

WORDS FROM A FELLOW VETERAN

July 2009

In June 2007 I discovered what a tight knit family I have here at The University of Akron with the students in the medical fraternity Phi Delta Epsilon as well as an excellent team of Biology professors eager to see me succeed.

It was right around this time that I abruptly decided I wanted to achieve my M.D. through the Army and serve my medical career by keeping our soldiers safe and healthy. From the moment I walked into SSG Youngdahl's office announcing my wish to join today, I can honestly say that my life has been one heck of an adventure. Three months after reaching my unit, I went on a brief month long deployment to Louisiana for the Hurricane relief. The devastation was an eye opener, but it was fulfilling to be able to aid the weakened state. I currently work for the Military Honor Guard Team. I perform military funeral honors for KIA's and veterans. People's reaction to my job description is almost exclusively a sigh of sadness followed with apologies for me having to endure such an occupation. I am proud to serve my country and be there to celebrate and honor the KIA or veteran who devoted their life to serving our country.

For future soldiers mulling over the idea of joining the military, know that your life will never be dull. I know I made the right choice because when I look back at the few things I've done so far I can already see a life that I can be proud of in later years.

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To connect with other student veterans from The University of Akron!

SUMMER EVENTS

USO Benefit Concert - July 25, 2009 @ 4:00pm Sheffield, OH \$10.00  
Darryl Worley, Lawless and Derrick & Derrick

Lake Erie Crushers - August 2, 2009 @ 5:05pm Avon, OH Home Box Tickets \$9.00  
Military Appreciation Day with Honor Flight Cleveland and the USO

World Golf Championships - Bridgestone Invitational - August 4 - 9, 2009 Akron, OH **Free**  
All active and retired military will gain free admission along with their spouse or significant other and children 18 years and under with proper military ID

Northwest Ohio Air Show - August 29 - 30, 2009 Toledo, OH **Free**  
Military get in free past and present with valid ID

**Please check out the following website for additional information on all these events:**  
[www.usocleveland.org](http://www.usocleveland.org)



Summer Sessions

Third five week session  
July 13 - August 15

VETERAN'S DEAL CATCHERS



TURKEYFOOT LAKE GOLF LINKS

Attention all Golfers!!! Turkeyfoot Lake Golf Links is offering a deal for veterans. 18 holes of golf and cart for \$26.00 Monday — Friday until 11:00am. The course is located in the heart of Portage Lakes . Check out the website at [www.turkeyfootgolf.com](http://www.turkeyfootgolf.com) for more information.



Anyone receiving VA education benefits must self verify enrollment on the last day of each month!

CERTIFICATE OF ELIGIBILITY

As a reminder to all those who applied for the Post 9/11 GI Bill (Chapter 33), please submit a copy of your certificate of eligibility to the MSC as soon as it is made available to you. This will finalize your application process.

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