by NIU's Honor Guard. After colors were presented opening remarks were made by Mr. Eric Armstrong. Dr. Clint-Michael Reneau spoke about what it means to thank veterans for their service. Mr. James Innis, a veteran was first to take mic and discuss Veterans Day from a veterans perspective. Mr. Cornel Thomas, and Mr. Danielle Merlo where honorary speakers during the event. In attendance were staff, students, and community members. Experiencing the support was extraordinary to our veterans on and off campus.



WHO WE SERVE

The MSS office would like to feature a picture wall for service members. Bring in a picture from when you served. Let's show off those dress uniforms from every branch! Dependents are also welcome to bring in pictures of parents and spouses, especially if you are in the picture with them! Side note, pictures cannot display weapons as we have to abide to follow NIU policy.

Veteran Spotlight



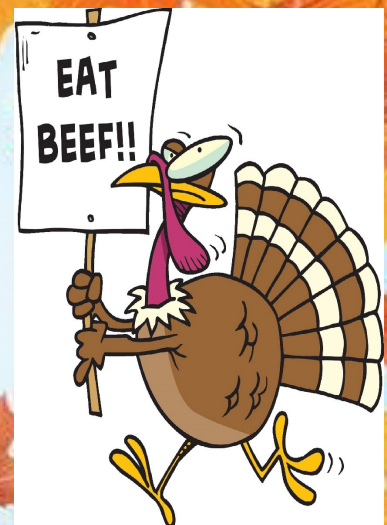
- **Name:** Joshua Hoffman
- **Year:** Freshman
- **Major:** Mechatronic Engineering
- **Service:** Navy sonar technician. He spent 5 years active duty before recently separating. During active duty he deployed a total of 5 times. Combined, he spent 660 days on deployment
- **Comments:** Joshua appreciates how simple the MSS office make things.
- **Fun Fact:** In his free time, Joshua enjoys fresh water fishing.

Share your story with the Huskie Foxtrot! If you are interested in sharing your story in next month's publication, swing into our office or reach out to mss@niu.edu. Our audience loves hearing about your unique experiences!

Guess Who??

- Forgets to bring the turkey: Eugene
- Burns the dressing: Eric C.
- Drops the potato salad: Keegan
- Eats all the pecan pie before anybody else gets any: Martin
- Spills red wine all over grandma's tablecloth: Shelby
- Brings a "surprise guest" nobody was expecting: Eric A.
- Gets mad and leaves in the middle of dinner: Jorie
- Forgets to show up at all: Joci

Get to know the MSS office work study staff. Stop into the office to say hey. What do you think? Is this accurate?





GIVE US YOUR FEEDBACK!

To ensure this newsletter is tailored to your wants and needs— send us your feedback on this issue! Questions to consider:

1. Is there anything else I'd like to see included in the newsletter?
2. Did I think information provided was relevant to me?
3. Will this be something I read through in the future?
4. Can I provide any suggestions on improving the newsletter?
5. Do I want to have my club, event, project included?

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Contact MSS@NIU.EDU and in the subject line of your email, put Newsletter Feedback. Note: This is also the main email for the department, so your feedback will be seen and saved by the staff. Although any benefits related questions should not have the same subject line in case the staff sorts feedback and does not see the benefits question.

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