

# THE TOPPER

## REMEMBRANCE DAY NATIONAL ROLL CALL

**W**hat will you be doing on 11/11/11? At WKU, faculty, staff, and students will read the names of all U.S. soldiers that have died in Iraq and Afghanistan over the past 10 years

The date is particularly significant because it is the only 11/11/11 that we will see in our lifetime and it marks the 10th anniversary of the 2001 terrorist attacks.

Colleges and universities throughout the country will participate in this event called "Remembrance Day National Roll Call." It is designed to pay tribute to our fallen military men and women.

Western's program will take place in the Mass Media & Technology Hall auditorium starting at 9 a.m. It will include the reading of over 6,000 names. The names of Kentucky's war fatalities will be read starting around 3 p.m.

"It's very important to remember those who have fought and died so the rest of us can live in freedom and safety," said Veterans Upward Bound coordinator Rick Wright. "This event will

remind everyone that freedom isn't free. It comes at a terrible price."

All are welcome. Join us as we remember the sacrifices of 10 years at war. There will be designated readers but audience members can participate in the readings upon request.



Tonya Archey, WKU's Director of Military Student Services, said, "I think it's important to not only recognize the sacrifice

our military men and women have made, but also to show the community that we are very proud of our service members."

Nationally, this event is sponsored by Student Affairs Administrators in Higher Education (NASPA). The objective is to have at least one school in every state read all the names of all casualties in the global war on terrorism.

Through the National Roll Call, the students of America's colleges and universities can demonstrate a commitment to remember those who, as President Lincoln described, 'gave their last full measure of devotion'.

The WKU sponsors are Veterans Upward Bound, ROTC, Military Science Department, Military Student Services Office, Veterans Affairs Office, and the Students Veterans Alliance.

For more information, please call the Veterans Upward Bound office at: 745-5008.

**V**eterans Day is an American federal holiday and state holiday honoring military veterans. The holiday is intended to thank *living* veterans for their service and contributions, and to underscore the fact that all those who served—not only those who died—have sacrificed and done their duty.

The holiday focuses attention on the important purpose of Veterans Day: A celebration to honor America's veterans for their patriotism, love of country, and willingness to serve and sacrifice for the common good.



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## CONGRATULATIONS!

The staff of Veterans Upward Bound wish to offer our congratulations to these veterans that have completed our program and entered postsecondary education this summer & fall:



Alex Aguirre  
WKU  
Majoring in Graphic Design



Freeman Bridges  
WKU  
Non-degree seeking



Ben Crawford  
WKU  
Majoring in Political Science



Jonathon Crump  
WKU  
Major undecleared



April Dutton-Peterson  
WKU  
Majoring in Interdisciplinary Studies



Archie Harris  
BG Technical College  
Majoring in Auto Collision Repair



Julian Heinze  
WKU  
Majoring in Physics



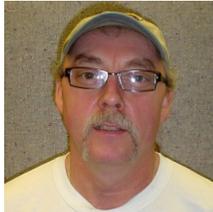
Jacob Holman  
WKU  
Majoring in Interdisciplinary Studies



Mark Montgomery  
WKU  
Majoring in Interdisciplinary Studies



Thomas Neville  
BG Technical School  
Majoring in Air Conditioning Technology



George Noe  
WKU  
Majoring in Environmental Engineering



Ron Rannells  
WKU Commonwealth  
Majoring in Liberal Arts & Science



Mike Rigg  
WKU  
Majoring in Political Science



Wade Scarbeau  
WKU Commonwealth  
Majoring in Interdisciplinary Studies



Alan Shehan  
WKU  
Majoring in Electrical Engineering

Whether seeking new careers or enjoying classes for the sake of meeting new challenges, we hope all these veterans meet with success and fulfillment in their academic endeavors and their lives beyond academia.



**T**he Tillman Military Scholars program supports active-duty servicemembers, veterans and their families by removing financial barriers to completing a degree or certification pro-

gram of their choice. The program aids all veterans, specifically the ever-growing population of veterans and dependents of the Iraq and Afghanistan conflicts.

The scholarships cover not only direct study-related expenses such as tuition and fees, but also other needs, including housing and child care.

These scholarship funds are just a portion of the Tillman Military Scholar experience which also focuses on guiding an engaged community and providing essential resources that enable Scholars to serve and lead in their local communities.

