

MILITARY AND VETERAN AFFAIRS

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Eastern Kentucky University is committed to working side by side with veterans who seek to further their education. The Office of Military and Veteran Affairs is the one-stop-shop for veterans, active duty students, and family/dependents of active duty individuals at ECU.

Meet Our Staff

For the past 6 months, Shelby Smith has worked in our office through a state AmeriCorps program called Kentucky College Coaches on Campus. Shelby has served as editor of the monthly newsletter, helped plan office events, recruited other students to be involved with AmeriCorps, collaborated with other departments on campus, acted as photographer for the office, revived our Instagram and Twitter accounts, and secured the Office of Military and Veteran Affairs as a placement site for The Mission Continues initiative. Born in Texarkana, Texas Shelby lived in several states including Texas, New Jersey, and Florida before making her way back to Kentucky where her family is from. Shelby completed her undergraduate studies at ECU in 2015 and is now in her second year of ECU's Clinical Psychology Doctoral Program. She was drawn to ECU by its beautiful campus and ECU employees' commitment to student success. Shelby hopes to work as a clinical psychologist for the VA after she earns her doctorate. Shelby's desire to work with veterans stems from her research interest in trauma and crisis intervention as well as her family's military experience. Her mom served in the U.S. Air Force and her stepfather served in Beirut, Lebanon through the U.S. Marine Corps.




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Eastern Kentucky University Blood Drive
9/11 Memorial Blood Drive

in the Kenamer Room
at the Powell Building
128 Powell Building in Richmond

Mon., Sept. 11
11 am - 5 pm

ANNUAL 9/11 STAIR CLIMB

UNITED WE CLIMB

COME IN ANY TIME DURING REGULAR HOURS
ON **SEPTEMBER 11** AND COMPLETE YOUR STEPS ON
OUR EQUIPMENT AT CAMPUS RECREATION.



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Hurricane Harvey has indeed left quite a wake in Texas and surrounding areas. As such, many veteran students may be activated to assist with flood rescue and recovery efforts. EKU is committed to ensuring that military obligations do not negatively impact academic progress for our student veterans. Should be activated by the military for disaster relief efforts please see EKU's Military Activation policy below:

Military Activation Policy

A student who is activated (not simply enlisting) by the military should speak with each instructor to determine which of the three following options is best. In each case it is advised that the instructor be given a copy of the student's activation orders.

1. **Receive a grade** - For students deployed to military action after the 12th week of the semester the instructor has the option of assigning the student a grade in the class based upon work completed. That grade would be submitted during normal final grade submission, no additional work would be required of the student.
2. **Receive an incomplete due to military activation** - If the instructor feels that the portion of the semester remaining, and volume of uncovered material is such that it can be made up in a reasonable amount of time and effort, a grade of "Incomplete for Military Activation" may be given. The instructor or the student must ensure that a copy of the student's military orders are received by the Registrar's Office. Without a copy of these orders the student cannot receive the "Incomplete for Military Activation" grade. The instructor completes an Incomplete Grade Contract and notes on the contract that this is due to military activation. If the instructor has a copy of the military orders they should be attached to the Incomplete Contract. Once the Registrar's Office receives a copy of the military orders the normal "I" grade will be converted to "IM". It should be noted that the student is responsible for contacting the instructor once they are discharged from duty. The date of military discharge starts the student's clock counting down the two years allowed to complete the "IM" grade.
3. **Receive a military withdraw from a class, or from the university as a whole** - The student should send a letter requesting a withdrawal and enclose a copy of the activation notification. The Office of the Registrar staff will process the withdrawal which also triggers a 100% refund or reduction of tuition. The address is shown below.

The letter should be addressed to: **EKU Registrar, Whitlock CPO 58, 521 Lancaster Avenue, Richmond, KY 40475-3158 (FAX Number: 859-622-6207)**. The letter and active duty orders can also emailed to reg.records@eku.edu from the student's EKU email address.

The letter must include the following information:

- Student name and Student EKU ID Number
- A statement that the student wishes to withdraw completely from the University OR listing the individual courses for withdrawal.
- Student's **signature** (absolutely mandatory), and the **date**.

It is mandatory that a copy of the activation notification be enclosed with this letter.

Please let us know if the Office of Military and Veteran Affairs can assist you in any way while you are mobilized away from home. We wish safe travels and a speedy return home for all of our EKU student veterans.



Shoes with Heart Community Fundraiser

Thru Sept. 22, 2017

Drop-Off: Education
Pays Center (Weaver
202), Military & Veteran
Affairs (Burnham
House), & Student Life
& First Year Experience
(Powell 128)

Donate your gently used shoes to benefit the
Community Drug Prevention Program through
the St. Mark Outreach Faith in Action
Committee!

All kinds of shoes are accepted: heels,
sneakers, flip flops, work boots, etc.

Find out more at shoeswithheart.com or by
contacting Robyn Moreland at
Robyn.Moreland@eku.edu.

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2017 MILITARY & VETERAN AFFAIRS **WELCOME BACK PICNIC**

Mark your calendars! The ECU Office of Military & Veteran Affairs and the ECU VETS Club invites you to join us for the 2017 Welcome Back Picnic!

This free event is open to all student veterans, dependents, and ECU faculty/staff. Families are welcome.

**FREE FOOD AND DRINKS, MUSIC, & CORNHOLE
ACTIVITIES FOR KIDS – INFLATABLES & BALLOON
ANIMALS, & PRIZE GIVEAWAYS**

**Saturday, September 23
11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.
317 Lancaster Ave, Burnam House**



Arrive early if you can! We look forward to seeing everyone as we kick off a brand new semester!