

Mission Possible: Ball State's Student Veteran Newsletter

Upcoming Events

October 5– FT5K @ Alumni Center

October 6-12– Homecoming

October 21-22–Fall Break

October 23– Course Withdrawal Period Ends

November 27-29– Thanksgiving Break

December 7–Final Exams for Saturday Classes

December 9– Last Meeting Day for Classes

December 10-14– Final Exams

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The Government Shutdown and You

By: Emily Kirkpatrick

Bad news never gets better in the morning, a popular Marine saying brought to my attention by Beck Hannaford, and very relevant with the government shutdown. Any soldier starting a college course on or after October 1 may not be eligible for Tuition Assistance until the federal government passes funding for the 2014 Fiscal Year, according to Go Army Ed. Students who requested

funding before the 1st– but who start courses that day or the day after– will not be funded until Congress agrees on a budget or passes a Continuing Resolution. The veterans affected by this funding gap may be eligible to use their GI Bill Benefits towards courses, according to Go Army Ed. The Department of Veterans Affairs has warned that if the shutdown lasts through October, any claims processing and payments for educa-

tion programs will be suspended once available funds run out. Soldiers will not be able to go back and request TA for a class that has a start date during the government shutdown window. Information about this can be found on the Go Army Ed website. Students are encouraged to check this, as it will be updated with new information. If you have any questions, please feel free to call or email the office.

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Having Problems Getting Paid?

By: Emily Kirkpatrick

Many students have come into the office asking about their payments. Some may notice that they only received part of the money for their August payment. This is because classes were only in session from August 19-30. You will only receive payments for the days you are in school. For September, you should have received the entire

month's payments. The same will be true with December, January, and May. Also, for those who receive Chapter 1606 benefits, you must confirm your enrollment has not changed every month. You may do so by calling 877-823-2378. They will ask for your student veteran file number, which is your social security number, and they will also ask for your zip code. This will verify your enrollment. If

you fail to do so, you will not receive money for that month. You will also only receive money for the days you are in school, which is why some of you only received \$80 in August.

This is also just a reminder that the VA will not be paying for electronic text book fees or the \$50 transportation fee. This may lead to extra charges on your account.