

# **News from the MU Veterans Center**

## **January 2019**

### **Veterans Center expansion project made possible through generous donation**

The MU Veterans Center has expanded thanks to a generous donation from a Mizzou alumnus and assistance from the Division of Student Affairs. Expansion work started in early fall 2018 and the new space is open for use. New furnishings are on order and a formal Grand Opening ceremony will be planned during the spring semester 2019. The Veterans Center is located in N-5, Memorial Student Union.

The renovated space is adjacent to the existing Veterans Center and serves as a gathering space for Mizzou student veterans/military. The space features an open lounge area, office space for the Mizzou Student Veterans Association (MSVA), a kitchenette, and updated functional furnishings.

“The expansion project provides a highly beneficial element to Mizzou’s veteran and military friendly environment and is further evidence of Mizzou’s commitment to veterans and military service members,” said Robert Ross, Director, MU Veterans Center. “The additional space provides a safe environment where student veterans and military can relax between classes, study together and share military and student experiences. It also provides a space for social activities and MSVA sponsored programming.”

Please look for the Grand Opening date in future communications.

### **Know your MSVA Executive Committee**

The Mizzou Student Veterans Association (MSVA) Executive Committee represents and advocates for student veterans and military members pursuing their higher education goals.

Executive Committee members are:

President: Kyle Smith

Vice President: Zachary Ignatz

Vice President: Tim O’Sullivan

Treasurer: Tanner Cobb

Secretary: Drew Matzes

Secretary: Sloan Elsey

### **Pat Tillman Scholarship applications accepted February 1 – 28**

The Pat Tillman Foundation will soon begin accepting applications for its 2019 scholarship program. The application period begins February 1 and the deadline is February 28, 2019. Candidates must be pursuing a degree as a full-time student. Tillman scholars receive a renewable scholarship that covers tuition, fees, books, and living expenses.

Who is eligible?

- Honorably discharged veterans.
- Military service members.
- National Guard and Reserve.
- Current spouses of veterans or service members, including surviving spouses.

For information, please check out information and apply online at <http://pattillmanfoundation.org/apply>.

### **Applications accepted for Missouri Unions/US Bank Scholarship Fund**

Applications are currently being accepted for the annual Missouri Unions/US Bank Scholarship fund. Submission deadline is March 1. Scholarships designated for the Veterans Center will be awarded to student veterans and military students currently enrolled at Mizzou.

The Missouri Student Unions/US Bank Scholarship Fund was established in 2010 with the opening of a US Bank branch in the MU Student Center. The scholarships are intended to recognize outstanding MU students from distinct backgrounds and unique experiences. These scholarships are awarded at the end of the spring semester. A recognition banquet is scheduled for the beginning of the fall semester to recognize annual winners.

The scholarship application is available at the following link.  
<https://unions.missouri.edu/scholarship-fund>

Please return completed applications to the MU Veterans Center, N-5 Memorial Student Union no later than the March 1 deadline.

### **Remember to get certified for GI Bill® education benefits**

This is just a reminder that students using GI Bill® benefits must have their enrollments certified by the MU Veterans Center in order to receive benefits. As soon as you enroll in classes, please drop by the Veterans Center, located at N-5 Memorial Student Union, or print the appropriate form from [veterans.missouri.edu](http://veterans.missouri.edu) and email to [veterans@missouri.edu](mailto:veterans@missouri.edu) or fax to 573-884-4387. Also, please let us know as soon as possible if you add or drop classes so we can adjust your certification and avoid over or under payments.