

CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATES!

From the Director



Summer is heading our way. Whether you are graduating in a few weeks or are still on your higher education journey, good luck as you finish the end of your Spring 2023 semester.

The Military Resource Center continues to serve our military educational benefited students and appreciates it when you provide suggestions to improve current remote and in-person practices. Your suggestions have resulted in improvements in policies and guidelines allowing us to better serve your needs as you work to accomplish your academic goals!

We our active duty, National Guard and Reserve service members, Veterans, their spouses, and dependents!

Andy Heitkamp
Military Resource Center Director



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OFFICE HOURS


8 A.M. – 4:30 P.M.

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MinotStateU.edu

Be seen. Be heard. Belong.



Check out the Minot State Veterans Service Center Facebook page and give it a  to stay current with events.

www.facebook.com/MinotStateVeterans

James's Corner



James Tucci
Veterans School Certifying Official

Students, it is that time of year again: enrollment season for both Summer and Fall 2023 terms! I feel like we've beaten this horse to death, but we still hear from a lot of students wondering why their tuition wasn't paid, or that they never received their housing allowance.

Please remember to complete a semester worksheet every term you wish to use your benefits!

If I don't receive a completed worksheet, I am unable to certify your enrollment and send your information to the VA for payment.

Our office will assist you if you can't locate the worksheet or if you need help completing it. We can explain what information the worksheet is asking for. We encourage you to ask questions rather than proving incorrect information. This can delay the process even further!

I want to end with a huge congratulations to all our graduates who will be completing their degree requirements this term — I hope to see you at commencement!

Respectfully,

James Tucci

Important Dates - Academic

May

- 3-4 Finals for second 8-week classes
- 8-11 Finals for 16-week classes
- 12 Commencement
- 15–5 MSU Bookstore charging open
- 29 University closed, Memorial Day
- 30 Standard 8-week classes begin

June

- 3 Last day to drop or withdraw from regular session classes and receive a 100% refund
- 7 Summer tuition due, financial aid disbursement

Important Dates – U.S. Armed Forces

May

Month of the Military Caregiver National Military Appreciation Month

- 1 Silver Star Service Banner Day
- 1 Loyalty Day
- 4 National Day of Prayer
- 7-13 Public Service Recognition Week
- 8 VE Day
- 12 Military Spouse Appreciation Day
- 13-20 Armed Forces Week
- 13 Children of Fallen Patriots Day
- 14 Mother's Day
- 15 Peace Officers Memorial Day
- 20 Armed Forces Day
- 22 Maritime Day
- 31 Memorial Day

Activities Attended

April

- 4 Junior Achievement, Edison Elementary
- 6 Purple Up Day Photo
- 6 Military Affairs Committee
- 10 Student Affairs Meeting
- 12 Vet Center Speaker
- 13 Dark Fox Den Meeting, Dr. Van Brunt
- 14 New Student Registration
- 18 NDUS Audit Meeting
- 19 University Cabinet Meeting
- 19 Vet Center Meeting
- 19 Future Tragedy Prevention Training
- 19 MCEC Suicide Prevention Discussions
- 20 Student Affairs Meeting
- 20 VA Office Hours Meeting
- 20 BIT Meeting
- 21 New Normal Training, Dr. Van Brunt
- 21 Ice Cream Sunday Event
- 23 Meet and Greet
- 24 Student Affairs meeting
- 26 Enhancing Your Team Approach Training



North Dakota National Guard Benefit Information

Contact

CW3 Rich Bohl, richard.a.bohl.mil@army.mil, (701)333-3064

(FTA) Federal Tuition Assistance

www.armyignited.army.mil

- 1) Must apply no earlier than 60 days and no later than seven business days before class start date.
- 2) Must have an approved education goal to request tuition assistance.
- 3) Must upload a degree plan in order to obtain an approved education goal.
- 4) Once courses and TA are approved, download DA Form 7792, share with your school, and attach to your STA application.
- 5) Call the NDNG education office for questions at (701) 333-3071 or (701) 333-3064.

