'Tis the Season  
Kevin F. Leszczynski, VetNet President

This holiday season, the GCC student Veterans Network would like to ask everyone to please remember the men and women who sacrificed so much to make our way of life a free way of life. One of our own here at GCC has recently been deployed back to Afghanistan, Jake Dlugosz. We ask that you please keep him and all our troops in your thoughts as we celebrate the festivities of all the upcoming holidays.

In the tradition of giving and remembering those less fortunate during the holidays, GCC student Veterans are doing their part to contribute to the local communities. VetNet is supporting the Marine Corps Reserve’s Toys for Tots campaign again this year. See THE LOOP for box locations. VetNet members also donated $125 to the Warm the Children Foundation and several members and their family participating in the local “Adopt a Family” Program.

As the fall semester is coming to a close, there are several student veterans that have dedicated their time and effort to embrace the VetNet mission and purpose in this community. The following student Veterans have demonstrated their commitment to fostering the Veterans community on and off campus by creating, promoting, supporting and attending events sponsored through the VETS Center. Three members have distinguished themselves as “Our Veterans of the Month” by their peers. Please join me in congratulating Joe Young, Will Collins and Chris Rose for their exemplary attitude and behavior as ambassadors of GCC and the veteran community.

From all of us in the VETS Center, we wish you, your family and this community a very safe and the happiest of holidays.

We look forward to seeing you all in the spring!

Respectfully,

Kevin F. Leszczynski

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CAMPUS BEST PRACTICES

Unless the course content dictates talking about military service or the war, it is best to refrain from expressing such opinions in class.

Whether you are for or against the war, democrat, republican or independent doesn’t matter. This might be a good time to check your own political leanings at the door. A veteran took an oath to serve the commander in chief and our nation for a period of time no matter the circumstances. Sharing personal opinions can become a distraction to their learning and to your relationship with them, and in some cases this is a source of intense reactions and anger. Empathy about the experiences of a wartime veteran is very valuable in these situations.

DID YOU KNOW?

WD-40 began from a search for a rust preventative solvent and de-greaser to protect missile parts?

WD-40 was created in 1953 by three technicians at the San Diego Rocket Chemical Company.

Its name comes from the project that was to find a "water displacement" compound. They were successful with the fortieth formulation, thus WD-40.

The Corvair Company bought it in bulk to protect their Atlas missile parts. The workers were so pleased with the product, they began stealing it to use at home. The executives decided there might be a consumer market for it and put it in aerosol cans.

Did you know that besides a lubricant you can use this to dry out your spark plug wires on your car when they get wet? You can spray it on a stain on your clothing and it will take it out and not leave an oil stain. It is also great from removing tar, grease, and pitch from your vehicles. Also you can use it like ether to start diesel engines in cold weather (and you won’t blow up the engine!)
Hello, my name is Jared Andrew and I am currently working on my Eagle Scout Service Project which will benefit injured veterans returning from the war in Afghanistan and Iraq who need to recover and rehabilitate from their injuries.

How sad is it that they sit day in and day out unable to obtain some of the basic entertainment most of us take for granted? My goal is to collect as many D.V.Ds (G, PG, or PG-13) as I can with your help and donate them to not only our local facilities here in Western Massachusetts but, also up in Vermont and Eastern Massachusetts as well.

Even if you are unable to donate a D.V.D., I am accepting monetary donations which will be applied to purchase more D.V.D.s and D.V.D. Players for the Veterans.

If you have any further questions, please contact my Scoutmaster – Lil Russell – 413.687.1260.

Thank you for your assistance in helping those who paid the price for our FREEDOM!!!