



# VETERAN TALON



## Welcome Back Student Veterans - Opportunities Available for All Students

As the new fall term begins I want to welcome you to or back to USI. This year will have more opportunities than past semesters. Make sure you are taking advantage of all that is available to you.

The **Veteran Military and Family Resource Center lounge** is located in the Education Center in room EC 0114. This space offers all of our students an opportunity to relax, study and be around those with similar experiences.

The space offers four (4) computer workstations, coffee, microwave refrigerator, and free printing if you are a VA education benefit recipient. We also have student organizations that you can join to not only get you involved, but also be a way of promoting Veteran activities and programs for the campus.

These organizations give you a voice on campus, but you have



to be involved.

Mrs. Rebecca is serving as our **Student Veteran Association (SVA)** President. Our SVA is a local chapter of the national organization and is the voice for student concerns on campus. Rebecca is also working to bring activities to our campus. If you are interested in being a part of this student organization, please contact her at [adurnell@eagles.usi.edu](mailto:adurnell@eagles.usi.edu) or at the student lounge in room EC 0114.

We are also very fortunate to have an on-campus **American Legion Post**. We are one of the few institutions across the

country that have this attached to our campus and our small post has already made the nation take note with it's initiatives.

Our post was named after a local United States Marine, Sgt Brock Babb, who was killed in Iraq. We are honored to have his name and family associated with our post. Mr. Chaze Patrick is the Post Commander and works tirelessly in supporting our student Veterans and community.

There are many programs and activities on campus to help you gain the camaraderie you shared in uniform. Time commitment to these are minimal, but without support, they will go away and with it goes the voice for veteran concerns and initiatives. Please consider joining today.

## IMPORTANT: VA Update for Post 9/11 GI Bill Monthly Allowance

Recently, you may have received an e-mail from the Department of Veteran Affairs (DVA) regarding your Chapter 33 (Post 9/11 GI Bill). The information in that message is as follows:

*"The Department of Veterans Affairs recently sent an e-mail and in some cases a postal letter to Post-9/11 GI Bill students regarding the Monthly Housing Allowance change from the Harry W. Colmery Veterans Educational Assistance Act of 2017, known as the Forever GI Bill. To better serve your students, please see the attached letter (students.pdf) at the bottom of this email.*

*VA is working diligently to update its systems to make these changes, and accepting and processing all enrollment certifications. VA must use 2017 Chapter 33 rates to pay tuition and fees and Yellow Ribbon payments until its systems are modified. This may cause some discrepancies as you review your school's payments. We want to assure you that upon VA systems being updated,*

*VA will make any necessary adjustments to ensure that your school is paid correctly."*

At this time, we do not know what effect, if any, this will have on your accounts or benefits. We will update our Bursar's Office and other key individuals on campus as appropriate. As updates come about, we will also forward them to you. It is imperative that you read all of your e-mails from the DVA and our office so you can stay informed of your benefits. We will also update this information in the monthly newsletter and webpage as appropriate.

This has spawned some questions in our office that we plan to address with the DVA concerning this issue. Again, this may or may not affect your account and we will keep you posted as this progresses.

Thank you for your time and best of luck with your studies this semester.



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## General Colin Powell to speak on leadership at USI in April- *By Ben Luttrull, University Communications*

The University of Southern Indiana will present "Leadership: Taking Charge," a moderated discussion with General Colin L. Powell, USA (Ret.) at 6 p.m. Thursday, April 4, 2019, at the new USI Arena. The discussion will be free and open to the public.

General Powell will be the fourth speaker in the University's Romain College of Business Innovative Speaker Series. Previous speakers include T. Boone Pickens, legendary entrepreneur and philanthropist in 2013, Dr. Ben Bernanke, former chairman of the Federal Reserve in 2015, and Dr. Oscar Salazar, founding chief technology officer of Uber in 2017.

The son of Jamaican immigrants, Powell was born in Harlem in April 1937, and was raised in the South Bronx. He received a commission as an Army second lieutenant in 1958 and went on to serve in the United States Army for 35 years, rising to the rank of Four-Star General.

