

STARS (Supporting Transitioning and Returning Services members) Project - Tues., June 6th, 8:30AM-12:00PM

Time	Session	Presenter (s)	Location
8:30-9:00AM	Session 1: Crossing Cultural Barriers I: Military Culture	Eric Wheeler, MCC Veteran Services	Monroe A
9:15-10:00AM	Session 2: Crossing Cultural Barriers II: Transition to Civilian and Academic Culture	Laura Stradley, Director, Monroe County Veterans Service Agency	Monroe A
10:15-11:00AM	Session 3: Veteran Health Care	Dr. Ziarnowski, Rochester Vet Center	Monroe A
11:15AM-12:00PM	Session 4A: Veterans in the Classroom* *Recommended for teaching faculty	Panel consisting of MCC employees who are veterans and/or work closely with student veterans	Monroe A
11:15AM-12:00PM	Session 4B: Understanding Veteran Benefits** **Recommended for administration and staff	Lori Bartkovich, Veteran Specialist II, MCC Veteran Services	Monroe B

Session 1 : This introductory session, facilitated by military veteran Eric Wheeler (MCC Veteran Services), will provide information regarding military culture and the types of experiences student veterans have while in uniform. The goal is to help close the cultural gap that may be present between college personnel, especially those who have not served in the armed forces, and student veterans.

Session 2 : Transitional challenges faced by service members as they are discharged from the military and acclimate to civilian life will be the focus of this session. Emphasis will be placed on distinct differences between academic and civilian cultures.

Session 3 : Dr. Ziarnowski, Rochester Vet Center, will deliver instruction on the challenges veterans face when dealing with a range of service-related injuries including Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD), Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI), and Military Sexual Trauma.

Session 4A : Panel comprised of MCC employees who have served in the armed forces or work closely with our students who have served will discuss the challenges faced in the classroom and offer strategies to best serve this student population. **Recommended for teaching faculty.*

Session 4B : Veteran Specialist II, Lori Bartkovich, will focus on educational and vocational benefits provided by the VA and other veteran agencies, as well as the services provided through MCC's Veteran Services. **Recommended for administrators, non-teaching faculty, and staff.*

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