

# Mission Possible: Ball State's Student Veteran Newsletter

## Upcoming Events

**September 22**– Family weekend/SVO picnic

**October 22-23**–Fall break

**October 24**–Course withdrawal period ends

**November 9**–Veterans Day Ceremony at the Student Center Ball room

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### Learning Center Tips

As we push further into the semester, you may be telling yourself, I can't do this. This class is too hard. It's too stressful. I think I'm going to fail. If any of these describe your attitude toward any class, I would tell you to try checking out the learning center in North Quad on the third floor! They are full of useful resources, and their staff is very friendly. Set up an appointment to meet with a tutor in math, writing, accounting, econom-

ics, study strategies, or core classes and get your questions answered. You can even make it a weekly enterprise and meet with a tutor to help you for the rest of the semester. Ball State's learning center has been rated nationally as one of the best tutoring services. From 2009-2010, 3,732 Learning Center clients had GPAs of 2.00 or higher. Almost 22% of students that school year utilized the Learning Center. Even 200 Honors

College students used the services provided at the Learning Center. The Veterans Affairs office works closely with the Learning Center to help you in any way possible. Feel free to contact Gary Ritz at [garitz@bsu.edu](mailto:garitz@bsu.edu) or Jackie Harris at [jroberts@bsu.edu](mailto:jroberts@bsu.edu) if you have any questions about the Learning Center and its resources. Don't stress out about school when there are plenty of people here that want to see you succeed!

### 5 Questions With...

Elisa Walker

1. **Military Affiliation?**  
Dependent of Army National Guard
2. **Degree?** BA in Creative Writing and minor in Digital Publishing
3. **Favorite Hobby?**  
Reading
4. **Military Memory ?**  
Seeing my mom again after a year of deployment.
5. **Advice to Student Veterans?** Don't be afraid to come into the Veterans Affairs office or go to veterans events.

### Check Out the Daily News

Recently, a story about some of our veterans here on campus was written for Ball State's Daily News. Here's the link: <http://www.bsudailynews.com/college-veterans-have-trouble-connecting-with-other-students-1.2760374#.UFCsobJlQ5s>. The three student veterans interviewed had several important things to say about life on campus,

that relates to the rest of the 400 veterans we have attending Ball State. This is a great piece of writing to get the awareness out there that veterans have different life experiences from the most typical college students, but in the end, everyone is here to receive an education and get the most out of their time here. If any of you would like to get more involved with other veterans on campus, join

the Student Veteran Organization. You can get more information about this group from Kenneth Winner, the president of the SVO. Contact him at [kcwinner@bsu.edu](mailto:kcwinner@bsu.edu).

As we have just passed the 11 year milestone of the events of September 11, we at the Veterans Affairs office urge you to take some time to reflect on your past, your goals, and your future.