

EWU VETERANS RESOURCE CENTER NEWSLETTER

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**Serving Those
Who Served**

WINTER IS OVER AT LAST!!

The long, cold dark days of winter are over as we welcome Spring back to Cheney and Spokane. This is always a great time of year on campus. Winter Quarter saw a slight increase in our student veterans on campus and we continue to look for ways to support all our veterans, spouses and dependents.

We held several Career Service workshops in the VRC Lounge in February to help connect community resources with those students seeking employment.

It is never too early to work on your resume, network with businesses and others in your career.

We also had the opportunity to have an expert from the Spokane VA Medical Center talk about the health and medical benefits veterans are entitled to.

The VRC staff is planning some events for Spring Quarter so stand by.



EWU Student veterans participate in a “Hiring Veterans” Workshop hosted by Washington Trust Bank. Over 30 Human Resource specialists learned what military veterans have to offer.



Spokane Veterans Medical Center Presentation.



Thank you to Cheney Camp Fires for donating dozens of boxes of candy to the VRC. We all look forward to eating all the mints and chocolate.

Commencement Ceremony— June 15th

All EWU Student Veterans will now receive a Red, White & Blue Honor Cord that will be worn on graduation day with your cap and gown. All student veterans will be recognized at the Commencement Ceremony to be held on June 15th.

Thanks to contributions

to the VRC we are able to purchase these cords for all graduates.

The VRC staff will also present a Student Veteran Coin to each graduating student - our way of thanking you for your service and your commitment to receiving your degree at Eastern.



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THE STATE CONTINUES TO LOOK FOR WAYS TO SUPPORT OUR VETERANS AND MILITARY

There are several Bills working their way through the State House and Senate that if passed will have an impact on our military and veterans.

HB 1011—Removing the one-year waiting period for veterans or active members of the military for purposes of eligibility for resident tuition. This will have an impact on allowing service members who are not Washington state residents

to pay resident tuition.

HB 1109—Requiring institutions of higher education that offer an early course registration period to provide early registration for eligible veterans and national guard members.

SB 5343—Concerning the rights of higher education students involved in military service. This will help protect those National Guard or Reserve members who are called up for less

than 30 day. Colleges and Universities must accommodate these students in regards to academic progress and completion of course work.

The VRC will keep you updated on when these bills are approved and the impact on our student veterans at EWU.



We distributed close to \$5500 in Winter Quarter to off set costs of child care for our student veterans. We have just over \$4100 remaining in the grant to assist with child care cost for Spring Quarter. Stop by the VRC to enroll for this grant.



UPCOMING EVENTS:

- 17 APR: "LET IT RING" CEREMONY HONORING OUR MILITARY SERVICE MEMBERS @ SPOKANE CONVENTION CENTER
- 8 MAY: EWU VETERANS FAIR—10:00AM—2:00PM, EWU SERVICES AND VETERANS SUPPORT ORGANIZATIONS FROM AROUND THE REGION. TO BE HELD 1ST FLOOR SHOWALTER HALL AND THE VRC.
- 6 JUNE: END OF SPRING QUARTER BBQ
- 15 JUNE: COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY—ROOS FIELD

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