

Transition Post

Student Veterans Resource Center

April 2016

Top Headline Renovations done. Open for business.



And there was much rejoicing... The SVRC is back open for business, looking even better than ever! With the renovations finished, we can get back to work ensuring that our service members have what they need to excel. Read on to learn about our upcoming programs and events.

Upcoming Events:
Lunch Council with CDSW, 4/20
Family Night; Faculty Reception: 4/26
COER Drop-In: April 14th & 28th
Dead Week Events: May 2 -6

Amenity Showcase:
Lockers, coffee, fridge, couches, a projector, university computers, printers. Everything you need to finish that assignment.

For more information on these events and amenities, read on.

Come Find Us!

We are located in the ground floor of the Baptist Student Union, 610 W. 10th St. Across from Jimmy Johns, Bertelsmeyer Hall, and near Kyoto.

Hours: 0800 - 1630, M - F (closed holidays)

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svrc.mst.edu (under construction)

We want your ideas and thoughts. Email us, or drop a card in our suggestion box.



Have you heard?

Every day from 10 - 1, we have Success Coaches in the SVRC. These specialists of academic success can offer guidance and review best practices to win at college.

FEATURED WRITINGS

There's a Veterans Center on campus, why should I care? by Garrett Coffey

Veterans straddle two worlds – the world of the military: we leave no one behind, always place the mission first, and are up at dawn (or earlier); the world of civilians: everyone is responsible for their own success, you manage your own goals and time, you can sleep till noon and no one will notice. Transition: the time after you've served your country well while you're learning how to serve yourself and your home community.

Your desire to seek an education is a huge step towards that goal, and transitioning from the military to a university can be daunting. There are a lot of new things to learn: "which GI Bill is best for me? How do I deal with the VA? Does my military training go towards college credit at a school? What classes should I take?" There are also pitfalls to avoid: "I forgot to enroll on time." "Why wasn't I told about this aid program?"

We've listened to veterans like yourself, and we are developing programs and services to assist you. We have student success coaches to offer guidance to excel with your studies. We have a full-time veteran Student Support Specialist who maintains the veteran center, and who can offer advice on things like university resources and where to go for help with the VA. You have access to the Student Veteran Resource Center which houses amenities like study areas, university computers, a relaxation lounge, lockers, coffee, and a resource library. Come here to find your veteran peers as they work towards their degrees. Sit back, chat, and relax – or study. Yes, study. We also put on several programs to raise awareness and encourage dialogue. For example, we invite guest speakers as they discuss ways to use university programs and resources, how to get involved on campus, and even how to write the best resume.

We are here to smooth the transition. We are a nexus of information and support; our goal: to ensure all veterans can succeed in academia and beyond. We've been there, it's tough- but it is not insurmountable. Take what we've learned, and use it to march towards a fulfilling and vibrant university experience.

Life is what you make of it, and we can help you find the best ingredients.

FEATURED PROGRAM

Lunch Council Series

Our Lunch Councils are designed around the idea that the best way to help veterans succeed is to connect them with campus resources, good ideas, and with each other. We ask veterans what topics they want to hear about, and we bring it to them. These are held on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month during the middle of the semester. We invite guests who will be able to inform students of useful resources, and who can address concerns they may have. Come on down! Food is provided, and we have a good time.

Upcoming Programs & Events

Faculty Reception

April 26th, 1530, university faculty and staff will be invited to the SVRC to introduce them to the facility, learn about our programs and offerings, and enjoy some refreshments.

Family Night

April 26th, 1630, right after the Faculty Reception. Bring the family along for fun, games, refreshments, and to see the campus where you spend your days. Resource tables will be available to inform you of campus offerings.

Night of the Living Student: Survive **Dead Week.**

Finals are coming fast. Come to the SVRC during dead week to outfit yourself to conquer those tests. Bring your study group, host your review sessions, use our computers, printers, and tools for success. We're offering snacks, later hours, therapy dogs, and more!

COER Drop-In

April 14th & 28th, from 1pm - 2pm, experts from COER will be in the SVRC to discuss your resumes and to help with other career advice.

End of Semester Celebration

Wednesday, May 4th, celebrate the end of another successful semester. Enjoy refreshments, and see a sneak peak of our next semester's activities. Pick up a sash that day!

Get the most out of the SVRC

Graduation Sashes

Those of you about to graduate, contact the advisor at the SVRC to sign up to receive a graduation sash. Proudly display your military service while crossing the stage. Hurry, May will be here soon.

Tutoring White boards

A great idea from a fellow veteran. Are you an expert in a class, and want to share your knowledge? Or are you having difficulty, and need some guidance? Our new tutoring boards will allow student veterans to connect with each other and share their knowledge. Sign up in the SVRC.

Suggestion Box

Share your thoughts and comments in our new Suggestion box. Or you can talk to our great coaches and advisors, perhaps they can help?

Free IDs for New Student Veterans

We at the SVRC wish to celebrate your service. Any new student veteran (and their Dependents) will have their ID fee waived. Just mention you're a veteran at the ID Office in Centennial Hall.

Seeds of Hope, Growing acts of kindness

If you or someone you know is having difficulty, we have a fund that can provide temporary relief. This is funded by students, to help students. Contact us at the SVRC for more information.