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The Office of Veteran Affairs at the University of Florida would like to welcome you to the February edition of our Monthly Veterans Newsletter.

-UF VA TEAM



Fraternity House Director Opportunity

John Weidner, chairman for the UF SAE fraternity house, is looking for mature, reliable and honest House Directors for the fraternities. He would like to meet with veterans who meet the criteria and are currently enrolled in school. The position would include room, board and monthly allowance. If you are interested, please contact Andrew Kisz at 727-741-2828.

History of the GI Bill

On June 22, 1944, President Franklin Delano Roosevelt signed into law one of the most significant pieces of legislation ever produced by the United States government: The Service members' Readjustment Act of 1944, commonly known as the GI Bill of Rights. By the time the original GI Bill ended in July 1956, 7.8 million World War II veterans had participated in an education or training program, and 2.4 million veterans had home loans backed by VA. Today, the legacy of the original GI Bill lives on in the Montgomery GI Bill.

http://www.gibill.va.gov/GI_Bill_Info/history.htm

Grant Funds Available to Provide Job Assistance to Veterans with Disabilities

The Able Trust will award up to \$60,000 to boost employment opportunities for Florida veterans with disabilities.

This year, Florida Governor Charlie Crist proclaimed November as Hire a Veteran Month. With more than 1.8 million veterans living in Florida and an increase in the number of returning veterans each year, it is imperative that organizations and communities establish a greater number of employment opportunities for veterans and veterans with disabilities.

The Able Trust, a non-profit public-private partnership foundation serving individuals with disabilities, is joining the cause to create better employment opportunities for veterans with disabilities. The Able Trust is also known as the Florida Governor's Alliance for the Employment of Citizens with Disabilities.

The Able Trust has issued a Request for Proposal (RFP #08-5) aimed at existing Florida not-for-profit 501 (c)(3) organizations, associations and agencies that provide Florida Citizens with Disabilities with employment-related services. The purpose of the RFP is to provide funding for a

project(s) to create employment opportunities for Florida residents that are veterans of a branch of the United States Military Service and have a disability in gaining competitive employment in the community.

For more information, visit <http://www.floridavets.org/pdf/rfp.pdf>

Outpatient Dental Treatment

Outpatient dental benefits are provided by the Department of Veterans Affairs according to law. In some instances, VA may provide extensive dental care, while in other cases treatment may be limited. This Fact Sheet describes the outpatient dental eligibility criteria and contains information veterans should know in order to understand eligibility for VA dental care.

Effective January 28, 2008, recently discharged veterans with a service-connected non-compensable dental condition or disability who served on active duty 90 days or more and who apply for VA dental care within 180 days of separation from active duty, may receive one-time treatment for dental conditions if the dental condition is shown to have existed at the time of discharge or release and the veteran's certificate of discharge does not indicate that the veteran received necessary dental care within a 90-day period prior to discharge or release. This includes veterans who reentered active military, naval, or air service within 90 days after the date of a prior discharge and veterans whose disqualifying discharge or release has been corrected by competent authority. <http://www.va.gov/healtheligibility/Library/pubs/Dental/Dental.pdf>

Work Study

This program provides part-time employment to students who are receiving VA education benefits of at least three-quarter time rate. The student may work at Veteran Affairs offices, VA Medical Facilities, VA Regional Offices, or at approved state employment offices. Work-study students are paid either the state or federal minimum wage, whichever is greater. Active duty military are not eligible for this program. If you are interested in utilizing VA work study in Gainesville, please come by the VA Office in 222 Criser Hall to pick up the forms necessary to apply for employment at the VA Hospital.

Student Veteran Organizations

Collegiate Veterans Society

Meeting Time: Fridays at 11:00 a.m.

Meeting Place: Meet in the Registrar lobby

Contact: Justin Levine, jblevine@ufl.edu

<http://grove.ufl.edu/~veterans>

Omega Delta Sigma – Veterans Fraternity

Meeting Time: Mondays at 6:00 p.m.

Meeting Place: ROTC Building, 2nd Floor

Contact: Andrew J Kisz, ufkisz@ufl.edu

<http://grove.ufl.edu/~omegadel>

For archived newsletters, please visit: <http://registrar.ufl.edu/va/news.html>.