



Veteran Talon

UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN INDIANA | VETERAN MILITARY & FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER

The Romain College of Business
Innovative Speaker Series and USI Foundation
Presents

General Colin L. Powell Leadership: Taking Charge

Thursday, April 4, 2019 - 6 p.m.
FREE and open to the public
Doors open at 4:30 p.m.

Priority Registration Begins for VA Students April 1 at Noon

If you are a VA Education Benefit recipient, you qualify for priority registration for Fall 2019.

This will begin on **Monday, April 1, 2019 at noon** and is available to students based on the number of earned and attempted hours.

Students given permission to register early through group affiliation will be able to sign up for classes via myUSI beginning on at noon. This will not be available until that time.

Please do not submit inquires until after

the start of the PR time period.

If you have any questions regarding this procedure, please contact the VMFRC.

Please check your account and make sure the only hold you see is the "Veterans Administrative Hold". If you have other holds, please see those departments before priority registration so you have no issues at the time of your registration.

YOUR VETERAN HOLD WILL COME OFF FOR REGISTRATION FOR SPRING AND SUMMER ONLY!

You will not be able to change your current semester. This is your time to register, please take advantage of it. The VA hold will not be a factor during this time period.

This option of priority registration puts you in the front of the line for your classes. Please do not let this pass.

Because your time with VA benefits is limited, this ensures you get your classes unless you have additional holds at that time.

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General Colin Powell to speak on leadership at new USI Screaming Eagles Arena April 4th - *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 Colin Powell (Ret.) will be speaking at the University of Southern Indiana on Thursday, April 4.

open to the public. It will take place at 6 p.m. at the new USI Arena.



speaker in the university's Romain College of Business Innovative Speaker Series.

Previous speakers included T. Boone Pickens, Dr. Ben Bernanke, and Dr. Oscar Salazar.

Powell served in the US Army for 35 years, rising to the rank of Four-Star General.

He served as National Security Advisory to President Ronald Reagan, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff to

The speech will be free and Powell will be the fourth

USI's D'Angelo Taylor Focuses on Veteran Issues for May Elections

D'Angelo Taylor is a busy man. When he's not serving our university in his Assistant Director's role in our Multicultural Center, he is busy taking to the streets, meeting with our community to find out what the real problems are. His bid to be elected on May 7, 2019 to Evansville's City Council-2nd Ward will include better opportunities for Veterans.

We were able to catch up to him at a recent community meeting so he could outline his plan for our veteran community. Here are his thoughts.

"Opening up more employment opportunities for veterans is so important, and I believe it can easily be done through the city's business incentive program.

When new businesses come to Evansville or when existing companies expand, they face new property taxes or a jump in their current property taxes. The city's tax abatement program allows them to get a delay in the impact of the tax hike through a formula that is based in part on the number of new jobs they create.

I propose changing the program to push the tax impact back

even further if companies hire veterans and the unemployed to fill the new jobs. This would be optional for businesses.

The Indiana Department of Workforce Development office on Walnut Street offers employment services for veterans and the unemployed. Counselors get candidates job-ready and refer them to businesses which are in need of workers. When these candidates are hired, Workforce Development can verify to the city the number of veterans and unemployed persons who have actually been placed in the new jobs.

This change in the program can be done by rewriting a city ordinance and working out an arrangement with Workforce Development. I think it

can be done, and it can lead to more jobs for those who need them most - veterans."

To discuss more on Mr. Taylor's plan for our veterans and the community, please contact him at taylorforward2@gmail.com. You can also visit his Facebook Page at Taylor for Ward 2.



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FORD CENTER,
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Local Veterans for Peace Chapter hosts annual benefit

The local Chapter of Veterans for Peace 104 will host its annual spaghetti supper "Pasta for Peace" fundraising event on Saturday, April 13, 2019.

This is a combined spaghetti dinner, with live entertainment, door prizes and silent auction to be held at the Vanderburgh County 4-H Center, Evansville, Indiana.

Doors open at 5 pm and is \$15 per person to attend.



Advance registration preferred, but tickets also sold at the door. For tickets, visit vfpevansville.org.

If you have gift certificates, artwork, merchandise, services or other items you are willing to donate for the auction, please send a message to vfchapter104@gmail.com to contribute or receive more information.

With women in combat roles, a federal court rules male-only draft unconstitutional - By Gregory Korte, USA Today

A federal judge in Texas has declared that an all-male military draft is unconstitutional, ruling that "the time has passed" for a debate on whether women belong in the military.

The decision deals the biggest legal blow to the Selective Service System since the Supreme Court upheld the draft registration process in 1981. In *Rostker v. Goldberg*, the court ruled that a male-only draft was "fully justified" because women were ineligible for combat roles.