He served as National Security Advisor to President Ronald Reagan, and as chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff to Presidents George H. W. Bush and Bill Clinton. Powell was the first African American, as well as youngest and first ROTC graduate, to serve as chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. During his time as chairman, he oversaw 28 crises, including the Panama intervention of

1989 and Operation Desert Storm in 1991. Under President George W. Bush, Powell was appointed the 65th Secretary of State and was unanimously confirmed by the U.S. Senate. As Secretary of State, he led the State Department in major efforts to address and solve regional and civil conflicts. He used the power of diplomacy to build trust, forge alliances and then help transform these unstable regions into areas where societies and cultures have the potential to prosper. He also worked at the forefront of American efforts to advance economic and social development worldwide.

His autobiography, *My American Journey*, was a New York Times best seller and has been published in more than a dozen different languages. Powell's second book, *It Worked for Me: In Life & Leadership* (May 2012), was an instant New York Times best seller as well and reveals the lessons that shaped his life and career.

Powell earned a bachelor's degree in geology from the City College of New York. He and his wife, the former Alma Vivian Johnson, have three children and four grandchildren.

"Leadership: Taking Charge" is hosted by the USI Romain College of Business and made possible through private gifts to the USI Foundation.

## Student Veteran Association T-Shirts On Sale at USI Bookstore

The USI Student Veteran Association in coordination with the Campus Store have designed a t-shirt for students to purchase to show support for the organization.

"This is a big accomplishment for our SVA leaders. Past members have always considered this option as a means of support and funding for the SVA, but it never materialized" said Joel Matherly, Assistant Director of the USI Veteran Military and Family Resource Center.

"SVA President Rebecca Durnell and vice-President Kikki Collins put a lot of time, effort and energy into designing, arranging a vendor print these shirts,

then coordinating with USI Campus Store leadership to have these on the shelves for community purchase. This project from concept to execution is a testament to their dedication and hard work" said Matherly.

Requests for these shirts have ranged from in-store purchases to on-line requests. Shirts are \$30 and the proceeds go to the SVA Student Account which is used to provide activities for campus and community veterans and their families.



Visit the USI Campus Store to get yours or contact SVA President Rebecca Durnell at radurnell@eagles.usi.edu for more information.

## USI Dental Hygiene Clinic to Offer FREE Dental Cleanings for All Veterans of All Era's Again for the Fifth Year

The University of Southern Indiana Dental Hygiene Clinic will provide free dental cleaning, fluoride and X-rays for military veterans on November 5-8.

The USI Dental Hygiene Program has expanded its schedule to include morning, afternoon and evening hours to serve more veterans.

"In the past, these dental cleaning appointments have booked very quickly," said Joel Matherly, manager of the Veteran, Military and Family Resource Center at USI. "The huge response points to the need in our community for veterans to have access to this type of care. We appreciate how the USI Dental Hygiene Clinic has responded to the veterans."

The USI Dental Hygiene Program collaborates with Southwest Indiana Area Health Education Center (SWI-AHEC) and USI's Veteran, Military and Family

Resource Center to offer the special clinic hours for veterans. USI Dental Hygiene faculty will supervise the students who will be working in the clinic.

Appointments are required and can be made by calling 812-464-1706. Proof of military affiliation and a picture identification is required.

The USI Dental Hygiene Clinic is located on the USI campus in the Health Professions Center Room 1040.

The Dental Hygiene Program at the University of Southern Indiana is accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation of the American Dental Association, a specialized accrediting body recognized by the Council on Postsecondary Accreditation and by the United States Department of Education.

## USI Children's Learning Center Assists Military Families

Recently, the USI Children's Learning Center applied and was approved for the ChildCare Aware of America program.

This program ensures that military families have access to a high quality, affordable child care system.

The child care system supports children's growth, development, and educational advancement and creates positive economic impact for families and communities.

Jaime Madigan, Manager of the USI Children's Learning Center said "we were approached by a family who asked if we were "approved". Once I looked into the process and found out how easy it was for us to apply and be an approved provider (we are already the highest quality education and care in Indiana and nationally accredited), I knew it was what was right for this family and possibly more!"

This approval is just one of the many things our university has done to make our campus more

accommodating for our military campus and community families.

For more information, please contact Jamie Madigan at 812-464-1869 or jrmadigan@usi.edu.