Website: www.ndguard.nd.gov/education-services

GI Bill and GI Bill Kicker

www.va.gov

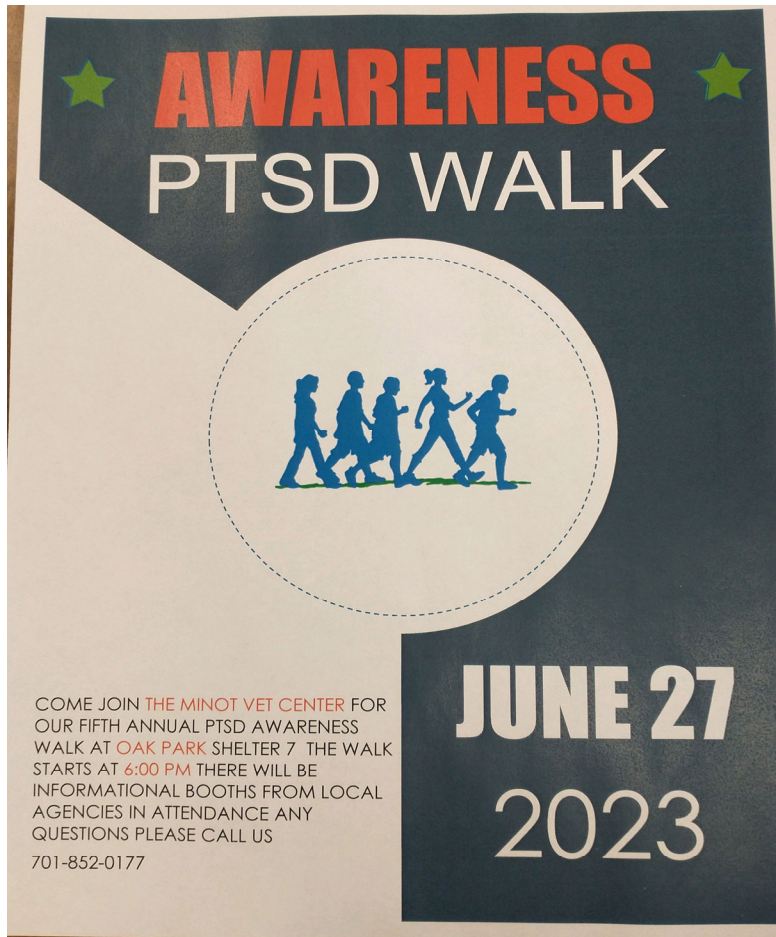
- 1) Apply for your certificate of eligibility on the VA website.
- 2) Must answer the questions correctly, if unsure please call the education office at (701) 333-3071.
- 3) If your benefit was denied, please call the education office at (701) 333-3071.
- 4) Must verify attendance every month to receive payment.
- 5) Call the NDNG education office for question at (701) 333-3071 or (701) 333-3064

Website: www.ndguard.nd.gov/education-services

NEW CHANGES

State Tuition Assistance

(ARNG ONLY) – (FTA) federal tuition assistance – must use federal tuition assistance thru army ignited, include DA form 7792 with your STA application as verification that you have applied and been approved for FTA



Best Kept Secrets: Joint Services Campgrounds and Facilities

Find a “best kept secret” for your family’s next adventure with Military OneSource. Morale, Welfare and Recreation joint services campgrounds and facilities across the United States offer service members and their families a variety of accommodations and amenities at great rates without sacrificing luxury or location. Read the entire article [HERE](#).

Find U.S. military campgrounds and RV parks at <https://www.militarycampgrounds.us/>.

VA News: Request a VA Home Loan

You can request a VA home loan certificate of eligibility through VA.gov.

With the user-friendly portal, at <https://www.va.gov/housing-assistance/home-loans/request-coe-form-26-1880/introduction>, you can:

- Request a COE.
- Request to restore entitlement (<https://www.va.gov/housing-assistance/home-loans/eligibility/>).
- Request modifications to existing COE records, such as name, date of birth, and branch of service.
- Verify if an active COE is available.
- View the status of a COE application in process.

WHERE THE NUMBERS DO THE TALKING..