But U.S. District Judge Gray Miller ruled late Friday that while historical restrictions on women serving in combat "may have

justified past discrimination," men and women are now equally able to fight. In 2015, the Pentagon lifted all restrictions for women in military service.

The case was brought by the National Coalition For Men, a men's rights group, and two men who argued an all-male draft was unfair.

Men who fail to register with the Selective Service System at their 18th birthday can be denied public benefits such as federal employment and student loans. Women cannot register for Selective Service. The ruling comes as an 11-member

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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
Breakfast \$6.00 1st/3rd Saturday
Prime Rib 1st/3rd Saturday
Buffet Friday Night \$9.95

File Your DD214 for FREE:
Vanderburgh County Chief Deputy Recorder at 1 NW Martin Luther King Jr Blvd, Rm 231
Evansville IN 47708
812.435.5215



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commission is studying the future of the Selective Service System, including whether women should be included or whether there should continue to be draft registration at all. The U.S. has maintained an all-volunteer military after the draft was discontinued in 1973, but the Selective Service System was reactivated in 1980 as a contingency in case military conscription becomes necessary again.

A female soldier operates a machine gun on a vehicle during clashes in the northern Iraqi city of Mosul in 2003. Now that combat roles are available to women, a federal judge in Texas has ruled, the male-only draft is unconstitutional. (Photo: RAMZI HAIDAR, AFP/Getty Images)

The National Commission on Military, National and Public Service released an interim report last month giving no hints on where it would come down on those questions. But, commission chairman Joe Heck told USA TODAY, "I don't think we will remain with the status quo." More: Should women be required to register for the draft? Commission likely to recommend big changes

Congress appointed a panel to assess expanding the Selective Service System, which could include women signing up for the draft or mandatory public service for all. USA TODAY The government had argued that the court should delay its ruling until that commission makes its recommendations. But Miller said Congress has been debating the issue since 1980, and the commission's final report won't come until next year. And because the commission is advisory, there's no guarantee Congress will act, he said.

Miller said Congress has never fully examined whether men are physically better able to serve than women. In fact, he noted in a footnote, "the average woman could conceivably be better suited physically for some of today's combat positions than the average man, depending on which skills the position required. Combat roles no longer uniformly require sheer size or muscle."

Quoting the Supreme Court's ruling overturning bans on same-sex marriage, Miller ruled that restrictions based on gender "must substantially serve an important governmental interest today."

The judge denied the government's request for a stay of the ruling. Justice Department officials did not immediately respond to a request for comment. But the ruling came in the form of a declaratory judgment and not an injunction, meaning the court didn't specifically order the government how to change Selective Service to make it constitutional.



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6TH ANNUAL
**PAWS
FOR
VETS**

APRIL 27TH 1-7 P.M.

SDI Headquarters - 4001 Vogel Road, Evansville IN
(812)550-5115 or wehaveyoursix@gmail.com



Free Veteran Tickets for NCAA Division II Elite 8 Championships - Excerpts from WFIE News | By Jared



EVANSVILLE, IN (WFIE) - For a record setting 24th time, the NCAA Division II men's basketball Elite Eight tournament returns to Evansville.

The Elite Eight tournament, which will be co-hosted by USI, will be played in the Ford Center March 27-30.

"We are very excited to have the NCAA Division II Elite Eight return to Evansville. There is an amazing buzz and excitement for basketball throughout the state and we receive tremendous support from fans and the business community. People in this area are really dedicated to the sport and Indiana overall takes their interest in college basketball to another level," - Evansville Sports Corporation President Eric Marvin.

Seven games will be played between eight DII teams; with the winner being crowned NCAA National Champions. In addition to the tournament, the DII College All-Star game will take place on March 29.

A weeks worth of events is planned to celebrate the men and women who serve or have served our country. The NCAA Division II National Championship will be played on March 30th at 2 p.m.

Veterans receive two (2) free tickets by showing proof of service at the ticket window at the Ford Center. See the Ford Center for more details.

SDI to Host 6th Annual Paws for Vets Event April 27th

EVANSVILLE, IN - Soldier Dogs for Independence will host its 6th annual 'Paws for Vets' event at their facility on Vogel Road on April 27, 2019.

This event features fun for the entire family, including live music, beer garden, magician, a bounce house, silent auction, food and much more!

The event is free for Veterans and children under 12, all others will have a \$5 entry fee.

This event serves as one of their biggest events for fund raising to offset the costs of training and equipment used to provide service dog training to veterans in the community.