The application period opens each spring, and a new class of Tillman Military Scholars is announced in June. More information on the application process for the 2012-2013 academic year will be available in January at the Pat Tillman Foundation website: [www.patillmanfoundation.org](http://www.patillmanfoundation.org)

(The preceding article was adapted from an article in *The American Legion Magazine*, August 2011)

## Financial Aid

**R**emember that financial aid monies are limited, so it's important to file early to ensure that you are considered for all possible aid. According to the FAFSA website, you should file as soon as possible after January 1, 2012. Awards are made until funds are depleted. While that doesn't mean that you absolutely can't get any money if you file late in the year, it does mean that your chances will be less. So file early to get all the money you need for school.

**Got Financial Aid Questions?**

**Call VUB at 270-745-5310**



## WINTER WEATHER ADVISORY

If WKU is having classes, we are also. WKU announces closings on all local radio stations and WBKO. The best source is WKYU-FM. Closures are also posted on WKU's homepage or you can call 270-936-0000 for a recorded message. We urge you to use your own best judgment. If you feel it is dangerous to be out, then call us (745-5310) and let us know you will not be in class.



Martha R. Kenney  
Director

## The Director's Desk



One of the most rewarding aspects of any program, like Veterans Upward Bound, is being able to celebrate the successes of our veteran participants. Each year we are proud and happy to see our students "leaving us" to continue their postsecondary pursuits—many at WKU and BGTC. We also have the joy of "tracking/following" our veterans while they are working toward the completion of their postsecondary educational goals. So it is with joy and pride that we say: "CONGRATULATIONS to OUR VETERANS for their recent accomplishments!"

1. All of our fall 2011 enrollees (see page 2).
2. KENT JOHNSON—WKU President's List w/4.0 overall GPA, MOAA Scholarship \$1,000, and NAVUB Scholarship \$500.
3. ALEX AGUIRRE—VFW Scholarship \$500.
4. JULIAN HEINZE—American Legion Scholarship \$500.
5. ADAM RZESZOWSKI—WKU Dean's List w/overall 3.61 GPA, Phi Sigma Pi (National Honor Fraternity), and "Adam, thanks for helping out with disaster relief in Joplin, MO".

6. ROBERT WILSON—WKU Dean's List w/3.5 overall GPA.
7. NICK ORBERSON—WKU Dean's List w/3.5 overall GPA.
8. JASON ADKISON—WKU Dean's List w/3.62 overall GPA.
9. DAVID PHELPS—WKU Dean's List w/3.86 overall GPA.
10. JERRY CARRELL—WKU Dean's List w/3.9 overall GPA.
11. ROBERT HULSEY—WKU President's List w/3.82 overall GPA.
12. OSCAR ORTIZ—Promoted to 1st Lieutenant with the Kentucky National Guard (on active duty with the Yellow Ribbon Program in Frankfort, KY).

Also a huge salute to Richard and Kazuko Burnette on their 50th wedding anniversary!! Richard is a Veterans Upward Bound graduate and a 2009 WKU graduate, recently returned from a three week tour/study trip in Beijing, China.

"CHEERS" to all for your OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENTS from Martha and all the Veterans Upward Bound staff.

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## News and Notes



Want straight answers about rights and benefits you earned through your service to your country—as well as free, professional assistance with claims from a highly trained expert?

DISABLED AMERICAN VETERANS

The Disabled American Veterans Mobile Service Office (MSO) program is bringing free services to local communities to help you with your benefits. National Service Officers (NSO)—rigorously and professionally schooled in the full range of benefits for military veterans and retirees—will provide you the best counseling and claim filing assistance you can get from any source, anywhere. Like you, the NSO is a veteran.

Because the DAV is a nonprofit organization dedicated solely to serving you, the NSO has only one goal: making sure you get all the benefits and services you earned. The help offered through the DAV MSO Program is completely free. DAV membership is not required.

The program was revitalized in March 2001 and is the most extensive outreach effort in the history of DAV. Thanks to the generosity of a \$2 million pledge from the Harley-Davidson Foundation since 2007, the DAV expanded the sites visited by the MSO to include Harley-Davidson dealerships, where benefits assistance is offered to veterans of all generations in communities where they live.