Information on ChildCare Aware of America can be found at <http://usa.childcareaware.org/fee-assistancerespite/>



**VETERAN HOLDS**—Veteran holds are placed on the Monday following the 100% drop/add period and run until priority registration. They are reestablished after the PR period ends and will come off during finals.

**PRIORITY REGISTRATION**—If you are currently using VA Benefits (GI Bill), you qualify for priority registration regardless your academic alignment (Freshman—Senior). Plan your next semester before this date and schedule an appointment with your advisor.

**VA CERTIFICATE OF ENROLLMENT FORM DUE EACH SEMESTER** you plan to use benefits. Find this form at <http://www.usi.edu/reg/ssl/vaformlogin.asp>. Complete yours as soon as you register for classes.

**VFW 1114 Dining Room Open to Public—Friday, Saturday, Sunday Brunch**  
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### Join Your local Veteran Service Organizations Today and Preserve Your Future



## Keeping a Powerful SVA and Legion Voice on Campus



Today's veterans face numerous obstacles in their path of attaining a college degree. These challenges range from a missing sense of camaraderie to feeling like an outsider amongst 18 year-old traditional students to a lack of understanding by university faculty. When coupled with the visible and invisible wounds of war, a college degree can be an elusive goal for men and women returning from military service.

The on-campus Student Veterans Association is a local chapter of the national Student Veterans of America (SVA) and is designed to help make your goals a reality.

Membership is FREE and provides a means for you to have a voice on campus and make a difference for current and future student Veterans.

We have worked hard to bring different events to campus for you, but we must maintain our membership to keep this torch burning. If you have questions or would like to participate in our SVA, please contact Rebecca Durnell at [radurnell@eagles.usi.edu](mailto:radurnell@eagles.usi.edu).



edu or stop by the Student Veterans Lounge in EC 0114.

The American Legion Post 324, SGT Brock Babb was founded in 2013 and is one of the few on-campus American Legion Posts in the nation. We are very proud of that and of the nation-wide impact this small post has contributed to assisting veterans to obtain their goals.

The American Legion was chartered and incorporated by Congress in 1919 as a patriotic veterans organization devoted to mutual helpfulness. It is the nation's largest wartime veterans service organization, committed to mentoring youth and sponsorship of wholesome programs in our communities, advocating patriotism and honor, promoting strong national security, and continued devotion to our fellow service members and veterans.

If you have served federal active duty in the United States Armed Forces during any of the war eras listed below, and have been honorably discharged or are still serving -- you

are eligible for membership in The American Legion!

Join today by contacting Chaze Patrick at [clpatrick@eagles.usi.edu](mailto:clpatrick@eagles.usi.edu) or call our office at 812-464-1878.

Legionnaires volunteer hundreds of thousands of hours at Department of Veterans Affairs facilities, conduct blood drives and facilitate Operation Comfort Warriors grants.

Schmidt also pointed to the efforts of American Legion Post 171 in Colorado, which teamed up with the Home Depot Foundation to renovate the home of a 100-percent service-connected disabled veteran – Andrew Smith – and his 8-year-old special needs child. The family had been forced to vacate their home when it was determined uninhabitable, but thanks to the post and others the man and his son were able to move back into it last Father's Day.

Be active and involved so your concerns are addressed on campus. Without these organizations, you have no voice. Let the university know that veteran support is a priority on our campus.



**It took Vietnam War veterans nearly two decades to receive compensation from exposure to Agent Orange and now, veterans of the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan who were exposed to burn pits face a similar battle.**

Since 1990, the U.S. military has burned thousands of tons of waste at bases used in the Persian Gulf War, the Afghanistan War, the Iraq War and other overseas sites. Veterans who were possibly exposed to toxic fumes from these open-air pits want to know if they were adversely affected.

In response, VA created a Burn Pit Registry in 2014 for veterans who believe they are sick from exposure to burn pits. The registry is open to all Iraq and Afghanistan veterans, anyone who served in Djibouti after Sept. 11, 2001, those who served in Operation Desert Shield or Operation Desert Storm in 1990-91, and vets who logged duty in Southwest Asia after Aug. 2, 1990. VA says that so far, more than 141,000 veterans have signed up for the registry.

