



# Veterans KC Quarterly

FALL 2015

## 2016 Annual Symposium Announced!

February 04 – 06, 2016  
Orlando, Florida  
(Hilton Orlando Lake Buena Vista)

The NASPA Symposium on Military-Connected Students will focus on effective strategies to serve and support the success of veterans and other military-connected students.

This 2.5 day symposium features keynote sessions; research, policy, and best practices presentations; and workshop style sessions to help campus professionals develop or enhance their programming and services for military-connected students. We are delighted that the



### IMPORTANT DATES

- October 23, 2015: Call for Programs Deadline
- December 11, 2015: Early-Bird Registration Deadline
- January 08, 2016: Regular Registration Deadline

University of Central Florida will serve as the host institution for this event. Their proven excellence in support of serving veterans and other military-connected students will help to catalyze learning and create an environment conducive to collaboration, discourse, and change making. Symposium attendees will have opportunities to discuss program ideas, trends, current research, and theory.

**[Click here to register!](#)**

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## ACE and NASPA Convening Summary Released

In April 2015, ACE and NASPA met and discussed the current state of research in regards to military-connected students. The outcome of the meeting with a convening summary which covers key topics such as identifying and tracking military-connected students. The summary also calls for researchers to make use of existing national-level data in addition to improving the data to

respond to lingering research and policy questions.

Here are the recommendations for future research:

1. Conduct comprehensive, longitudinal studies on service members and veterans.
2. Understand the transition from military service to higher education.
3. Study the link between institutional programs and service

4. Develop a better understanding of remediation and credit for prior learning.
5. Study the impact of U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs and U.S. Department of Defence education benefits, and other financial aid, on affordability and college outcomes.

**The NASPA announcement can be found [here](#) and the full [Convening Summary is here.](#)**



## Innovative Program at Virginia Tech

Virginia Tech now offers support for veterans, both students and employees. There are two major initiatives, the Virginia Tech Veterans Caucus and a new space for its student group, called [Veterans@VT](#) which formed in 2010.

The new space for Veterans@VT will provide space for

studying and socializing.

Virginia Tech has also recently created an Office of Veterans Services. More info on new initiatives can be found [here](#).

Veterans@VT has a [website](#) that offers information regarding scholarships, GI Bill benefit information, and other resources for

student veterans on campus. The group is also a member of [Student Veterans of America](#).

Along with newly created services and spaces, Virginia Tech offers a Professional Development session on the challenges veterans may face transitioning from military to civilian and study life.

**The term “Hotwash” describes the hasty debriefing of personnel following a training, exercise, patrol, mission, etc.**

## Military Culture Corner: Did you know?

“Hotwash” is an informal term used to describe the hasty debriefing immediately following an training, exercise, patrol, mission, etc. and occurs before the more formal “after-action review.” The Hotwash typically focuses on areas of improvement without spending time on praise. This is part of the social fabric of training in which a lot of criticism is not viewed as negative, but necessary for improvement.

The term’s origination is the US

military, but it’s exact roots are unknown. The Department of Defense states the term comes from “the practice used by some soldiers of dousing their weapons in extremely hot water as a means of removing grit and residue after firing.

While this practice by no means eliminates the need to properly break down the weapon later for cleaning, it removes the major debris and ensures the cleaning process goes more smoothly. One infantry soldier described it as “the quick and dirty

cleaning that can save a lot of time later” ([Source](#)).

While others say it refers to the “cleaning of jet turbines immediately upon the return of helicopters and jets to the ship. Salt spray becomes encrusted quickly if the procedure is not done before the turbines cool down. It then became a term used by military leadership to refer to a debrief immediately upon the completion of a mission or exercise to maximize its effectiveness while the information was still fresh in the minds of participants” ([Source](#)).

# Building Strategic Partners

The Veterans Knowledge Community recognizes the importance of building strategic alliances with other associations whose goals align with supporting veterans and service members in higher education. Here is a list of other organizations that will be featured in this reoccurring column:

- NAVPA—National Association of Veteran Programs Administrators
- NACADA—National Academic Advising Association
- AHEAD—Association of Higher Education and Disability
- CCME—Council on College and Military Educators
- NACE—National Association of College Employers
- CAEL—Council on Adult

Experiential Learning

- NCDA—National Career Development Association

## FEATURED ASSOCIATION:

NCDA Veterans Committee

The Veterans Committee provides a forum for discussion of veterans' career and employment issues within NCDA. Goals are: 1) To establish a means for NCDA members interested in veterans' issues to communicate with each other; 2) To advise the association on projects related to veterans; 3) To encourage presentations on veterans' issues at the annual conference and other

professional development opportunities; 4) To encourage research and publication of articles on career development issues related to veterans; and 5) To provide resources on veterans' issues for NCDA members.

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**Annual Conference:** June 30-July 2, Chicago, IL

### Resources:

- For a bibliography of military career transition research from 2000—present, [click here](#).
- Career Development for Transitioning Veterans (2013), [click here](#).

*The NCDA Veteran's Committee provides expertise on Veterans' career and employment issues*

Early-bird ends 1/19



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Shaping a vision for higher education  
2016 NASPA Annual Conference

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## Upcoming Events - Mark your Calendars!

### 2015

Sept 28 - Iowa Statewide Veterans Education Summit (Iowa- ACME)

Oct 5-9 - National Association of Veterans Program Administrators: NAVPA (School Certifying Officials) Nashville TN

Oct 4-7 - NACADA (Academic Advising) Las Vegas NV

### 2016

Jan 7-10,- Student Veterans of America: SVA: Orlando FL 7

Feb 15-18, - Council of College & Military Educators: CCME: San Antonio TX 15-18 Feb 16

**Feb 4-6 - NASPA VKC : Orlando FL ( call for papers is open)**

Mar 12-16- NASPA (Student Affairs): Indianapolis IN (Call for papers open now)

July TBD - AVECO: (Regional SCOs) St Louis MO

July 11-16- Association of Higher Education & Disabilities: AHEAD: Indianapolis IN

Oct 5-8 - National Academic Advising Association: Atlanta GA

## Call for Articles

Please submit content on the following topics:

- Resource corner/column (links, conferences, veteran-affiliated services, etc)
- Highlighted Hot Topics in the world of Veteran (research)
- Health & wellness topics (awareness, prevention and treatment topics including alternative treatments)
- Contribution Corner (new publications or articles)
- Newsworthy happenings at various institutions that benefit student veterans
- Programs & Best Practices (brief description submitted by our VKC members of what's worked on their campus)
- Veteran Culture – “Did you know?” – to acquaint non-veterans with military culture
- Efforts of other partner organizations

### Newsletter

Fall  
Winter  
Spring  
Summer

### Content Due Date:

September 18th  
February 16th  
April 26<sup>th</sup>  
July 26<sup>th</sup>

## Seeking Women Veterans to Blog with WISA

The Veterans Knowledge Community is partnering with the Women in Student Affairs KC to generate some knowledge about the experiences of women student veterans. This is a very difficult population to solicit to share their stories, so I'd ask your help in spreading the word to help us find some interested women to tell us their story.

All you need to do to help is to share the link to the Google form below with prospective women student veterans and WISA will do the rest. We're looking for an array of women veterans to share their stories in about 500 to 800 words, which would really only be a piece of their stories!

<http://ow.ly/QZGHi>

Once we have a blog schedule, which we hope will be during November, we will share it through the WISA, VKC, and broader NASPA communications channels.