

From Editor's Corner
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Hello and welcome to our fall 2016 issue of MGA Student Veterans Esprit De Corps Newsletter. Our purpose of this newsletter is to help student veterans to get connected to our 5 campuses.

I had the wonderful opportunity to work on the Dublin and Cochran campus this semester. We have collected so much data over the last few months it just seemed appropriate to include as much as possible in one edition.

This edition can be best described as exceptional. In 1954, Dwight D. Eisenhower, President of the United States of America, at the request of the United States Congress, designated November 11 of each year as Veterans Day. However this year November 11 fell on Friday and MGA President Dr. Blake granted permission for the entire week to be observed for our Veterans. Every campus took time out to honor veterans on separate days. Every campus sent pictures of their wonderful day to share in the December 2016 edition. Thank you for sharing. Let's get started. What better way than to begin with Dublin Campus.

DUBLIN CAMPUS

The program was held on Thurs, November 10, 2016- Dublin Middle School mentees were invited as our special guest.



Dublin High School Jr. ROTC posted colors.



Mr. Keith Smith, Adjutant-Historian with the American Legion Post 17 & Ronnie Miller, MGA Dublin campus American Government Student conducted the POW/MIA Ceremony



Remembering our POW/MIA's (above)

There was a Veteran Spotlight to showcase veterans who had served in the armed forces



Sergeant First Class Retired Yolanda Rhyne & currently enrolled MGA student



District 6 Commander John Griffin



Greg Swars, U.S. Army Staff Sgt E6 Desert Storm 91 and Haiti 94



Dee Lindsey, MGA Executive Director Veterans & Military Affairs



Dr. Frank Jordan, Chief Communications U.S. Department of Veteran Affairs

The program concluded with breakfast served by Sodexo and donated by Student Services Coordinator Mrs. Lynn Allen. Sam Johns donated free coffee to our vets.

COCHRAN CAMPUS

The program was held on Wed, November 9, 2016.



A proclamation was provided by current Cochran Mayor Gary Ates (excerpt below) and presented and read by Mr. Richard Newbern, City Mgr, City of Cochran.



Proclamation Excerpt

WHEREAS, in recognition of the service given by the men and women, let us solemnly remember the sacrifices of all those who fought so valiantly, on the seas, in the air, and on foreign shores, to preserve our heritage of freedom, I invite and encourage patriotic, civic, religious, and educational organizations, and the people of the city of Cochran generally, to observe Veterans Day and Veterans Week in this year and each succeeding year with appropriate remembrances in which all our people may join in commemorating veterans, past and present, and let us re-consecrate ourselves to the task of promoting and enduring peace so that their efforts shall not have been in vain; and

WHEREAS, the United States military is the strongest, most capable fighting force the world has ever known. The brave men and women of our Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, and Coast Guard demonstrate a resolute spirit and unmatched selflessness, and their service reminds us there are few things more American than giving of ourselves to make a difference in the lives of others. On Veterans Day, we reflect on the immeasurable burdens borne by so few in the name of so many, and we rededicate ourselves to supporting those who have

worn America's uniform and the families who stand alongside them;

Cochran had two speakers for Veterans Day. Burl Jimmerson, VAVS Representative to Carl Vinson VAMC Dublin at DAV (Disabled American Veterans)



Our second speaker was Luke Haynes, former U.S. Marines and current MGA student on Cochran & Eastman campuses



Dee Lindsey, MGA Executive Director Veterans & Military Affairs was on hand to provide 2016 Veterans Day Challenge coins to every veteran.



The program concluded with cake & punch served by Sodexo and donated by Dr. Corey Guyton, Middle Georgia State University Director of Student Engagement. Special thanks to Teresa Lorick.

EASTMAN CAMPUS SUPPORTS OUR STUDENT VETERANS

Veterans Day Celebration was conducted in the City of Eastman room on Eastman Campus, Tues, Nov. 8, 2016. Special guest speaker- Brigadier General (Retired) Army National Guard, William J. (Billy) Steele.



Brigadier General (Retired) William J. (Billy) Steele with Middle Georgia State University veterans who include students, faculty, staff, and members of the Eastman-Dodge County Community.



Left to right: Dee Lindsey, Middle Georgia State University Executive Director –Veterans and Military Services, and Brigadier General (Retired) William J. (Billy) Steele, Veterans Day guest speaker.

