

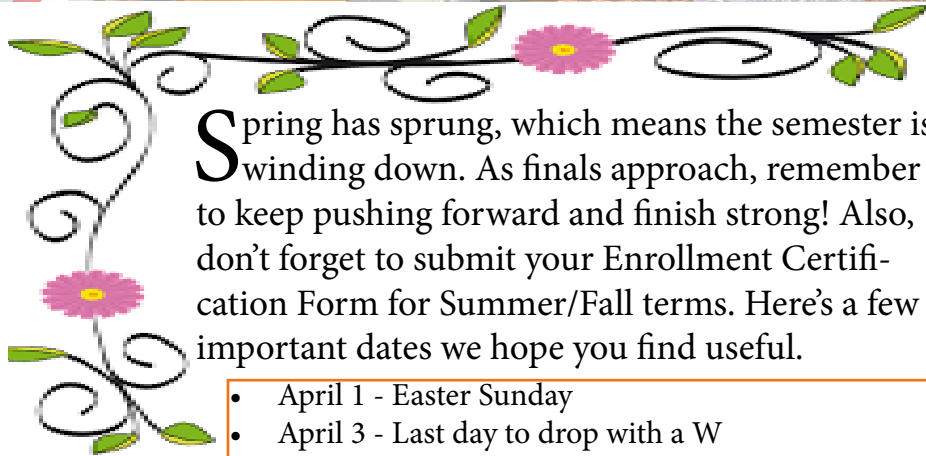
2018

# The Veterans Resource Center

At The University of Tennessee

April 2018

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Spring has sprung, which means the semester is winding down. As finals approach, remember to keep pushing forward and finish strong! Also, don't forget to submit your Enrollment Certification Form for Summer/Fall terms. Here's a few important dates we hope you find useful.

- April 1 - Easter Sunday
- April 3 - Last day to drop with a W
- April 7 - Tax Day
- April 27 - Last regular class day
- April 30 - Study Day
- May 1-4, 7-8 - Exams

## VRC hosting speech workshop

Speech Anxiety Specialist Dr. Suzy Prentiss, along with a team of peer consultants, will conduct a number of speech workshops at the VRC.

The workshops will consist of various topics surrounding speech and communication including speech anxiety, group projects, class presentations, and CMST 210/240 preparation.



The timeframe will be approximately one hour and will be hosted twice a week to accommodate as many schedules as possible.

Attendees are encouraged to bring any questions or concerns regarding speech or communication to help guide each workshop to fit the current need.

Each session will also include a handout with useful information that can be picked up at the VRC if a session is missed.

These workshops are expected to be a great addition to the current and future semesters, so come take advantage of this opportunity.

There is no sign up required. The current schedule is as follows:

<u>Speech Anxiety</u> -	3/27 - 3:30-4:30 3/28 - 2:30-3:30
<u>Group Projects</u> -	4/3 - 2:30-3:30 4/6 - 3:30-4:30
<u>Class Presentations</u> -	4/9 - 2:30-3:30 4/12 - 3:30-4:30
<u>CMST 210/240 Prep</u> -	4/18 - 2:30-3:30 4/20 - 3:30-4:30

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## UT Veteran Staff of the Month



Name: Joe Jarret

UT Affiliation: Political Science Department

Branch of Service: Air Force & Army

Years of Military Service: 1975 through 1986

What do you love most about UT?  
Its sense of strength, unity, and veteran-friendly atmosphere

What advice would you give to our student veterans on campus?  
Take advantage of all UT has to offer in terms of its people, resources, and diverse culture, above and beyond your area of study.

## 2017-18 Matthew Christian Scholarship Recipient

United States Marine Jonathan Toney has been named the recipient of the Matthew Christian Scholarship for the 2017-18 academic year.

Toney currently serves in Marine Corp Delta Company, Fourth Combat Engineer Battalion as a combat engineer. He is a construction science major, with a minor in business administration. Toney looks to graduate in the Spring of 2019.

The Matthew Christian Scholarship was created in honor of former Marine Matthew Keith Christian, who was killed by a drunk driver on July 6, 1987 at the age of 22.

He is remembered as very quiet, but curious, energetic, and full of wonder. Additionally, he is described as someone who always gave more of himself than was required.

Christian was a member of UT's Pride of the Southland Band, playing trumpet, and was a member of the Pi Kappa Phi fraternity.

Criteria for obtaining the scholarship focuses on those who are admitted or enrolled at The University of Tennessee, Knoxville. Preference in the selection includes students who are members of the Marine Corps Reserve or who participate in the Marine ROTC program, and who demonstrate successful academic performance and/or financial need.

The Veterans Resource Center would like to congratulate UTK Senior Jonathan Toney on this prestigious award.

## Veteran Benefit Assistance

Doug Cunha with the UT Veteran's Pre-College Program is ready to assist vets in their VA benefit needs.

Generally, Cunha serves as an outreach specialist, enrolling veterans in the pre-college program at UT.

This program provides services such as free tutoring, and can aid in veteran's education.

As a former VA government executive in Washington D.C., Cunha also has extensive knowledge in veteran health benefits, disability compensation, military records, and other veteran services.

Cunha served in the U.S. Army during the Vietnam Era and stands by his commitment to help his fellow veterans however needed.

To enroll in the pre-college program, veterans must enroll prior to beginning classes.

If you have any questions about veteran benefits, please feel free to call Doug Cunha at 865-748-2392.



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## Important Contacts

### National Veterans Crisis Hotline

1-888-244-6711

[www.mentalhealth.va.gov](http://www.mentalhealth.va.gov)

### U.S. Dept. of Veteran Affairs

1-800-827-1000

[www.va.gov](http://www.va.gov)

### Tennessee Dept. of Veteran Affairs

615-741-2345

[www.tn.gov/veteran](http://www.tn.gov/veteran)

### Veterans Healthcare Eligibility & Enrollment

1-877-222-8387










[www.va.gov/healthbenefits](http://www.va.gov/healthbenefits)

## Need legal advice?

Joe Jarret, along with a team of volunteer attorneys, meet at the Public Defender's Community Law Office from 12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. to provide free legal advice to area veterans.

UT vets need only bring proof of service. There will be attorneys on hand who possess a wide area of experience which includes, housing, benefits, domestic relations, and some minor criminal matters.

# April 2018

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
1 	2	3 	4	5	6 	7
8	9 	10	11	12 	13	14
15	16	17 	18 	19	20 	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30 	May 1	May 2	May 3	May 4	May 5

# EXAMS

**To make a donation to the Veterans Resource Center/ Veteran Student Services please visit <http://giving.utk.edu/veterans>**

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