VA officials say they are continuing to study the health effects of burn pits, but that could take years. In the meantime, two young VFW members are pursuing a legislative solution. Rep. Tulsi Gabbard (D-Hawaii), who served with the Hawaii National Guard in Iraq and is a life member of VFW Post 2875 in Honolulu, and Rep. Brian Mast (R-Fla.), a double amputee wounded while serving in Afghanistan as an Army explosive ordnance disposal specialist and a member of VFW Post 9610 in Lake Park, Fla., introduced H.R. 5671, also known as the Burn Pits Accountability Act.

The VFW supports this legislation and in 2015 approved Res. 619 on toxic exposures that urges Congress "to invest adequate resources to study, diagnose, and treat conditions and illnesses associated with toxic

exposures."

The legislation would require the Department of Defense to conduct periodic health assessments for U.S. troops who were "based or stationed at a location where an open burn pit was used." The bill also would automatically enroll those troops into VA's Burn Pit Registry, unless they opt out.

#### **LONG-TERM HEALTH EFFECTS?**

The House Veterans' Affairs Committee's Subcommittee on Health held its first hearing on burn pits June 7. Ken Wiseman, former associate director of VFW's National Legislative Service in Washington, D.C., testified at the hearing and called on VA to do more to assess the health effects of burn pits. He also urged the Pentagon to assist in identifying the risks on the battlefield.

"Congress must require DoD to share all data related to burn pits," Wiseman said during the hearing. "Veterans deserve to know what is making them sick."

Wiseman, currently the commander of VFW's Department of Virginia, told Congress that VFW supports the creation of a congressionally directed medical research program (CDMRP) specifically for burn pits.

"The CDMRP has shown progress in identifying causes, effective treatments and biomarkers for Gulf War illness," said Wiseman, a life member of VFW Post 1503 in Dale City, Va. "The VFW is confident a similar program for burn pits will help exposed veterans finally determine whether their exposure to burn pits while deployed is associated with their negative health outcomes."

He also testified that VA needs to do more to identify and help women who have health problems that might be associated with toxic exposure.

"VA found some preliminary data showcasing that women who have deployed may have higher rates of

pregnancy loss and infertility, but the researchers acknowledged that the study did not include enough participants to confidently deem that data as valid," Wiseman said.

He added that VFW urges VA to improve its research on burn pits and how they relate to reproductive health issues.

"Women deserve to understand how their military service may or may not have long-term effects on their health," Wiseman said.

Ralph Erickson, VA's chief consultant for post-deployment health services, testified at the hearing that VA "acknowledges the many sacrifices veterans make in service of our country, and remains committed to outreach and research on potential adverse health effects associated with exposure during deployment to open-air burn pits and airborne hazards."

#### **GET RECORDS AND GET DIAGNOSED**

Ryan Gallucci, director of VFW's National Veterans Service, advises any veteran who suspects he or she is sick from exposure to burn pits or other toxic exposure to contact the VFW for assistance.

"Veterans should gather any medical records — both military and civilian — that document conditions they believe resulted from exposure to burn pits," Gallucci said.

"Those are usually respiratory or gastrointestinal conditions, cancer or related body systems, and so on. We also would ask if they have anything that could easily link these diagnoses to their time in the military."

To read the full article, please visit <https://www.vfw.org/media-and-events/latest-releases/archives/2018/9/are-burn-pits-the-agent-orange-for-the-nations-youngest-veterans>.

## Local American Red Cross in Search of Volunteers

Our local Red Cross is looking for individuals who want to take an active role in our community.

Listed below are some opportunities and what the position entails:

### **Volunteer Leadership:**

Volunteer leaders are connected to the community and willing to help recruit and orient new SAF volunteers within their communities. They are the voice and face of our team within their local community. Leaders must be willing to attend meetings, brief our services, help orient new SAF volunteers, and recruit new volunteers to join our team.

Time commitment: 2hrs/wk.

