**VETERANS VOICE**

**JUNE 2014**

**List of Events**

14 June
Flag Day

27 June
ANC Wreath-laying Ceremony

4 July
Independence Day Holiday
College Closed

9 July
Student Veterans Network Meeting, AA127A, Bisdorf

**Need Help?**
The Veterans Crisis Line connects Veterans and their families and friends with qualified, caring Department of Veterans Affairs responders through a confidential toll-free hotline, online chat, or text. Veterans and their loved ones can call 1-800-273-8255 and Press 1, chat online, or send a text message to 838255 to receive confidential support 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year. Support for deaf and hard of hearing individuals is available.

NOVA-AL Campus Veterans Office Contact Information: Veterans Affairs Advisor: Ms. Diana Campos Phone: (703) 933-8332 Email: veterans-alt@nvcc.edu

Veterans Affairs Work-study: Phone: (703) 933-8374 Mr. Randy Jackson Mr. Ronny Romero Ms. Jenene Hicks Mr. Mike Perez

Vet Success Advisor: Mr. Jason Hunter Phone: (703) 575-4706 Email: jason.hunter@va.gov

Wounded Warrior Peer Specialist: Mr. Than Naing Phone: (571) 235-6583

ACP Veteran's Advisor Valerie Palmer Phone: (202) 309-9961 Email: vpalmer@nvcc.edu

**Arlington National Cemetery Wreath-Laying Ceremony**
The NVCC-Alexandria Student Veterans Network will be participating in an ANC Public Wreath-Laying Ceremony at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. Arlington National Cemetery (ANC) is one of the nation’s most sacred shrines honoring Veterans and their families who have sacrificed their lives for freedom. The ceremony will take place on Friday, June 27th at 3:15pm. NVCC Alexandria Student Veterans will present a wreath on behalf of all students and faculty who attend Northern Virginia Community College. All NVCC Student Veterans, Students, Faculty, and family members are invited to attend the ceremony, but are reminded that the ceremony is to honor America and its heroes who have paid the ultimate sacrifice in defense of this country. Point of contact for the event is the Veterans and Military Student Resource office at 703-933-8374.

**B-6 Parking Lot Permanently Closing | Wednesday, 26 June 2014**

Please be advised, the B-6 parking lot will CLOSED for site preparation and construction of the NEW Alexandria academic building at close of business on Wednesday, 25 June 2014. Please use alternate routing to get to the upper part of the campus such as Dawes and Fillmore.

**Adding or Dropping a Class?**

If you add or drop a class from your schedule, it is imperative that you notify your Veteran’s Advisor by submitting the Adjustment form as soon as possible. These changes may affect your benefits and could potentially cause an increase or decrease of any housing stipend that you may be entitled to. Remember that it is the student’s responsibility to promptly notify the Veteran’s Advisor of any changes to your schedule.

**Academic Calendar Reminders**

- **12 Week Session (SM-14):**
  - 8 Jul 14: Last day to withdraw from classes without grade penalty
  - 10 Aug 14: Classes and Examinations End

- **First 8 Week Session (SM-14):**
  - 20 Jun 14: Last day to withdraw from classes without grade penalty
  - 13 Jul 14: Classes and Examinations End

- **Second 8 Week Session (SM-14):**
  - 16 Jun 14: Classes Begin
  - 23 Jun 14: Last day to withdraw from class for full tuition refund

- **First 6 Week Session (SM-14):**
  - 13 Jun 14: Last day to withdraw from classes without grade penalty
  - 29 Jun 14: Classes and Examinations End

- **Second 6 Week Session (SM-14):**
  - 30 Jun 14: Second 6 Week Session Begins

**Summer-14 BAH Requirements**

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**Student-Veterans Peer Mentoring Program**
The Veterans & Military Student Resource Office is seeking applicants and are currently accepting résumés for a Student Veteran Work-Study position for Summer 2014. In order to be eligible, you must be at least a 3/4 time student and be receiving VA Education Benefits.

The Student Veterans Peer Mentoring Program Assistant will provide administrative support for the development and implementation of a peer mentoring program for student veterans. Administrative duties may include, but not be limited to: assisting in developing program guidelines; marketing the program; recruiting peer mentors; arranging meetings; creating & maintaining a database of mentors and mentees; and assisting with the coordination of VMSRO campus events. Peer mentors will help fellow student veterans on campus get connected with resources and services appropriate to their needs and provide them with support throughout their transition to college.

If you are interested in applying for this VA Work Study position please submit a copy of your résumé and cover letter describing your interest via email to vderodriguez@nvcc.edu. You will be contacted for an interview with the Coordinator.

Vanessa Díaz Rodríguez, Ph.D. Coordinator, Special Student Programs Northern Virginia Community College 3001 N. Beauregard, Suite 4A193 Alexandria, VA 22311-5097
Alexandria Library Equipment & Technology Resources

Are you currently in need of basic technology resources to help you through Finals or any of your classes? Did you know that the Alexandria Campus Library provides technology equipment for lending to students?

The following is available for use at the library:
- eReaders, Media Players
- Calculators (Basic, Scientific, TI-83, and TI-84)
- Computers with the latest Microsoft Office Suite
- Ethernet Cables, Copiers / Scanners

Follow this link for further information on how to reserve equipment through the NVCC Alexandria Campus.

Fitness Center

The Fitness Center is open to current students, faculty and staff members of NOVA. Membership provides access for individuals who are not current students or staff members during the Fitness Center's posted open hours. Membership for current students, faculty and staff is free.

The Fitness Center is located in the Tyler Building of the Alexandria Campus, Room 202. To sign up for membership to the Fitness Center, call 703.845.6240. The Fitness Center is equipped with various machines and equipment for all levels of conditioning including:
- Treadmills
- Ellipticals
- Recumbent Bicycles
- Free Weights
- Dumbbells
- Machines for Torso

Each semester, students must show their current NOVA ID to work out in the center. Students must sign in as they enter the Fitness Center and work out at their own risk. Contact the fitness center supervisor for more information.

Virtual Advising

Academic advising is important at NOVA. Academic advising helps you to plan a program that will meet your educational objectives. If you cannot come to campus to meet with your advisor, Online Virtual Advising is available to you.

Virtual Advisors are available by chat Monday through Friday, 11:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. and Monday through Thursday, 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Click on the "Live Chat" button on the right of the page to chat with a virtual advisor.

You may also contact a Virtual Advisor through e-mail. E-mail your questions to AcademicAdvising@nvcc.edu. Your questions will be answered within 24 hours.

REMINDER: Please have your NOVA Student ID number available whenever seeking academic advising.

PLAN AHEAD

- 26 Jun 14: B6 Parking Lot closes permanently
- 28 Jul 14: Tuition Payment deadline for Fall-14
- 10 Aug 14: All classes and examinations for Summer-14 term end.
- 20 Aug 14: Classes begin for FALL-14 16-Wk Session and First 8-Wk Session.
- 8 Aug 14: Classes begin for Fall-14 Second 8-Wk Session
- 1 Sept 14: Labor Day Holiday, College Closed
- 1 Oct 14: Last day to apply for Fall 2014 Graduation