

Veteran Services

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From the Director

So it begins, we are located in Model Hall room 208!

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

WE APPRECIATE YOUR SERVICE!!

Andy Heitkamp Military Resource Center Director



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

www.facebook.com/MinotStateVeterans

Be seen. Be heard. Be you.

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Activities Attended

JULY

- 1 Budget Forum VFW scholarship presentation
- 2 DAV meeting
- 4 Independence Day
- 8 Somerset Veteran Free Lunch
- 14 Edgewood on Tenth Veteran Lunch Student Affairs Meeting Velva Legion National Commander meeting
- 16 University Cabinet Campus registration and resource fair DAV meeting

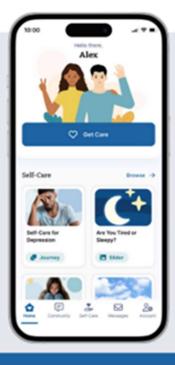
- 17 BIT/CARE workshop
- 19 State Fair Parade
- 28 Student Affairs meeting
- 29 North Central Veterans Stand Down meeting
- 29 DPrep Workplace Violence Prevention workshop
- 30 Data group meeting
- 31 Wellington Veteran Breakfast





Virtual Care From Anywhere

Get virtual health and well-being resources from your phone or computer





24/7 Virtual Health and Well-Being Support













*12 visits per year



It's for Students. FOR FREE.





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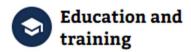
Visit timelycare.com/minotstateu to learn more.



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FAQ's on your housing and book payments

https://benefits.va.gov/gibill/docs/HousingandBookPaymentFAQs.pdf



https://www.va.gov/education/about-gi-bill-benefits/how-to-use-benefits/tutor-assistance/

Am I eligible for tutorial assistance?

You may be eligible if you're using VA education benefits and you meet all of these requirements. **All of these must be true:**

- You're enrolled in an educational program for half-time or more (or if you're using Post-9/11 GI Bill benefits, your rate of pursuit is at least 50%), **and**
- Your instructor has determined that you'll need a tutor to help you complete the course, and
- Your educational program requires the course for graduation, and
- Your tutor isn't a close relative

Who's covered?

Any eligible student using VA education benefits.

How do I get this benefit?

- Your course instructor (or teacher) at your school must agree that you need a tutor and write a
 letter on your behalf. The instructor should send the letter to your school's certifying official. The
 certifying official will add a copy to your VA student file.
- If your school approves your need for a tutor, it will assign you a tutor and confirm the tutor's hourly pay.
- You, your tutor, or your school's certifying official must fill out an Application for Individualized
 Tutorial Assistance (VA Form 22-1990t). All of you must sign the form. If you're using the Post9/11 GI Bill, your instructor must also sign section 18 of this form. You can submit this form either
 monthly or after you've completed your tutoring.
 Get VA Form 22-1990t to download
- The form must be signed and dated on or after the date of the last certified tutoring session you want to be paid back for (item 12b on the form).

Edith Nourse Rogers STEM Scholarship

STEM students may be eligible for additional benefits.

https://www.va.gov/education/other-va-education-benefits/stem-scholarship/ You can't use the STEM scholarship for graduate degree programs at this time.

Am I eligible for the Rogers STEM Scholarship?

You may be eligible for this scholarship as a Veteran or a Fry Scholar if you meet at least one of these requirements.

At least one of these must be true:

- You're currently enrolled in an undergraduate STEM degree program or qualifying dual-degree program, or
- You've earned a post-secondary degree or a graduate degree in an approved STEM degree field and are enrolled in a covered clinical training program for health care professionals, or
- You've earned a post-secondary degree in an approved STEM degree field and are working toward a teaching certification.

List of approved fields of study for the STEM Scholarship https://www.va.gov/resources/approved-fields-of-study-for-the-stem-scholarship/



Training opportunity with IBM SkillsBuild

https://sb-auth.skillsbuild.org/signup?ngo-id=0273&mgr=1388711REG&mgr2=1388710REG Veterans, service members, and their families have a unique opportunity to access IBM SkillsBuild, at no cost, to help them develop new skills and explore new career paths. Participants can gain valuable knowledge in project management, professional skills, resume building, data analytics, cybersecurity and more. They can also earn industry-recognized digital credentials and prepare for opportunities in tech, business, and beyond.

Note: IBM SkillsBuild is an enhanced resource offered by IBM. GI Bill entitlement is not charged for SkillsBuild access. IBM SkillsBuild participants will not receive books and supplies, monthly housing allowance (MHA), or any other payment from VA while participating.