General Steele is depicted with Middle Georgia State University 2016 Veterans Day Challenge Coin.



Brigadier General (Retired) William J. (Billy) Steele talking with Aviation student, Clayton Sutton, after the program. Refreshments were served following the event.

WARNER ROBINS CAMPUS

Middle Georgia State University hosted the United Way of Central Georgia on Thurs., November 10, 2016. The event was a ceremonial signing of a collaboration agreement that brought Mission United—the United Way’s signature program for helping veterans and their families—to the Georgia VECTR Center. VECTR sponsored a panel discussion and celebrated veterans and military families, shared coffee and conversation with university colleagues, guests, and community partners.



Devereaux Lindsey, VECTR Staff & Dee Lindsey



Dee Lindsey giving 2016 Veterans Challenge Coin



Devereaux Lindsey & panel discussion participants



Missing Man Table



Guests' panelists & students



MGA Students



Guests' panelists

MACON CAMPUS & Community

Middle Georgia State University and the Macon-Bibb County government jointly observed Veterans Day at a ceremony in downtown Macon, GA on Friday, November 11, 2016. Mayor Robert Reichert and other leaders joined Middle Georgia State University President Christopher Blake at the World War I memorial at the base of Coleman Hill for the ceremony, which began at 11:00 a.m. Students from Middle Georgia State planted flowers at the Memorial prior to the ceremony.



The program included the Posting of the Colors by the University's Police Honor Guard;



In addition the audience participated in singing of the National Anthem and Amazing Grace; remarks were provided from the Mayor and University President Dr. Christopher Blake; a reading of "In Flanders Fields; and a Laying of the Wreath at the Memorial.



"Every November, we must use the occasion of Veteran's Day to reflect upon the sacrifices that veterans have made throughout the years in service to this country and to the ideals of global peace and prosperity," stated Dr. Blake.

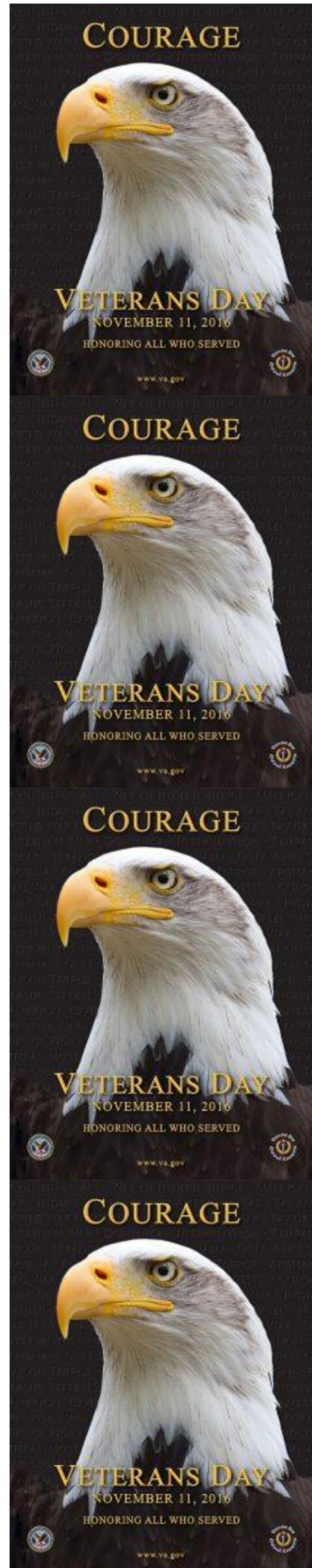


On the Macon Campus

According to Amy Martin, Student Services Coordinator with the Office of Student Life on the Macon Campus, MGA students made thank you cards for veterans.



Light refreshments were served.



Why I'm Majoring in Aviation Management

By Luke Haynes



I guess I should start with when I was younger. I have always been fascinated with planes and jets. At ten years old, I knew I wanted to be in the armed forces. When I turned 16, I attended Woodville Tompkins Technical School and studied aviation. I fell in love, but not with flying. I observed a few people sitting in a circular room could control everyone and move them around very carefully without causing damage. It was similar to playing chess; the same as Air Traffic Control.