Examples of Volunteer Leadership positions are:

- SAF Lead Volunteers (volunteer counterpart for SAF Specialist)
- SAF Volunteer Engagement Lead
- SAF Volunteer Appreciation Lead
- SAF Community Partner Liaison

### **Hero Care Network (HCN)**

**Caseworkers:** Emergency Communications and Critical Community Service caseworkers are volunteers who should feel comfortable talking with individuals who are experiencing, or who have just experienced, a tragedy or major crisis in their lives. Crises may include death of a family member, serious illness or injury of a family member, the birth of a child, or some other emergency that disrupts the normal patterns. Hero Care Network case workers are good listeners, able to follow the emergency communications process, and are being professional, empathetic, sensitive, and persistent. Minimum time commitment: 2hrs/wk.

Examples of Caseworkers are:

- Initial Family Contact Volunteer
  - Emergency Communications Family Follow-Up
  - Critical Community Services
- Event Support Volunteers: Event

Support Volunteers help behind the scenes preparing materials used for resiliency workshops and other special events. They are also on the front lines as they communicate to Service Members, Veterans, and their families by providing information at our resource tables. Event Support Volunteers represent American Red Cross as a whole and are required to be professional and comfortable speaking about our services and programs to individuals.

Time Commitment: Anytime you can make an event near your area!

If interested in any of these volunteer positions, please contact our SAF Team at [IndianaSAF@redcross.org](mailto:IndianaSAF@redcross.org) or

Chris Snell

SAF Program Specialist (Mobile) - Indiana  
Southern, West Central, and Central Chapters  
812-332-7292 (office)

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### M2S CONTENT

The content was developed by Peterson's, a leading provider of solutions for the education community for more than 40 years and is designed to accelerate the student learning curve.

Students will have the ability to select part or all sections of the courses offered within March2Success. These sections include (with brief highlights):

### THE COURSE

- High school science hub (earth science, biology chemistry, physics)
- High school preparation (study skills, language arts, math, science) Videos will be added for all math lessons within the High School Math and Verbal Skills Course. Students can continue to take all the lessons assigned to them with the added bonus of five-minute videos on each topic to assist with the learning process (Flashcards: 15 for vocabulary & grammar; 10 for math).
- STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) In May 2018, March2Success will be enhancing the Nursing Hub by adding three new practice tests. In addition to the nursing preparation currently available on the website, in May 2018 we will offer full-length practice tests for the Pre-Admissions Exam (PAX), Test of Essential Academic Skills

(TEAS), and Psychological Service Bureau Registered Nursing School Aptitude Examination (PSB-RN).

- College Readiness On-line Course (advanced level courses) — College readiness flashcard decks (15 vocabulary & grammar, 10 math)
- College planning tips — admissions, financial aid, college success information
- Student Planning Guide
- ACT and SAT programs (7



timed practice tests each) Full-length on-line courses are available for the SAT and ACT. Based on the results of a diagnostic exam, students will now be able to identify and focus their studies on targeted areas with a personalized learning path that includes dozens of lessons, quizzes, and interactive modules. These learning tools are self-paced and totally on-line ensuring that students can be ready for exam day.

- SAT/ACT flashcard decks (20 vocabulary & grammar, 5 math)
- Medical College Admissions Test (MCAT) Two full-length practice tests help students who wish to enter medical school prepare for the exam.
- Practice tests will be added in June 2018 for the Dental Admissions

Test (DAT). Like the MCAT, this will include two full-length practice tests to prepare students wishing to enter dental school.

- Zero Hour Threat and Zero Hour Threat 2 (video game to raise SAT/ACT scores)
- Army's Performance Triad (focuses on creating and sustaining healthy behaviors of sleep, activity and nutrition) Living a healthy lifestyle is important to the US Army and our nation. March2Success is pleased to share Army health and wellness resources to improve the health and fitness of students, Soldiers and families.

### ENROLLMENT

Visit [www.march2success.com](http://www.march2success.com) to access the free on-line study program designed to help students prepare for standardized tests, improve school work, and review materials. You will also see the new and enhanced content!

For Educators, Parents, or Mentors:

The March 2 Success website includes a feature allowing a monitor to track students' progress which includes grouping students to simplify management.

### Who can use the site?

This site is for everyone over the age of 13. Sign onto [www.march2success.com](http://www.march2success.com) to register and to view course demonstrations.

Spanish Program Overview Available. Developed by the Army for you!