Free Skills-Based Learning From Technology Experts | IBM SkillsBuild





James's Corner

Students,

It's time for fall enrollment! Please ensure that the classes you are enrolling in are approved for your degree plan, The VA does not allow me to certify courses that are not approved for your particular degree. Also, a reminder that a semester worksheet must be completed every term you wish to use your benefit- I cannot submit your certification to the VA without this! Failure to complete this worksheet on time (30+ days from term start) causes delays in stipends (housing allowance, book stipend, monthly payments), payment of tuition and fees, and will take additional time to process by the VA once submitted, so please be punctual to alleviate potential financial burden. Our office is always available to answer questions and to help you succeed!

Please call 701-858-4002, email <u>james.tucci@MinotStateU.edu</u>, or stop in with any questions you may have.

Respectfully,

James Tucci - Veterans School Certifying Official

OFFICE HOURS 8 A.M. – 4:30 P.M.

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MinotStateU.edu

Important Dates

Academic Dates

August

12 to Sept 4 Fall Bookstore Charging

25 First 8 wk. classes begin.

26 First full day of 16 wk. classes.

28 Last day to add first 8 wk. classes.

28 Last day to drop or withdraw from first 8 wk. classes for 100% refund.

Sept 1 University Closed Labor Day

Sept 3 Last day to add 16 wk. class.

Sept 3 Last day to drop or withdraw from 16 week classes for 100% refund.

Sept 10 Financial Aid Disbursement

Sept 10 Fall Tuition Due

US Armed Forces Dates

Aug - Antiterrorism Awareness Month

4 – Coast Guard Day

7 – Purple Heart Day

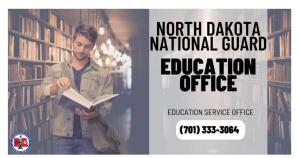
10 - DoD Birthday

10 – Agent Orange Awareness Day

14 – Navajo Code Talkers Day

16 – National Airborne Day

29 - Marine Forces Reserve Birthday



From the NDNG Education office

ARMY Federal Tuition Assistance and Credentialing Assistance

SUBJECT: Tuition Assistance (TA)

For additional information/questions, contact your State ESO and/or ESS.

Questions contact

Rich Bohl

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Helpful sites:

TA/CA: www.armyignited.army.mil
GI Bill®: www.benefits.va.gov/gibill

Website: www.ndguard.nd.gov/education-services
Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/NDNG.ED

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INTENTIONAL PEER SUPPORT CORE TRAINING

FOCUS ON VETERANS

Online Peer Support Training Opportunity

- Begins August 21st, 2025
- Thursday Evenings,
 5:00 9:00 pm
- 10 four-hour sessions
- Provides Peer Support Specialist Certification eligibility
- See our website for details



For More Information:

- 701-500-1565
- peervisionnd.org/training
- 720 Western Ave, Suite 101 Minot, ND 58701





Please register by July 23, 2025

Brady Oberg Legacy Scholarship is available at Minot State University!

Brady Oberg Legacy Foundation is proud to offer college scholarships to combat veterans who are going into the mental health field as counselors or psychologists.

You could be considered for a possible tuition scholarship, (Minot State University <u>Brady Oberg Scholarship</u>) if you are able to answer yes to the following questions and provide the requested information below.

Are you an addiction studies, psychology, or social work major?

Are you an honorably discharged combat veteran? (requires dd-214, member copy 4 verification)?

Are you willing to submit a brief narrative of your military job while deployed and how you plan to apply your education to assist combat veterans in your future career?



Link to North Dakota Veteran laws, http://www.nd.gov/veterans/laws/

From Minot North Dakota Job Service Workforce Center





Food Pantry at Minot State University

Student Food Pantry List

Protein

Cans of Tuna* Cans of Chicken* Canned Stew Canned Chili Hash

Pork and Beans

Soups

Spaghetti Sauce* Kidney Beans Peanut Butter*

Canned Vegetables

Beans Carrots Peas Tomatoes Corn Instant Potatoes Spaghetti Sauce

Fruits

Canned Fruits Fruit Cups Dried Fruits Jelly Raisins Juice Boxes

*Indicates high demand items

If you would like to make a financial donation so that we can replenish the food pantry with necessary items, checks may be made to:

Lutheran Campus Ministry, memo: Food Pantry

Starches

Rice* Pasta*

Macaroni and Cheese*

Crackers

Cans of Ravioli/Spaghetti O's*

Hamburger Helper Boxed Meals*

Breakfast

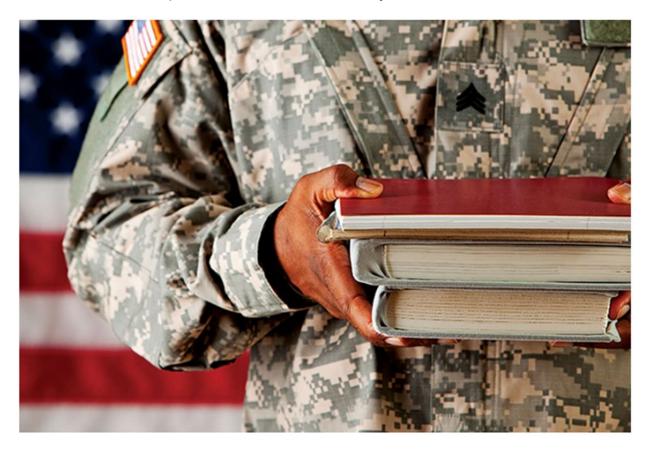
Boxes of Cereal*
Instant Oatmeal (individual packets)*
Cereal Bars
Pancake Mix
Syrup
Pop Tarts
Muffin Mix

