



From the Director

Hard to believe it is already fall/October. The Military Resource Center continues to serve our military educational benefited students. We appreciate it when you provide suggestions to improve current practices. Past suggestions have resulted in improvements in policies and guidelines allowing us to better serve your needs as you work to accomplish your academic goals!

Andy Heitkamp
Military Resource Center Director



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

www.facebook.com/MinotStateVeterans

Studying in a medical or healthcare field



Are you studying in a field related to medicine or healthcare? The VA offers scholarships to students willing to work in a VA healthcare facility serving our nation's Veterans. Scholarships cover many degrees and certifications and are also often tax-exempt. [Find more information about the different programs on our website.](#)

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Be seen. Be heard. Belong.

Activities Attended

September

1	University Closed, Labor Day	17	DAV meeting
3	DAV meeting	18	BIT/CARE Managing the Process training
4	Minot Area MAC meeting	18	Inter Agency
5	CTS M365 Copilot training	19	Student Affairs meeting
9	MAFB Resource/Job Fair	20	NOTSTOCK
10	Navigating the GI Bill Comparison Tool training	22	Student Affairs
10	Behavioral Intervention Team meeting	24	Behavioral Intervention Team meeting
11	CTS Office Hours meeting	25	Norsk Hostfest
12	Athletic Hall of Fame luncheon	26	Archery for faculty and staff
12	Academic Hall of Fame event	29	Symposium on rural Veteran Suicide
13	Homecoming Tailgate and game	30	Workplace Violence Prevention training DPrep
14	Homecoming games		
16	Student Affairs meeting		

STEM Students: You may be eligible for additional benefits

If you're a Veteran using the Post-9/11 GI Bill or a Fry Scholar, you may be eligible for additional benefits of up to nine months or \$30,000. You must:

1. Be enrolled in a qualifying STEM program.
2. Have completed a certain amount of time on your degree.
3. Have six months or less of your benefits left (if you apply too soon, you'll be denied).

[Learn more about what types of degrees and what fields qualify and apply on our website.](#)





James's Corner

Hello, everyone!

Hello to our new and returning students,

This month I wanted to discuss the importance of being on time with your semester worksheets and any updates to your enrollment. It is crucial that you get your semester worksheets submitted promptly after you enroll in your courses. This ensures that your monthly payments and book stipends (if applicable) are paid on-time. When we get late submissions (after the term has started, e.g.), you should not be surprised if your payments aren't received right away, as the VA works on enrollments in the order they are received. Also, it is important that you let our office know when you make any changes so that I can make the changes with the VA to prevent any potential overpayments which could land you in debt with the VA and/or Minot State. Additionally, we have been seeing a lot of students emailing and calling about not receiving their monthly payments. If you recall your Student Agreement meeting, the second paragraph on the first page mentions that you need to call the VA with any specific benefits questions, to include any information about your monthly payments. Our office is not involved in your monthly payments so we unfortunately cannot help with any payment questions.

Respectfully,

James Tucci - Veterans School Certifying Official



Important Dates

Academic Dates

October

- 1 – FAFSA application available
- 3 - Spring Graduation Application Due
- 13 – Assessment Day
- 15 – First 8 weeks finals
- 16 – First 8 weeks finals
- 21 – second 8-week classes begin
- 23 – Last day to add second 8-week classes
- 23 – Last day to drop second 8-week classes
- 23 – Last day to withdraw second 8-week and receive 100% refund
- 28-30 – Spring registration

US Armed Forces Dates

October

- 12 – Ms. Veteran America 2025
- 13 – US Navy Birthday
- 26 – Day of the Deployed
- 27 – Navy Day
- 31 - Halloween

OFFICE HOURS

8 A.M. – 4:30 P.M.

**Military Resource Center
Minot State University
Dakota Hall**

**500 University Ave W
Minot, ND 58707**

701-858-4003 / 1-800-777-0750

MinotStateU.edu

★ **December 13, 2025** ★

National Wreaths Across America Day

**Help The Doughboy Foundation
honor local heroes!**

Sponsor a wreath today to be placed
on a veteran's grave this December at
Arlington National Cemetery
or a Member cemetery.