To learn more about March2Success, go to the link below to see a five minute infographic video.

M2S Infographic

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ROiCipw2k9o>  
[www.march2success.com](http://www.march2success.com)

# MARCH 2 SUCCESS

## COLLEGE SUCCESS STARTS HERE



# WHAT'S THE WORD: EDUCATION BENEFITS

## VA Education Benefit Spotlight - Chapter 1606 Montgomery GI Selected Reserve (MGIB-SR)

MGIB-SR program provides education and training benefits to eligible members of the Selected Reserve, including the Army Reserve, Navy Reserve, Air Force Reserve, Marine Corps Reserve and Coast Guard Reserve, and the Army National Guard and the Air National Guard. Eligibility for this program is determined by the Selected Reserve components and VA makes the payments.

### Types of Training

Assistance may be used for college degree and certificate programs, co-op training, technical or vocational courses, flight training, apprenticeships or on-the-job training, high-tech training, licensing and certification tests, entrepreneurship training, certain entrance examinations, and correspondence courses. Remedial, deficiency, and refresher courses may be approved under certain circumstances. Get the Montgomery GI Bill Selected Reserve pamphlet (PDF).

### Available Benefits and Eligibility

You may be entitled to receive up to 36 months of education benefits.

### Eligibility

To qualify, you must meet the following requirements:

- Have a six-year obligation to serve in the Selected Reserve signed after June 30, 1985. If you are an officer, you must have agreed to serve six years in addition to your

original obligation. For some types of training it is necessary to have a six-year commitment that begins after Sept. 30, 1990.

- Complete your initial active duty for training (IADT).
- Meet the requirement to receive a high school diploma or equivalence certificate before completing IADT. You may not use 12 hours toward a college degree to meet this requirement.
- Remain in good standing while serving in an active Selected Reserve unit. You will also retain MGIB-SR eligibility if you were discharged from Selected Reserve service due to a disability that was not caused by misconduct. Your eligibility period may be extended if you are ordered to active duty.

### Other Factors to Consider

*Your eligibility for the program normally ends the day you leave the Selected Reserve.*

An exception exists if you are mobilized or recalled to active duty from your reserve status in which case your eligibility may be extended for the amount of time you are mobilized PLUS four months. For example, if you are mobilized for 12 months, your eligibility period is extended for 16 months; 12 months of active duty PLUS four months. Even if you leave the Reserves after mobilization, you may have additional eligibility under

the MGIB-SR.

If your unit is deactivated during the period beginning Oct. 1, 2007, through Sept. 30, 2014, or you are involuntarily separated for reasons other than misconduct, you will retain your original period of eligibility, which is 14 years from the date of your first six-year obligation with the Selected Reserves.

### Apply

Follow these steps to become eligible and apply:

1. Get the DD Form 2384-1, Notice of Basic Eligibility, when you become eligible for the program from your unit. Your unit will also code your eligibility into the DoD personnel system so VA may verify your eligibility.
2. Then make sure your selected program is approved for VA training. If you are unsure, VA will inform you and the school or company about the requirements.
3. Obtain and complete VA Form 22-1990 (Application for Education Benefits). Send it to the VA regional office with jurisdiction over the state where you will train.
4. If you started training, take your application and your Notice of Basic Eligibility to your school or employer. Ask them to complete VA Form 22-1999 not available on-line Enrollment Certification, and send all the forms to VA

## QUESTIONS TO THE VMFRC - Student Q&A Passed to You!

### **Are there any property tax exemptions for service connected residents?**

Property tax deductions are available to disabled Hoosier veterans under the following conditions: A \$12,480 deduction is available to veterans who served at least 90 days of honorable service AND are totally disabled (not necessarily service connected, but the

disability must be evidenced by a DVA pension certificate) OR are at least 62 years old and 10% service connected disabled.

This deduction is not available if the assessed value of the real property owned by the veteran is in excess of \$113,000. At \$24,960 tax deduction is available for veterans who served honorably in the armed forces during

any period of wartime AND are at least 10% service-connected disabled.

A \$37,440 tax deduction is available for any veteran that served during any period of wartime, is 100% service connected or is at least 62 years old with a 10% service connected disability.