

Mission Possible: Ball State's Student Veteran Newsletter

Upcoming Events

April 29-May 2 - Final Exam Period

May 3 - Graduation Ceremony

May 12 - Summer Session Begins

May 26 - Memorial Day-No Classes

June 13 - First Summer Session Ends

June 16 - Second Summer Session Begins

July 4 - Independence Day-No Class

July 18 - Second Summer Session Ends

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PTSD Walk

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Please join the BSU Student Veterans Organization in their Walking Wounded 5 K this Saturday. SVO Vice President Jessica Robinson has worked tirelessly to organize this event, and we need your attendance to show that Ball State Veterans care about their brothers and sister who are impacted by PTSD. The purpose of the walk is to raise awareness of PTSD. Please check in on

Saturday, April 12th, at the Picnic Grounds next to Schuemann Stadium. This is a 5 K event, and walkers will receive a T shirt and lunch after the walk. Everybody is encouraged to bring a friend. Bring your kids. The weather forecast is outstanding, so come join the fun this Saturday morning. The SVO will be presenting awards after the walk. From a public relations perspective, we want to encourage all Veterans, Service Members, and fam-

ily members to support this walk, and honor the hard work of Jessica Robinson. All you need to do is to arrive at 9 AM and sign up. If you have questions, please email Jessica Robinson at jmrobinson2@bsu.edu and she will answer your questions.

Veterans GPA

The numbers are out for Vet GPA for Fall 2013. Our cumulative GPA increased to 2.86, from a 2012 cumulative GPA of 2.85. Our cumulative GPA is similar to the overall campus GPA. Although we strive for a 100% graduation rate and near perfect GPA, in many respects this GPA represents countless hours of focus from our brothers and sisters who are especially at risk in the higher education system.

By at risk we are referring to non-traditional students, commuting students, and students who represent the first generation from their families to attend college. Historically, these populations have had a more difficult time in maintaining a competitive GPA. Our numbers continue to increase to 437 Veterans, Service Members, and family members receiving some form of GI bill education.

In 2012 our numbers were 417. Amazingly, prior to the Post 9/11 GI Bill in 2009, the number of students using the services of the BSU Veterans Office was 166 in 2007. This jump from 166 to 437 represents a 163 percent increase in 6 years. With the drawdown in the number of Active duty personnel we are expecting the 2014-15 class to number nearly 500 students.

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