Scan the QR code to make a donation
online, or visit

www.wreathsassamerica.org/DBF



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

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*

*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





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

Essential services for Veterans transitioning to civilian life



Print out your VA Welcome Kit

Whether you're just getting out of the service or you've been a civilian for years now, the VA Welcome Kit can help guide you to the benefits and services you've earned.

Based on where you are in life, your VA benefits and services can support you in different ways. Keep your welcome kit handy so you can turn to it throughout your life—like when it's time to go to school, get a job, buy a house, get health care, retire, or make plans for your care as you age.

<https://www.va.gov/welcome-kit/>
guides to VA benefits and services

- For veterans
- For family members



American Corporate Partners (ACP) connects post-9/11 Veterans with corporate professionals for customized mentorships. Veterans find meaningful employment outcomes, whether a higher-paying job or a promotion. Since 2010, more than 34,000 Veterans have found success with ACP.

In response to growing interest and the evolving needs of Veterans, ACP is launching a new entrepreneurship program, ACP Ventures.

ACP Ventures' mission is to cultivate a legacy of informed Veterans who venture their entrepreneurial journey with intention, creating enduring impact for themselves and their communities. Apply online (<https://www.acp-usa.org/acp-ventures>)



Veterans Stand Down

OCTOBER 16, 2025

10:00 am - 2:00 pm

Armed Forces 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

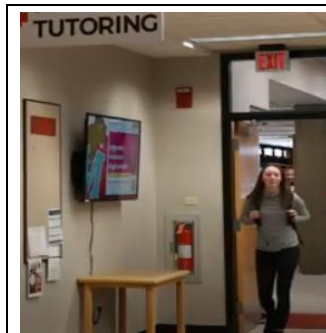
Veterans Benefits
Health Care
Legal Services
Counseling
Housing Assistance
Hygiene Items
Flu Shots
Employment Assistance
Lunch is provided



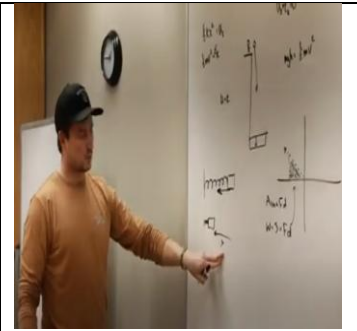
For more information contact:

Kelli Weiland at 701-340-2779 or colleen.y.weiand.nfg@army.mil

Are you eligible for the GI Bill tutoring benefit?



If you're having trouble in a required subject and need a tutor, you can be reimbursed by the GI Bill for up to \$100 a month and a maximum lifetime limit of \$1,200. You're eligible if you're studying 51% or more full-time. Full-time for an undergraduate student is typically 12 credit hours, while it will vary for graduate students.



Find more information and how to apply on our website.

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



Minot State Writing Center

The Minot State Writing Center is now open for tutoring for the Fall 2025 semester. The Writing Center offers both in-person and online (asynchronous or synchronous) tutoring. Check the tutor's availability when you make an appointment. To make an appointment, individuals MUST log in or register for an account [at https://minot.mywconline.com](https://minot.mywconline.com). If you choose e-tutoring (asynchronous), remember to attach your paper using the links at the bottom of the appointment form. The tutor will comment on your paper and email it back. E-tutoring (asynchronous) individuals do not need to come to the Writing Center. Online tutoring (synchronous), will need to be at their computer, logged into WC Online, at the appointment time and day. You and the tutor will communicate live via audio, video, and text. For questions, contact Patti Kurtz, Writing Center director, by EMAIL - patti.kurtz@minotstateu.edu -- Patti Kurtz, Writing Center director



Space Force Tuition Assistance info

<https://www.military.com/education/money-school/space-force-tuition-assistance.html>

Space Force members must apply for TA online on the website of the Air Force Virtual Education Center (AFVEC) (<https://afvec.us.af.mil/afvec/public/welcome>).