At the age of 18, I figured out that being a college student would not be possible without some major funds and assistance from the GI Bill. It was ok with me because I wanted to join the military. The next thing on September 16, 2012 I was standing on the yellow footprints at the infamous Marine Corps Recruit Depot Parris Island, SC. After graduation, I went to combat school followed by my MOS school. During MOS school, I specialized in aviation management where I learned to perfect the skills of quality assurance, logs and records, along with many other jobs that most people would not think about doing. I found out very quickly that the inner me was greedy for knowledge and wanted more options to better myself. So after four years of the best experience of my life I decided to go to college for

the next goal, ATC. Well, ATC is not offered at any college in the U.S. as a bachelor's degree so, I decided to continue doing what I already knew and major in aviation management and to minor in ATC. That's why I'm majoring in ATC at Middle Georgia State University, seemed like a no brainer.

As of right now this is what I want to do but I don't think I'll stop here. I love psychology and would love to achieve a doctorate degree in that major and do something with veterans. Realistically I'm not sure if that is feasible. I also love politics which is why I'm excited the American Government class. I love debates and hearing others idea's. It is fascinating that people can have so many ideas and theories but yet there is so much destruction in the world. Also how did our country come from nothing to being the strongest in the world just based on a handful of people sitting around with a quill, ink well, paper, and their ideas? How 200 plus years later we still use that piece of paper to live our lives by? The different types of governments and how some people believe this one or that one is better than those.

I will leave this here and hopefully that answers some the questions you might have about me. I always end with a piece of advice on biography essays because; well this is me sharing my story about me to you. No matter what you want to do in life you can do it. Just take it one step at a time and focus on one goal at a time. Hope you enjoyed this read. God bless.

-Semper Fi

Cochran Mayor Gary Ates
(proclamation excerpt below)

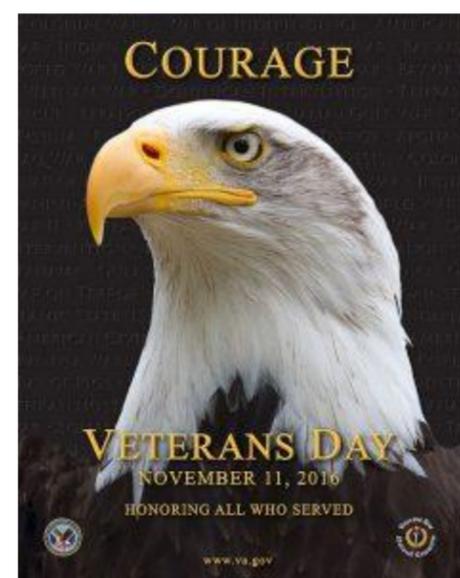
WHEREAS, our true strength as a Nation is measured by how we take care of our veterans when they return home, and

WHEREAS, in 2015, President Barack H. Obama, President of the United States of America and First Lady Michelle Obama and Dr. Jill Biden forged partnerships with local leaders across America to uphold the dignity of every veteran and work to end veterans' homelessness; and

WHEREAS, in 2015, President Barack H. Obama, at the request of the United States Congress, signed the Clay Hunt Suicide Prevention for American Veterans Act, which fills critical gaps in mental health care by raising awareness and taking steps to improve access to care for those suffering from the invisible wounds of war; and

WHEREAS, our veterans left everything they knew and loved and served with exemplary dedication and courage so we could all know a safer America and a more just world; and

WHEREAS, our veterans who by their faithful and loyal devotion to their responsibilities have rendered a dedicated service to our city, and, in so doing, have established for themselves an enviable and enduring reputation for preserving the rights and security of all citizens;





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To all of our contributors thank you. To all of our readers keep reading. As we move into the holiday season, let's continue to remember our troops: those who are currently serving. You may not be able to send a care package but a card or a letter of kind words and encouragement speaks volumes. Always remember those who have served and those who gave their lives for us to enjoy life and the pursuit of happiness. We hope our tribute is a reminder to veteran students how valuable to MGA each and every one of you. Our mission is to assure you that we are here for you. May peace surround each of you and your families during the holiday season! Thank you for your service. We look forward to serving you in 2017.



This spot is for you!

We invite you to share your military to college experience with us.

For consideration in

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issues, please

submit your

pictures to

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