



Chattanooga Area Veterans Council

Serving veterans and their organizations of Tennessee, Georgia and Alabama

Chattanooga Career Center Changes Procedures

TN Department of Labor & Workforce Development Procedures to Assist Veterans at the Chattanooga Career Center

Federal guidelines are changing the way the centers do business.

Veterans are our top priority and receive priority of service.

Upon entering the TN Career Center at Chattanooga a veteran would:

- Sign in at the Front Desk
 - Complete a Military Services Form
 - Be Assessed by a Labor Staff Member
- All veterans are required to be assessed by a career specialist in person or by telephone. If it is determined they have a significant barrier to employment (SBE), see attachment, our staff member would do a referral for VOS services listed: Intensive Services; resume services, interviewing skills, Jobs4tn.gov services, and etc., Case Management Services, and Employment Opportunity Services.

- When referring a veteran to the career center, please do not give out the VOS names and telephone numbers. The clients must go through the above assessment procedure prior to talking with a VOS. Below are two career specialist veterans available to assist anyone you wish to refer, feel free to give out their names and telephone numbers. These are direct lines to their desk or voice mail.

John Waller (423) 643-2323 (Army National Guard)

Rebecca Jacobs (423) 643-2362 (Air Force)

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Special Thanks to our CAVC members

Chattanooga Area Veterans Council would like to say thank you to the following member organizations who have paid their 2015 dues:

82nd Airborne Association

U.S. Submarine Veterans – Carbonero Base

U.S. Submarine Veterans – Haddo Base

VFW Post 3679 – Ft. Oglethorpe

VFW Post 4848 – Chattanooga

South East Tennessee Veterans Coalition

American Legion Post 257, Collegedale

Your Organization's dues payment provides for the various programs sponsored by the CAVC: Armed Forces Day Parade, Memorial Day Service, Veterans Day Service.

Veterans Treatment Court

An effort is underway to help Hamilton County veterans in criminal trouble. A Veterans Court gives such veterans a second chance.

A Veterans Treatment Court diverts eligible veterans from the traditional criminal justice system and allows them to receive specialized support and rehabilitation. The Veterans Administration provides tailored counseling and treatment. Veterans Courts are being used in four of the major urban areas of Tennessee (and in about 200 other locations in the United States). A unique component of the Veterans Court is the use of mentors. Mentors are primarily other concerned veterans who volunteer to provide encouragement and support to the counselee and his family as the veteran progresses through his rehabilitation and treatment. Much more work is needed to establish the Court, so further updates will be given as headway is made. Mentor volunteers will be needed. Please back the formation of a Veterans Court in Hamilton County.

Chris Dooley
Col (ret), USAF
Judge Advocate

Siskin Hospital Celebrates Life Beyond Disability

The 12th Annual Possibilities Luncheon will be held on February 18, 2015, from 11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m., at the Chattanooga Convention Center.



<https://www.siskinrehab.org/giving-special-events/possibilities-luncheon/>

RIB SALE!! RIB SALE!! RIB SALE!!

\$18.00 per slab

Pick up Jan 16th 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm

American Legion Post 95, Ringgold

Road, East Ridge, TN

Tickets on sale NOW!

Call 423-624-9105

BLAST FROM THE PAST DANCING

At American Legion Battlefield Post 214
Friday, January 9th 7:00 pm to 10:30 pm
540 Park City Rd, Rossville, Ga 30741
(next door to VFW Post 3679)

**** Admission \$7.00 per Person ****

Monthly Theme
Dancing
January: "Let's Go
To The Hop"

Featuring
THE STRESS RELIEF BAND



Military Women Across the Nation

The purpose and objective of this organization is to encourage patriotism, loyalty, and devotion to God, country and family; for each member to help one another and her community, state, and nation; and for each member to be of actual assistance; and to keep up each other's morale.

Formerly known as WAVES National, we have changed our organization in keeping with the changing military environment.

We now include ALL WOMEN VETERANS who have served or are serving HONORABLY in ALL MILITARY branches.



Their Mission:

- Keep all military women, past and present, informed of current benefits associated with their military service
- Keep female veterans connected while preserving our common history
- Provide opportunities for women in tomorrow's armed forces through networking, socialization, and service with and for other female veterans

MWAN members have served in all major conflicts, including WWII, Korean Era, Vietnam, Cold War, Desert Storm, Operation Enduring Freedom, Global War on Terror, Operation New Dawn, Afghanistan, Iraq, and in Peacetime.

