A MESSAGE FROM THE ESO

What a great day to be an ESO! The picture to the left captures those who attended our Education flight in June. The purpose of the flight was to educate college Veterans Center on the overview of the Ohio National Guard and inform them of the missions we conduct. It also provided a platform to discuss how we could better take care of you, our most important asset. I want to stress that YOU are our main purpose as we are here for you while navigating through your education benefits and incentives. Ensure you receive all that is available to you by contacting us with your questions or concerns. I ask in return, that you share the information given to you, with your battle buddies to ensure they are successful in their education and incentives endeavors as well. Please refer to the attached handout for general benefit and contact information. I wish you all the best!

MAJ Bailey

OHIO NATIONAL GUARD SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

PLEASE UNDERSTAND THAT IF YOU ARE DISCHARGED FROM THE ONG BEFORE COMPLETION OF YOUR ENLISTMENT OBLIGATION FOR ANY REASON OTHER THAN DEATH OR DISCHARGE DUE TO DISABILITY, YOU ARE LIABLE TO THE STATE OF OHIO FOR REPAYMENT OF A PRO-RATED SHARE OF ALL ONG SCHOLARSHIPS PAID ON YOUR BEHALF. REASONS OF DISCHARGE RESULTING IN REPAYMENT INCLUDE ENLISTMENT, APPOINTMENT, OR COMMISSIONING IN THE ACTIVE OR RESERVE COMPONENT OF THE U.S. ARMED FORCES, OR A NATIONAL GUARD OF ANOTHER STATE.

STUDENT LOAN REPAYMENT PROGRAM REMINDER
Soldiers receiving student loan repayments, please remember to turn in your NSLDS documents to your Unit. This will ensure you get your loans paid in a timely manner. You can visit https://nslds.ed.gov to access your NSLDS documents.

FEDERAL TUITION ASSISTANCE UPDATE
Soldiers within 3 years of separation (ETS), may use up to 21 semester hours in addition to their 130 undergraduate semester hours maximum and 39 graduate semester hours maximum to pursue a Transition or Academic Certificate.

TESTING
Our testing location has changed!!! All testing (AFCT and DLPT) will be administered every Thursday. Please ensure all required documents are submitted by the Tuesday prior to the testing day to Jovanda Curry or SGT Jamie Burdiss.

New Testing Location: JFHQ, 2825 W. Dublin Granville Road, Rm W108, Columbus, OH 43235
Mrs. Jovanda Curry: 614-336-4905 or jovanda.t.curry.civ@mail.mil
SGT Jamie Burdiss: 614-336-7275 or jamie.l.burdiss.mil@mail.mil

SUCCESS STAR OF THE QUARTER: CW2 JAVI MACK

Unfortunately, I did not have adequate parental guidance and I rarely applied myself, making my potential in life to seem bleak. I graduated high school when I was 20 years old with a meager 1.54 GPA. Yes, you have read correctly, age 20 with a 1.54 GPA! I joined the Active Duty Army immediately after graduating to escape the trappings of life associated with growing up in Spring Lake, NC. At that time in my life, I had no plans to further my education. I only decided to take college courses after reading that eArmyU, now GoArmyEd, gave laptops to Soldiers after signing up for and completing 12 semester hours. My only goal was to obtain a laptop. I took my first college course in the year 2002 and never looked back. I've earned an Associate of Arts in General Studies degree, a Bachelor of Arts in Criminal Justice Administration degree and I am currently pursuing a Master of Science in Human Resource Management degree at Franklin University. These accomplishments were made possible through GoArmyEd.

I urge Soldiers to continue their education every chance I get. I truly believe that no one should limit themselves to "line of sight" dreams, but to aspire to go above and beyond, pushing the threshold of their potential. All of this and more can be accomplished by taking advantage of your educational opportunities made available through the ONG and Education Services Office. Good luck on your future endeavors!