Department policy requires members to create a goal and upload a degree plan prior to requesting TA (see the "Tutorials" on the AFVEC site). Students may upload a generic degree/academic as a placeholder for up to six semester hours until an evaluated degree plan is in place.



DAV Chapter 4 Bob Fix Memorial Scholarship awarded to Grace Alvarez
Minot, ND — The Disabled American Veterans (DAV) Chapter 4 proudly awarded the \$1,000 Bob Fix Memorial Scholarship to Grace Alvarez, a student at Minot State University, during its business meeting held on September 11, 2025. The scholarship was presented by Ron Garcia, Chairman of the DAV Chapter 4 Scholarship Committee. Grace was joined by her parents, Eric and Sommer Alvarez, as members of the chapter recognized her academic achievements. DAV Chapter 4 continues its mission to serve disabled veterans and their families through outreach, advocacy, and recognition programs across the Minot community.

Photo Caption: (L–R) Sommer Alvarez, Eric Alvarez, Grace Alvarez, Ron Garcia.

Ask VA

Chap 35 enrollment verification update

<https://www.va.gov/resources/verify-school-enrollment-for-dea-benefits/>

You must verify your enrollment every month to receive your benefits for Survivors' and Dependents' Educational Assistance (DEA or Chapter 35). Find out how to verify your enrollment.

How do I verify my enrollment for DEA?

1) By email

If you choose to verify your enrollment each month by email, we'll send a message to the email address we have in our records for you.

Online through Ask VA

2) Fill out a Student Verification of Enrollment (VA Form 22-8979).

[Get VA Form 22-8979 to download](#)

Upload your completed form through Ask VA.

[Sign in to Ask VA](#)

3) By mail

Fill out a Student Verification of Enrollment (VA Form 22-8979).

[Get VA Form 22-8979 to download](#)

Mail your completed form to the VA regional processing office that's right for you.

[Find your regional processing office address](#)

4) By phone

Call us at [888-442-4551](tel:888-442-4551) (TTY: 711). We're here Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. ET.

GI BILL BENEFITS GUIDES



**GI Bill benefit guides Building your future with the GI Bill
Choosing your Education Pathway**

<https://benefits.va.gov/gibill/docs/gibguideseries/chooseyoureducationpathway.pdf>

Understanding your benefits

<https://benefits.va.gov/gibill/docs/gibguideseries/chooseyoureducationbenefits.pdf>

Furthering your Career

<https://www.benefits.va.gov/GIBILL/docs/GIBguideseries/FurtherYourCareer.pdf>



**A Veterans Guide to
Navigating Property Taxes and Insurance Costs**

<https://news.va.gov/141933/a-veterans-guide-to-navigating-property-taxes-and-insurance-costs/>



**About
Veterans On The Lake Resort
An Ely Minnesota Resort**

<https://www.veteransonthelakeresort.org/about-veterans-on-the-lake-resort>

Vacations For Veterans, Disabled Public, Their Families & Friends

Unlike the average vacationer's resort, Veterans on the Lake has a unique historic background for why it was founded. In 1982, Disabled Veterans Recreation, Inc. was organized by a group of northeastern Minnesota citizens passionate about finding adequate recreational resources for veterans. Originally the Disabled Veterans Recreation, Inc., Veterans on the Lake was started for the sole purpose of creating a recreational facility for disabled veterans to enjoy vacations. As a non-profit facility, this recreational location was designed to and currently serves the needs of disabled veterans, able bodied veterans, active-duty military, their families, and friends.

Many vacations are enjoyed every year and many of our guests travel long and difficult distances to attend our fine facilities. With the help from supportive community members and you, it is possible to make their stay the most relaxing and convenient vacation of their year. To learn how you can contribute please visit our donation page,

<https://www.veteransonthelakeresort.org/donors>

In conjunction with the US Forest Service and the provisions of the Boundary Waters Canoe Wilderness Act of 1978, we provide lodging and accommodations inside the Superior National Forest area for your enjoyment and pleasure.