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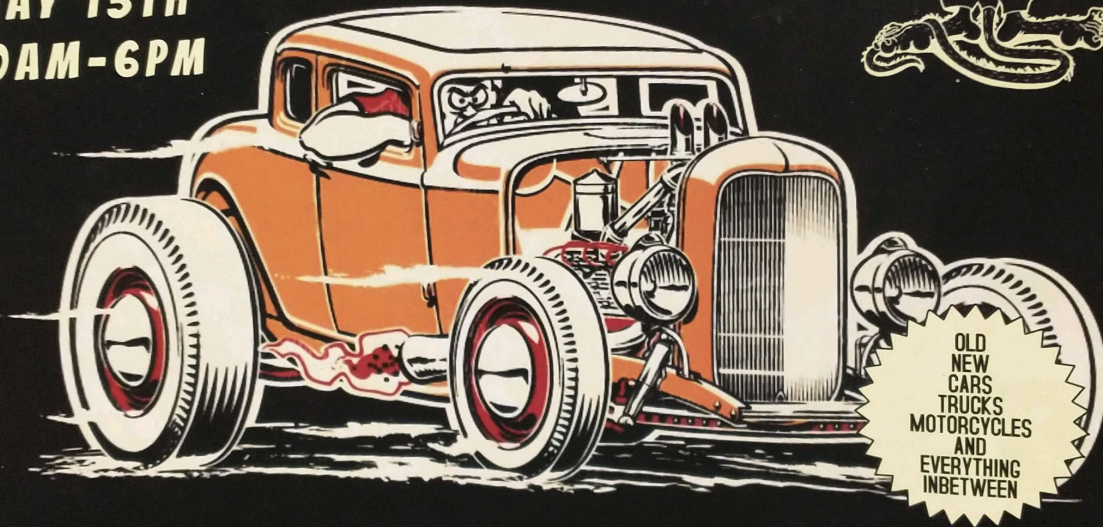
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DAKOTA CRUISERS

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MAY 13TH

10AM-6PM



OLD
NEW
CARS
TRUCKS
MOTORCYCLES
AND
EVERYTHING
INBETWEEN

PRIZES, TROPHIES, 50/50 RAFFLE

PROCEEDS TO BENEFIT: UNITED WAY BACKPACK BUDDIES

LOCATION: MINOT STATE FAIR GROUNDS

MOBILE DYNO, DJ, BOUNCE HOUSES, FOOD TRUCKS, VENDORS
PHOTO OPPORTUNITIES WITH BUMBLEBEE, FRENZY, WHEELIE AND MATRIX OF TRANSFORMERS

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STEREO SHOP, SNAKE EATER PERFORMANCE

Copayment exemption for American Indian and Alaska Native Veterans

<https://www.veterans.nd.gov/news/copayment-exemption-american-indian-and-alaska-native-veterans>

VA published a final rule in the Federal Register on April 4, 2023, that exempts eligible American Indian and Alaska Native Veterans from copayments for health care and all urgent care visits received on or after January 5, 2022.

Copays for domiciliary care, institutional respite care, institutional geriatric evaluation and nursing home care are still required. Veterans seeking copayment exemption must submit copies of [VA Form 10-334](#) and official tribal documentation to begin receiving this new benefit.

This policy implements Section 3002 of the Johnny Isakson and David P. Roe, M.D. Veterans Health Care and Benefits Improvement Act of 2020.



Grant available for ND Veterans with PTSD

North Dakota Veterans suffering from [Post Traumatic Stress Disorder \(PTSD\)](#) may now apply for a grant which may provide them with a specially trained Service Dog. These service dogs are trained right here in North Dakota to assist Veterans who suffer from PTSD. The dogs provide the special needs of the veteran they are to serve whether it is calming anxiety attacks, providing comfort and assurance in public settings or waking a veteran from a nightmare. PTSD service dogs have proven to greatly assist Veterans in returning to a more normal life and reintegrating back into their community. Service Dogs for America has several of these highly trained service dogs ready to be placed with a veteran in need.

To meet the minimum qualifications for a PTSD service dog the Veteran must be a North Dakota resident, have a diagnosis of PTSD, be engaged in counseling or therapy and have a doctor's recommendation for a PTSD Service Dog. All qualified Veterans are urged to apply. The grant is made possible by the 63rd ND Legislative Assembly and private donors.

To learn more or to submit an application, visit [Service Dogs for America](#), download the [Preliminary Application](#), or contact their offices at 701-685-2242 or info@servicedogsforamerica.org



DISABLED AMERICAN VETERANS

BOB FIX

“MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP”

SCHOOL YEAR: 2023 - 2024

**CERTIFICATE OF
SCHOLARSHIP**

**APPLICATIONS LOCATED
HERE**

CLOSING DATE: AUGUST 15, 2023

**Disabled AMERICAN veterans, chapter #
Ron Garcia, Scholarship Coorinator 701-
240-1713**

Applications available in the Military Resource Center – Model Hall 208.