Memorial Day 2015

Opening of “Bivouac of the Dead”

THE MUFFLED drum's sad roll has beat
The soldier's last tattoo;
No more on Life's parade shall meet
That brave and fallen few.
On Fame's eternal camping-ground
Their silent tents are spread,
And Glory guards, with solemn round,
The bivouac of the dead.

by Theodore O'Hara

Memorial Day, which is observed on the last Monday of May, commemorates the men and women who died while in the military service. In observance of the holiday, many people visit cemeteries and memorials, and volunteers often place American flags on each grave site at national cemeteries. A national moment of remembrance takes place at 3:00 p.m. local time.

The National Moment of Remembrance encourages all Americans to pause wherever they are at 3 p.m. local time on Memorial Day for a minute of silence to remember and honor those who have died in service to the nation. AsMoment of Remembrance founder Carmella LaSpada states: “It’s a way we can all help put the memorial back in Memorial Day.”

[This excerpted from the page of the DVA Office of Public and Intergovernmental Affairs, Memorial Day information]

May 2015 Graduates

Congratulations, Graduates!

NOVA is pleased to continue to honor graduating active duty military and veterans. Red, white and blue honor cords are available for graduating active duty, guard/reserve or student veterans who are interested in wearing them during the Commencement Ceremony on May 17, 2015. These cords signify the appreciation that NOVA feels toward our military and veteran community for your distinguished service and sacrifice.

Military students and student veterans who are interested may pick up their honor cord at any campus Veterans Office from Monday, April 27 through Friday, May 15, 2015.

If you have questions regarding the honor cords, contact the Office of Military Services at militaryservices@nvcc.edu or 703.293.8132.
**Career Services for Alumni**

Career resources for alumni include:

- ✓ Learn more about opportunities for alumni.
- ✓ Start a career or make a career transition: Learn how your interests, skills, values and personality relate to a career field.
- ✓ Learn job search skills: Learn about resources that help you develop your resume writing, interviewing, and job search strategies.
- ✓ Find job opportunities: Learn about NOVA sponsored and local job fairs, NOVA's job listings, and online job listing.
- ✓ Explore academic options after NOVA: Visit the NOVA transfer page to learn more about continuing your education.
- ✓ Learn about community resources in Northern Virginia.

For more information on each of these resources, click [here](#).

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**Alexandria Library Equipment & Technology Resources**

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.

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**Alexandria Veterans & Military Student Resource Office**

The [AL Veterans & Military Student Resource Office](#) assists student veterans and their dependents by: providing information on their educational benefits; certifying paperwork for all applicable educational benefits; offering programs and workshops support of their student experience; and advising the Student Veterans Network.

The [VetSuccess on Campus Counselor](#) is an experienced Vocational Rehabilitation Counselor on the NOVA - Annandale and Alexandria campuses. This counselor serves as a “VA One-Stop Liaison” for Veterans, active duty military and their eligible family members who attend or plan to attend NOVA.

The [AL Off-Campus Military Advisor](#) at JBMHH assists active duty military students and their family members with the same student services that other students access on campus, such as the admissions process, registration, credit evaluation, and educational advising. The advisor can also assist students with payment issues and connecting them with college resources.

The [AL Student Veterans Network](#) (SVN) provides camaraderie and networking for both academic & social life. Any student enrolled in at least one credit with NOVA who is a veteran, reservist, National Guard member, or active duty service member is invited to be a member of the SVN. Contact the officers, [studentvetsalexandria@gmail.com](mailto:studentvetsalexandria@gmail.com).

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**Summer BAH Requirements**

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**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 your responsibility to promptly notify the Veteran’s Advisor of any changes to your schedule.

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**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 Microsoft Office Suite
- Ethernet Cables, Copiers / Scanners

Follow [this link](#) for further information on how to reserve equipment through the NVCC Alexandria Campus.