Soldier Dogs for Independence is a 501c3 Non-Profit Organization dedicated to helping our local Tri-State veterans and local rescue dogs by pairing them together for each others needs. We rescue dogs from shelters, train each dog for service dog tasks, Test each dog for AKC CGC, and Public Access Test. Every veteran will receive "life time" help from us and local trainers for their adopted Soldier Dog.

SDI is also in need of silent & live auction donations for this event. To donate an item, basket, or gift card/certificate, please contact them at (812) 550-5115 or wehaveyoursix@gmail.com.

VETERANS & KIDS
FREE
OTHER GUESTS - \$5

**LIVE MUSIC
BEER GARDEN
SILENT AUCTION
MAGICIAN
BOUNCE HOUSE**

[HTTPS://SOLDIERDOGS.ORG](https://soldierdogs.org)

A black and white photograph of a dog, likely a service dog, used as part of the event advertisement.

Veterans For Peace In Evansville Presents...

"Pasta for Peace"

Spaghetti Supper

**Saturday April 13
Vanderburgh 4H Center**

6 PM Wine Bar Opens
7 PM Dinner Is Served

Live Entertainment
Silent Auction
Door Prizes

Menu: Spaghetti and our chef's signature meatballs in a piquant red sauce. Served with garlic bread, salad, dessert, coffee and tea. Meatless meal option. \$15 per person.
Get tickets at: vfpevansville.org

Proceeds benefit Veterans For Peace Chapter 104 in Evansville and our programs to raise community awareness of the true cost of war and to offer common-sense alternatives to militarization.

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Your Benefits Now - New 6-16 Rule to Effect Transferability of Chapter 33 Benefits Questions and Answers from the VA

On March 8, 2019, the VA announced changes to Chapter 33 / Post 9/11 benefits that effect the service requirements to transfer your benefits to your dependents.

The new 6 to 16 year rule contained in the latest OUSD (P&R) Post 9/11 GI Bill program guidance, DoDI 1341.13 (published on 12 Jul 2018), will go into effect on 12 July 2019.

How does the 6-16 Rule effect me if I am still serving?

When implemented, Soldiers must have at least 6 years but not more than 16 years of total creditable military service (active duty and/or Selected Reserve service) to be eligible to transfer Post 9/11 GI Bill education benefits to their TEB eligible dependents.

A Soldier's total years of creditable military service is calculated based on the date of the transfer request, not the date the transfer request was processed.

Additionally, submission of a transfer request within the new eligibility parameters does not guarantee approval. Soldiers are highly encouraged to submit a transfer request via milconnect as soon as they reach six creditable years of military service - do not wait! The earlier eligible Soldiers submit and receive approval for TEB, the earlier they will start fulfilling the TEB four-year additional duty service obligation.

Can I be exempt from this rule?

Soldiers who have received a Purple Heart on/after 11 September 2001 are exempt from the 6 to 16 year rule and may submit a transfer request regardless of their total years of creditable service.

How do I prove I transferred benefits in time?

Once you complete the transfer request on milconnect, you are highly encouraged to print off the confirmation page which also shows

the date.

You will need to retain this printout for your records.

The biggest issue we see in the office is when service members believe they transferred benefits prior to their ETS, but there is no record and no proof that a transfer ever occurred.

Get more information

To get more information, please see the following and select the best option:

Regular Army or U.S. Army Reserve Soldiers with questions can call toll-free 1-800-872-8272.

Army National Guard Soldiers with questions can call toll-free 1-866-628-5999.

Call 1-888-GI-BILL-1 (1-888-442-4551), Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. (ET) or TDD/TTY 1-800-877-8339.

Chapter 33 - Post 9/11 - How do I transfer my benefits to my dependents?

Can I transfer benefits?

You can transfer benefits if you're on active duty or in the Selected Reserve and you meet the requirements listed below.

At least one of these must be true:

1. You have completed at least 6 years of service on the date your request is approved and you agree to add 4 more years of service, or
2. You have completed at least 10 years of service on the date your request is approved, can't commit to add 4 more years of service because of either a policy or statute, but agree to serve for the maximum amount of time allowed

3. And this must also be true:

The person getting benefits has enrolled in the Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System (DEERS).

Who's covered?

Qualified dependents

What benefits can my qualified dependents get?

If the DoD approves the Transfer of Entitlement (TOE), your spouse or dependent children can apply for up to 36 months of benefits, and may be able to get money for:

Tuition
Housing
Books and supplies

How do I transfer the benefit?

While you're still on active duty, you'll request to transfer, change, or revoke a Transfer of Entitlement (TOE) through milConnect.

For more information, please visit <https://www.va.gov/education/transfer-post-9-11-gi-bill-benefits/>.