On visiting a DAV MSO location, bring your claim number, Social Security number, and any other pertinent documentation. The MSO will be in Paducah, KY on November 11 from 9:00 a.m.— 6:00 p.m. and on November 12 from 9:00 a.m.— 5:30 p.m. at the Four Rivers Harley-Davidson located at 3005 Old Husbands Rd.

For additional information, call Randy Bunting, DAV NSO, at (502) 566-4482.



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## Vets' Nursing Home

**F**or years, south-central Kentucky's veteran population has been underserved. Now the Barren River Area Development District is joining the call for a veterans' nursing home in the Bowling Green area.

The BRADD board approved a resolution calling for construction of a veterans' nursing home in Bowling Green, a facility that would be federally and state-funded and require the support of both governments. BRADD estimates that there are more than 19,000 veterans living in the 10-county area, yet the closest veterans' nursing home is more than 90 minutes away in Hanson, KY.

Veterans here have long pushed for the establishment of a nursing home in this area.

The state last year approved an expansion of the Hanson nursing home, which began in April. The 120-bed facility will be able to serve 36 more veterans with the \$9.9 million project, which should be completed in 2012. But according to the Kentucky Department of Veterans Affairs, the facility consistently has at least a 50-name waiting list.

"There is no doubt that there are special

needs for veterans who need to be in a nursing home," said Charlie Hogan, a Barren County Vietnam War veteran and BRADD board member. "And I know veterans who should be in military nursing homes now and aren't."

Hogan said veterans, in addition to having health issues, might suffer from post-traumatic stress disorder—a condition in which they are scared "half to death all the time" and something that staffers at general population nursing homes might not be able to handle.

Hogan said the wars in Afghanistan and Iraq are helping bring attention to the needs of all veterans, particularly the initially shunned Vietnam War vets.

Still, in this area, veterans, in addition to not having a nursing home, must travel to Nashville, Lexington, or Louisville for major medical care. The Bowling Green post of the American Legion makes sure veterans have transportation to reach those services, generally taking a van of veterans to Nashville each day. The post also offers assistance every Thursday to vets in acquiring their medications and helping them file claims.

*(The preceding article was adapted from an article in the Bowling Green Daily News)*



## Important Numbers and Dates

**Schella Smith, WKU VA Certifying Official**  
 (270) 745-3732

**Stephanie Gabbard, VA Voc-Rehab, B.G. Office**  
 (270) 846-2092

**Military Student Services, WKU**  
 (270) 745-5837

**Department of Employment Services, Bowling Green**  
 Gerry Neely (270) 746-7425 Ext. 104

**VA Regional Office, Louisville**  
 (800) 827-1000

**VA Regional Office, Nashville, TN**  
 (615) 695-6372

**VA Medical Center, Louisville**  
 (502) 287-4000

**VA Medical Center, Nashville, TN**  
 (800) 228-4973

**Military Records Branch, Frankfort**  
 (502) 564-4883

**Disabled American Veterans, Louisville**  
 (800) 333-1720

**American Legion, Bowling Green**  
 (270) 781-3574 Veterans Service Officer

**Veterans of Foreign Wars, Bowling Green**  
 (270) 781-1872

<b>OCT 22</b>	<b>ACT Test Date</b>
<b>NOV 4</b>	<b>Registration Deadline for ACT, Dec 10</b>
<b>NOV 11</b>	<b>Veterans Day &amp; Remembrance Day</b>
<b>NOV 23-25</b>	<b>Thanksgiving Holiday, VUB Closed</b>
<b>DEC 10</b>	<b>ACT Test Date</b>
<b>DEC 19-30</b>	<b>Christmas Holiday, VUB Closed</b>
<b>JAN 13</b>	<b>Registration Deadline for ACT, Feb 11</b>
<b>JAN 16</b>	<b>Martin L. King Holiday, VUB Closed</b>
<b>FEB 11</b>	<b>ACT Test Date</b>
<b>MAR 9</b>	<b>Registration Deadline for ACT, Apr 14</b>
<b>APR 14</b>	<b>ACT Test Date</b>

\*Please call early for information on test dates. VUB may pay testing fees, but to do so we must have your application at least six weeks prior to the registration postmark deadline.