Dear Students,

It was with great enthusiasm that we saluted our student veterans Friday, November 11, 2016. We were graced with the presence of our city Mayor Jim Strickland at the annual luncheon. He presented a proclamation to President Rudd as a way to express an appreciation for the Veterans Resource Center and our Student Veterans Organization. A special thanks goes out to the Veterans Educational Benefits and Certification Office, ROTC staff, the Marketing and Communication Department and the Student Veterans Support Team for making the Veterans Day Luncheon a success. Our veterans deserve our service, now that many of the UofM student veterans have returned home during a time of war. We are here to serve those who have indeed served our country. We wish all of our student veterans a successful experience as they work to complete a degree program here.

We are nearing the end of the 2016 year and semester. Let us pray for unity in our country. For as you have heard before, “Together We Stand, Divided We Fall.” President Rudd said it best when he shared with students, faculty and staff, “Thank you for your commitment to our core values and for living those core values daily.” Your demonstrations for concern and love of country have been civil and representative of our “core values.” And for that, I too say thank you! I ask that you stay focused on completing all of your exams and academic responsibilities that are required to complete a successful semester.

I hope that you all have a Happy Thanksgiving and a Happy Holiday Season. Enjoy the break and continue to love and respect our country and its leadership.

Best Regards!

Joy R. Stout, M.S., LPC, Director
Adult & Commuter Student Services and Veterans Resource Center
Welcome New Staff Members

Dr. Linh P. Luu
Health Educator, Student Health and Counseling Center

Doctor Luu is from Manhattan by way of Pennsylvania and her alma mater is Lehigh University. Linh’s plate is full in her new role thanks to her ambitious plans for the center. Her schedule is currently booked with public speaking engagements on topics including stress reduction, healthy sexual relationships and the integration of physical and mental health. Check your UofM inbox for her recent emails regarding the White House Campus Challenge.

Dr. Jim Schlinsog
Director, Disability Resources for Students

Doctor Schlinsog comes to us from Wisconsin. He’ll tell you he’s a Packers fan and a “nerd at heart” with a love for comic books, science fiction and statistics. As the new director of the Disability Resources for Students Office, Jim says he plans on reaching out to other departments and student groups, especially veterans. Jim’s advice for commuter students is simple, “You’ll get (out of school) what you put into it. Our greatest barrier is ourselves.”
Veterans Speak

Questions:
1) Have the UofM faculty, staff and your fellow students helped you to transition from military to student life? If so, how?
2) How has the military prepared you for student life?
3) As a veteran, do you think there are any improvements we need to make on the university level?

Vervie Moses
1) They have, but I got most of my help from other veterans at the Veterans Resource Center. They showed me the ropes of college life. I feel at home there.
2) I benefited from the discipline and structure of the military. Every morning I get up early; get it together; clean up; and move out. I still march everywhere I go.
3) We could definitely use a bigger location for the Veterans Resource Center.

Constance Green
1) The faculty, staff and students have been super helpful.
2) Being in the military has allowed me to learn how to manage my time, along with how to deal with others in a professional way.
3) Yes, I think a bigger space for the veterans would be nice; along with a little more in-depth orientation to explain what the campus offers. I took a tour and the orientation, however, others just leaving the military will not have those options.

Herbert Reed
1) I have been out of the military for a while, so there was no transition to make. It was mainly a transition from work to student life which is tough enough as it is.
2) I know how to keep a structured schedule. I’m always early for any appointment I go to. Sometimes it’s hard to study, but I have the discipline to do it anyway.
3) I really don’t think so beyond the Veterans Resource Center.
ACSS Events and Organizations

Get Involved with Student Organizations!

Adult Student Association
Jaime Ross, President
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Commuter Student Association
Stephen Helms, President
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Student Veterans Association
Joey Scott, President
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Hang out in the ACSS lounge!

Meet other commuters just like you!

Enjoy fun events throughout the semester!

The VRC’s Entry for the Halloween Door Decorating Contest

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