

Legislative Committee Overview – Camp Grafton
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Veteran Educational Program (VET)
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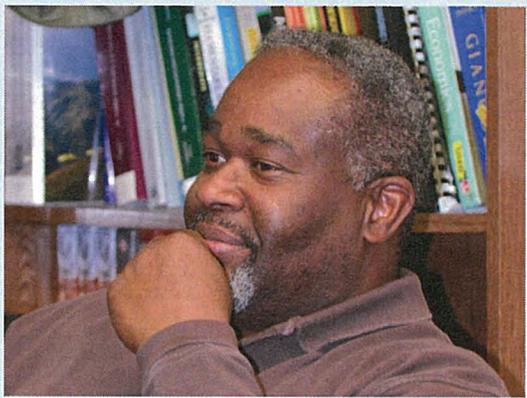
- History of program – funding was received 9/1/2013 (original request \$548,000, received \$325,000; allocated to the North Dakota University System; awarded to NDSU
 - Average age of participants – 53; average beginning reading level 11.4; math 10, language 10.1
 - Our first students enrolled 9/1/2013; 4 in Grand Forks and 2 in Fargo. Of those 2 have already gone on to post-secondary institutions.
- What has been accomplished – Currently served, contacts, agreements, limitations
 - Currently serving 40 (23 new, 16 continuing, 1 re-entry)
 - Agreements with NDSCS, University of Mary, Minot State University (pending Lake Region)
 - 19 currently enrolled in post-secondary (including those from prior program)
 - Limitations:
 - Difficulty for vets to get comfortable or stay focused with online program; exploring IVN interactive in those areas where available
 - Reduction of staff from 3 FT to 1.75 positions due to cautious and conservative budgeting and a 40% reduction in funding from original request
 - Lack of resources to assist partnering institutions resulting in staff overload and cost
 - Need to broaden the definition of veterans including VA Benefit Chapter 1606 (pre- or non-deployed Guard) qualifiers
 - We have received the following non-VET contacts since September:
 - GI Benefits – 10
 - Discharge papers – 3
 - VET inquiries – 16 plus 1 for NDSCS, 4 for University of Mary and 1 for Minot State
 - Coaching – 56 (the majority is academic, as well as some career)
 - VRAP (Veteran Retraining Assistance Program) – 1
 - Network referrals – 5

Long-range goals – IVN with instructor, Department of Correction and Rehabilitation (DOCR) agreement, potential classrooms, increased permanent funding

- Additional classrooms around state
- More MOUs across state
- Utilize IVN interactive in satellite sites; all NDUS institutions have this capability
- More extensive marketing across state; intention to hire part-time person to lead aggressive marketing/recruiting campaign across the state
- DOCR collaboration
 - Admission into colleges (counsel for admissions, financial aid, choice of schools)
 - Advising for Job Market (preparation of resume, interviews, appropriate apparel)
 - Currently 50 veterans incarcerated could draw VA benefits (does not include maximum security)
 - 14% with high school education do not re-offend
 - Liaison to collaborate other courses offered
- Potential other students – Minimum security incarcerated veterans; VRAP (federal program for veterans with no access to school and unemployed)
 - Currently deployed Army NG-100; Air Guard – 313
 - Future deployment slated Army NG - 174; Air Guard – 200
 - Underserved – VA Benefit Chapter 1606 qualifiers, 3 academic suspensions; 9 probations

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“The instruction, support and camaraderie I received from this program not only prepared me for my studies, but also was able to guide me in translating 22 years of military experience into a major area of study that complemented my service experiences. They understood the difficulties that military members often face during the transition period from soldier to civilian to student.”

Jerome Billups
U.S. Air Force, retired

HOW MUCH DOES IT COST?

Veterans Educational Training services are provided free to qualified veterans. While attending classes, you may be eligible to receive educational benefits such as Montgomery GI Bill, Post 9/11 GI Bill, VA Vocational Rehabilitation or other veteran education and assistance programs.

WHO SHOULD I CONTACT?

Contact Veterans Educational Training at 800-570-5719 for more information on the nearest campus site or online courses:

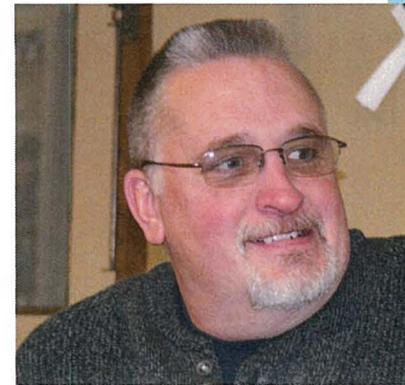
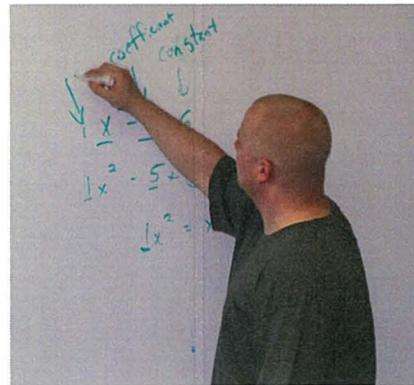
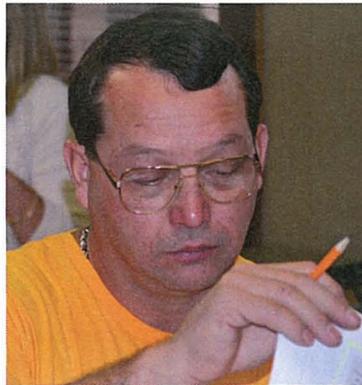
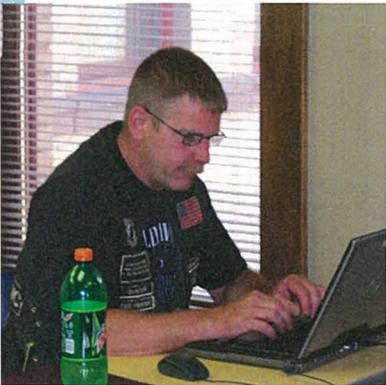
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A NEW BEGINNING

Whether you are, or are about to be “out of uniform,” you are on the first steps of a journey to the rest of your life. If your journey begins with a formal education, Veterans Educational Training is here to help you.

WHAT IS VETERANS EDUCATIONAL TRAINING?

A program of study that will prepare you for a certification program, two-year or four-year college degree. We will work to help you succeed in post-secondary education through classes and programs designed to ease the transition into life in higher education. Our classes are on campus, or are available online to individuals outside a campus location.



- Refresher course work
- Basic mathematics through pre-calculus
- English composition and literature
- Computer skills
- Study skills
- Academic and career guidance
- College enrollment assistance
- VA Vocational Rehabilitation assistance
- Financial aid application
- Agency referrals
- Department of Veterans Affairs benefit advocacy



WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

- U.S. citizens
- Any North Dakota veteran planning to attend a North Dakota school
- Veterans who have served a minimum of 181 days or received a service disability under 181 days
- Any discharge other than dishonorable