LCSC Veterans and Family Newsletter

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DAV Mobile Service Office to Visit LCSC!

On September 25th, a National Service Officer (NSO) from the Disabled American Veterans (DAV) organization will be visiting our campus to assist student vets. The Mobile Service Office (MSO) program is an outreach program intended to reach veterans with mobility challenges, and those located in more rural areas.

The DAV serves veterans by:

- Providing free assistance to veterans and their families in obtaining benefits
- Providing outreach programs, like the MSO
- Representing disabled vets and their families before federal, state, and local government

The great thing about this service is that it is completely FREE! Some of the services provided are counseling and professional claim filing assistance.

What: DAV Mobile Service Office

When: September 25, 2014 9:00am—4:00pm

Where: East of the SUB on the Lewis-Clark State College Campus

For additional information and free DAV services, visit their web page at www.dav.org or Facebook at www.facebook.com/The.DAV

Suicide Prevention Lifeline

The Department of Veterans Affairs' (VA) Veterans Health Administration (VHA) has founded a national suicide prevention hotline to ensure veterans in emotional crisis have free, 24/7 access to trained counselors. To operate the Veterans Hotline, the VA partnered with the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) and the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline. Veterans can call the Lifeline number, 1-800-273-TALK (8255), and press "1" to be routed to the Veterans Suicide Prevention Hotline.
LCSC Veterans Club Seeking New Members!

Your LCSC Veterans Club is seeking new members for the Fall 2014 Semester. As previous members have graduated or simply moved on, we have several positions available.

The current available positions are:

◊ **President:** This position chairs and provides agendas for all club meetings. Represents the interests of the club and its members.

◊ **Vice President:** This position chairs ad hoc committees or task forces of the club. Will serve as liaison to other student clubs and will help the President with other club duties.

◊ **Secretary:** This position takes records and files meeting minutes. Will assist in setting up meetings and scheduling any events or fundraisers.

You do not need to be a veteran to be a member!

In fact, currently enrolled LCSC students, staff, faculty, and alum are eligible to be non voting members (only currently enrolled students can be voting members or hold office positions).

The LCSC Veterans Club provides a positive and encouraging environment that promotes networking opportunities for student vets and those who support our brave men and women of the Armed Forces.

If you or someone you know is interested in joining the club, or simply just want to learn more about it, please contact the Veterans Coordinator at 792-2473. The Veterans Coordinator is also located in the Financial Aid Office if you want to stop by, RCH 110.

The first meeting will be held the beginning of October. Watch your LCMail for more information!

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**LCSC Career & Advising Services Offers Students Variety of Services**

The LCSC Career & Advising Services Office is here to help student vets with college decisions and establishing a good career path designed to help you achieve your goals after graduation.

Being a veteran, whether you are currently serving our country or have served, gives you unique skills that are not easily converted into terms that civilian employers would understand. Career & Advising Services offers assistance with:

◊ Choosing a major
◊ Job search skills
◊ Resources for internships and graduate schools
◊ And much more!

Included in the job search skills assistance is something very useful to veterans: resume and cover letter training. How do you list your skills and training received during military training?

Career & Advising Services has many video connections offering help in just about every component of resumes, cover letters, references, and interviewing.

In addition to these services, Career & Advising Services lists job fairs in the Pacific Northwest that are geared towards veterans.

For more information visit: Career & Advising Services RCH Rm 208 792-2313 casws@lcsc.edu

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**VA REGIONAL OFFICE**

⇒ Education: 1-888-442-4551
⇒ Monthly Verification: 1-877-823-2378
⇒ Other VA Benefits: 1-800-827-1000
⇒ Website: www.gibill.va.gov
The Post 9/11 GI Bill (Chapter 33)

Most veterans qualify for Chapter 33. Below are some helpful resources to learn more or see if you qualify.

- Visit www.gibill.va.gov and click on Post 9/11 GI Bill.
- Call the VA at 1-888-442-4551
- Make an appointment to visit with the Veterans Coordinator at LCSC. Call 792-2473 or email us at veterans@lcsc.edu
- Check out the New GI Bill calculator to compare monetary values of Chapter 30 vs. Chapter 33. Go to: http://www.newgibill.org/calculator
- Remember: only veterans that have performed at least 90 days of aggregate active duty service after September 10, 2001 are eligible for Chapter 33. A veteran who was honorably discharged or discharged with a service-connected disability after 30 days may also be eligible.
- The benefit will pay for tuition and fees not to exceed the most expensive in-state tuition at a public institution. The Yellow Ribbon Program will pay for out-of-state fees if you qualify.
- You will receive a monthly housing allowance equal to E-5 with dependents.
- You will also receive a yearly book stipend of up to $1000/year.

Planning Ahead

It is never too early to start planning ahead. Even though Fall Semester just started, Spring will be here before we know it. Here is valuable information and steps for registration:

Breakdown of class level:
- Seniors and Post-Bacs—90 completed credits or more.
- Juniors—58 to 89 completed credits.
- Sophomores—26 to 57 completed credits.
- Freshman—0 to 25 completed credits.

How do I register?
- Be sure that you have all holds cleared, student with holds will not be allowed to register.
- Meet with your academic advisor.
- Login to Warrior Web
- Complete the Conditions of Registration
- Register for classes
- Once your class schedule is finalized, you will need to notify the Veterans Coordinator. This step must be completed before you will be certified for the semester.

Follow this link to detailed instructions on how to register for classes: www.lcsc.edu/registrar/registration/

Start planning your Spring schedule NOW. You can search for classes on Warrior Web before the registration dates and plan your schedule.

More information can be found on the Registrar’s website: www.lcsc.edu/registrar/