Military Women Across the Nation
Formerly WAVES National

<http://www.milwomen.info/home.html>

For information about the local MWAN unit contact Patty Parks at pattyjoparks@yahoo.com.

UTC Offers Day of Assistance to Veterans

The Educational Opportunity Center and the UTC Departments of Veteran Student Services, Financial Aid, and Records are teaming up to offer a day of assistance with all things financial as well as information about Veteran student services.

MYTHS

If I am using GI benefits, I am not eligible for Federal Financial Aid.

I have to have my 2014 tax return done before I complete the 2015-2016 FASFA.

Students with full Veteran's educational benefits are not eligible for Federal Financial Aid or scholarships.

THE TRUTH

Veterans pass up free \$\$ every year because they think they are not eligible and do not apply.

Some money is awarded on a first come, first served basis – let us help you file your FASFA EARLY for 2015-2016.

Veterans with a service connected disability rating with VA may be eligible for Vocational Rehabilitation entitlements regardless of age. To confirm eligibility go to: <http://campuscms52.ucmerced.edu/veterans/chapter-31>

Our goals for this open house are to assist our Veteran and military families with:

- Completing the 2015-2016 FAFSA and the scholarship applications.
- Learn about the HOPE for non-traditional students, the Yellow Ribbon program, and other scholarships you may be eligible for.
- Ask questions about Veteran Student Services and Veteran's educational benefits as well as financial planning and budgeting.

WHAT TO BRING:

If possible, bring the following for yourself (and your spouse if you are married.) Dependent children 18-25 may need to bring parents tax return if they do not qualify as a veteran. If you do not have these documents available, please come to the Open House anyway. We can file the FAFSA using estimates.

- 2014 year end wage statement (check stub) for all jobs in 2014 or W-2s

- Total amount of child support paid or received
- First 2 pages of 2014 tax return
- Amount of any Veteran Disability pay received in 2014
- DD 214 Proof of military service
- VA Disability Rating Notification

FREE PARKING IS AVAILABLE BEHIND THE BUILDING!!!

Questions? Contact the Educational Opportunity Center at 425-1702 or Joe Wiram, Coordinator of Veteran Student Services and Programs

Joe-Wiram@utc.edu

(423) 425-2277

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FINANCIAL AID OPEN HOUSE FOR ALL VETERANS AND MILITARY FAMILIES

FREE ASSISTANCE WITH FILING YOUR
FAFSA (Free Application For Federal Student
Aid)

JANUARY 8, 2015, 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Doctor's Building
744 McCallie Ave, Suite 516
Chattanooga, TN 37403

Coast Guard Auxiliary

The mission of the Auxiliary:

- To promote and improve Recreational Boating Safety
- To provide trained crews and facilities to augment the Coast Guard and enhance safety and security of our ports, waterways, and coastal regions
- To support Coast Guard operational, administrative, and logistical Requirements

The Auxiliary has units in all 50 states, Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands, American Samoa, and Guam.

Under the direct authority of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security via the Commandant of the U.S. Coast Guard, the Auxiliary's internally operating levels are broken down into four organizational levels: Flotilla, Division, District and National.

When you join the Coast Guard Auxiliary, you could find yourself saving lives, protecting the environment from polluters, guarding our shores from terrorists and much more. That's our job – 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. That's life in the Coast Guard Auxiliary. We don't just train. We train and perform.

Since 1939 the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary has safeguarded our Nation's maritime interests in the heartland, in the ports, at sea, and around the globe.

We protect the maritime economy and the environment, we defend our maritime borders, and we save those in peril. This history has forged our character and purpose as America's Maritime Guardian — *Always Ready* for all hazards and all threats.

Today's U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary, with nearly 32,000 men and women, is a unique force that carries out an array of responsibilities touching almost every facet of the U.S. maritime environment.

The Coast Guard's motto is *Semper Paratus*, meaning "Always Ready."

The overarching mission of the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary is to contribute to the safety and security of our citizens, ports, waterways and coastal regions. We will balance our missions of Recreational Boating Safety and Coast Guard Support with Maritime Homeland Security and other challenges that emerge as a result of our growing understanding of changes required in the post-9/11 era.

For more information about joining the Coast Guard Auxiliary go to <http://join.cgaux.org/index.php>

