

Mission Possible: Ball State's Student Veteran Newsletter

Ball State University

Upcoming Dates

- September 20th @ 4 PM in Lucina 204- SVO Meeting
- September 24th @ 12:00- Army vs. Ball State Football Tailgate
- September 27th @ 11:30 AM- Mid-semester Meeting for all Student Veterans
- October 10- Begin course request for Spring semester
- October 17-18- Fall Break (No classes)
- October 26- Course Withdrawal Period ends
- November 1- Last day for Course Request
- November 11- Veteran's Day Ceremony
- November 23-27- Thanksgiving Break

5 Questions with...

BECK HANNAFORD

What college did you graduate from? Wabash College with a BS in Political Science and Ball State with a MA in Management.

Favorite Hobby? Golf

What do you do at BSU? I am the School Certifying Official for Veterans Educational Benefits and Financial Aid Assistant Coordinator in the Office of Scholarships and Financial Aid.

How can veterans assist in your work? Veterans can make my job easier by enrolling for classes ASAP.

What is your advice for succeeding this Fall Semester? Utilize all the resources that BSU offers you for academic success.

Online Resources Created for BSU Student Veterans

Transitioning to college is a difficult one for many student veterans. With the assistance of the grant from MFRI (Military Family Research Institute) at Purdue and computer assistance by Ball State's Brian Pressnall, work was done this last year to prepare online resource information for student veterans that are new to Ball State as well as those returning to Ball State. These online resources can be found on the [Veterans Affairs website](#) with the title "Student Veteran Orientation Program".

Transition to College modules were created to help new student veterans understand some important information about college life prior to arriving on campus. The modules include: Office of Veterans Affairs and Veteran Benefits, College Terminology, Moving to Muncie and Ball State, and

Getting Off to a Good Start Academically. The **Student Veteran Resource Center** was designed to provide information about resources on campus (Ex. Academic Advising, Counseling Center), procedures while being a student, and a section on different academic skills that are needed to be a successful student (Ex. Note-taking strategies, Preparing for exams). If you have a question or you are struggling to find information about a campus service or academic skill, you are encouraged to use the Student Veteran Resource Center to get the information you need.

The last area of interest on the website is for Ball State's **Student Veteran Organization (SVO)**. You will find officer contacts, event information, and information about the



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SALUTE academic honorary. Please utilize these resources and inform the Veterans Affairs office of areas that can be created in the Student Veteran Resource Center so we can continuously update the website for future students.

We would also like to congratulate **Nikki Crawmer** for completing our pre-college modules and winning at \$50 gift card to the BSU Bookstore!

The "Basics": A Textbook Strategy

As a military person, you know the value of "getting the lay of the land." The same idea is true for approaching new material in your textbooks. Take time to preview the material: notice how the author has organized the sections; note what in-

formation is familiar and what is new; look at the chapter headings; notice the bold or italicized words and intend to learn their meanings as they contain key concepts; read chapter introductions and summaries; finally, if there are review questions read

them as they represent important main ideas. Time spent surveying will make learning the material easier. For more information see....[hyperlink](#).