On the Go/Snacks

Tortilla Chips
Salsa
Pringles
Cookies
Granola Bars*
Microwave Popcorn
Easy Mac*
Microwaveable Non-Frozen Meals*



Sanford scholarship now available for military members, vets



Sanford Health is accepting applications for four \$5,000 scholarships awarded annually to veterans, Guard/Reserve members, or active-duty military service members who have demonstrated leadership and commitment in their community.

The Sanford Health Military and Veteran Scholarship honors those who have furthered their own progress and enriched the lives of others, especially in service, academics, and community involvement.

Apply online: Applications for Sanford Health Military and Veteran Scholarship due Sept. 30

Applicants must be a veteran, Guard/Reserve, or active-duty military service member and a full-time student pursuing a community college/vocational, bachelor's, graduate, or professional degree from an accredited U.S.-based institution of higher education. They must also have at least one full year of education remaining.

The scholarship is administered by the Sanford Health Department of Veterans and Military Services and was created in 2018 as part of the health system's efforts to serve veterans and military personnel through patient care, employment opportunities, and community outreach.



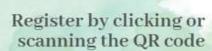


"With Help There is Hope: **Providing Hope Across** Generations"

September 24, 2025 Bismarck Career Center and Virtually

Please join us for a day of hope, learning and resources.

Free with lunch and CEUs provided for ND Social Workers, Nurses, Counselors, EMS, Peer Support, and POST.





ndsuicidepreventioncoalition@gmail.com | ndspc.org

GI Bill Students: Check your Direct Deposit Information

We require beneficiaries to have only one Direct Deposit payment account on file.

If you are a GI Bill student receiving education benefits in addition to other VBA benefits (such as disability compensation benefits), please ensure that your Direct Deposit payment information is the same for all VBA benefits (https://www.va.gov/change-direct-deposit/

VA Home Loans

https://www.va.gov/housing-assistance/home-loans/

VA-backed Veterans home loans

VA direct and VA-backed Veterans home loans can help Veterans, service members, and their survivors to buy, build, improve, or refinance a home. You'll still need to have the required credit and income for the loan amount you want to borrow. But a Veterans home loan may offer better terms than with a traditional loan from a private bank, mortgage company, or credit union. For example, nearly 90% of VA-backed loans are made with no down payment. Learn about our different loan programs—and how to apply.

How to request your VA home loan Certificate of Eligibility (COE) https://www.va.gov/housing-assistance/home-loans/how-to-request-coe/



Access Peer Support Anytime, Anywhere - 24/7 peer support for Veterans, 365 days a year https://news.va.gov/141137/24-7-peer-support-veterans-365-days-year/?utm_source=middle&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=VetResources&utm_id=09JU_L2025

American Legion National Commander visits North Dakota





Got to spend some time with American Legion National Commander James A. LaCoursiere Jr.



He shared a little more about BE THE ONE!



The North Dakota State Commander coined the Vietnam era Veterans in attendance at the Velva Post, with the North Dakota State American Legion (WELCOME HOME) coin below.





2ND ANNUAL STAND DOWN



Veterans are invited to the Community Veteran Stand Down event in downtown Fargo. This event will focus on providing education about the PACT Act, healthcare for homeless veterans and VA enrollment.



Featuring live music and a *

free meal from 11am to 1pm.



THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 11 10AM - 2PM

BROADWAY SQUARE // DOWNTOWN FARGO









Female Combat Veterans

Grab a spot in our female overnight adventure:

Guided Fishing, Professional Chef, Challenge Course, Yoga, and more.

Location: Castaway Club, Detroit Lakes, MN

MORE INFORMATION : bradyoberglegacyfoundation.org



Join us for a weekend of relaxation, guided fishing, yoga, and meaningful connection with fellow women veterans.

Register today to secure your spot!

https://bradyoberglegacyfoundation.org/event-form-3/

Veterans Stand Down

OCTOBER 16, 2025

10:00 am - 2:00 pm Armed Forced Reserve Center 3420 2nd St. NE, Minot (North of the Minot Int'l Airport)

Bring Your DD214, VA Card, or Drivers Lic. with "V" designation as Proof of Veteran Status, if possible

Services Provided

Veterans Benefits
Health Care
Legal Services
Counseling
Housing Assistance
Hygiene Items
Flu Shots
Employment Assistance
Lunch is provided



For more information contact:
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