

Veterans Affairs Newsletter

Norfolk State University ■ Office of Veterans Affairs ■ Norfolk, Virginia 23504

Veterans Represented in Homecoming Activities



**Terry Tate and Atalya Wainwright
Mr. & Miss Veterans Club 2011**

The Norfolk State University Veterans Club was represented in two of the homecoming activities, the Scholarship Pageant held on October 16 and the annual Homecoming Parade held on October 29, 2011. Terry Tate and Atalya Wainwright, Mr. and Miss Veterans Club 2011, participated in the assembly of Kings and Queens segment of the pageant.

Not even the downpour of rain could stop the annual NSU Homecoming Parade and other festivities held on Saturday, October 29, 2011. Many faithful on-watchers endured the drenching rain and wind to view the parade. As dignitaries and other parade units led the way, dozens of student organizations followed behind showcasing impressive floats as they proceeded with the homecoming festivities down Virginia Beach Boulevard. This year, the NSU Veterans Club float was a unit in the parade representing the military veteran students. The

parade theme was: "Achieving Excellence...Success Beyond Measure." The red, white, and blue Veterans Club float was sub-themed, "Saluting Our U. S. Armed Forces." The float included the flags that represented each branch of the military. Jeremiah Williams, of the Army ROTC, represented the Army. Petty Officer Terry Tate represented the Navy and our 2011 Mr. Veterans Club. He accompanied Debra Fowler, representing Miss Veterans Club. (Kudos to Debra Fowler who graciously represented Miss Veterans Club in the Homecoming Parade, due to a brief illness of Atalya Wainwright.). Community partners for the float were: Hiram Grand Lodge #1500, Hossanna Royal Arch Chapter, #358, and Titus Lodge #592. The Veterans Club is very appreciative of our community partners for their support of Norfolk State University.



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NSU VETERANS CLUB UPDATE



Debra Fowler (right) of the NSU Veterans Club provides information services about the organization at the Fall 2011 Organization Fair on October 11, 2011 from 11:00 a.m.— 1:00 p.m. in the New Student Center lobby.

Notice to Students Receiving
VA Education Benefits
PRE-REGISTER for 2012 SPRING SEMETER
TO AVOID DELAYS
IN VA BENEFIT PAYMENTS:

- Pre-register for 2012 Spring Semester
- Provide Registration Statement and Deferment of Tuition and Fees Form to the Veterans Affairs Office by November 18, 2011
- Receive enrollment certification notice from the VA by December 9, 2011

FIRST PTSD TRAINING HELD FOR
SOCIAL WORK FACULTY

By Pamela Riddick,
Veterans Program Coordinator

Strengthening Services to Veterans and International Students (SSVIS) is off to a great start! On Tuesday, October 25, Dr. Hughlett Powell and Ms. Pamela Riddick conducted their first training titled, “Boots, Books, and Classrooms (BBC): Helping Returning Veterans Transition to Civilian / College Life. Dr. Powell engaged his audience as we discussed how to increase the awareness among faculty and staff to recognize Post-Traumatic Stress Order (PTSD), Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI), and other issues relating to deployment related stressors that our Veteran students might be experiencing.

The training was a first in a series of “Brown Bag Lunches.” Our training participants were faculty, staff, and doctoral students from The Ethelyn R. Strong School of Social Work. The training was well received and all participants received a pamphlet, *Understanding PTSD: Learning to recognize and cope with Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder.*

SHIFT COLORS 2.0 WORKSHOP

The NSU Veterans Club sponsored a career information workshop titled “Shift Colors 2.0,” at the bi-monthly meeting held on October 18th at 12:30 p.m. The workshop was presented by Mr. Sultan Camp who is a Transition Assistance Program Facilitator for Fleet & Family Support, Norfolk, VA. He is a 2010 NSU alum, a military veteran, and former officer in the NSU Veterans Club. The workshop, Shift Colors 2.0 (E-networking), is for career minded individuals who are looking to get more traction out of their careers. Workshop information



Sultan Camp, Workshop Presenter, Fleet & Family Support Program, Norfolk, VA

included how to utilize the Internet and social networking sites to obtain job information, and networking strategies for job search and job attainment.



What is eBenefits?

eBenefits is a portal; a central location for Veterans, Service Members, and their families to research, find, access, and manage their benefits and personal information. The portal provides a one-stop shop for online benefits, related tools and information.

eBenefits Mobile

Access eBenefits via your mobile phone. As a Premium Account holder, you will be able to check appeals and claims status and your VA payment history. Bookmark the site in your smartphone Internet browser: m.ebenefits.va.gov.