

## **STARS (Supporting Transitioning and Returning Services members) Project - Tuesday, June 7th, 1:00PM-4:30PM**

Time	Session	Presenter (s)	Location
1:00-1:30PM	<b>Session 1:</b> Crossing Cultural Barriers I: Military Culture	Eric Wheeler, Veteran Services	Monroe B
1:40-2:25PM	<b>Session 2:</b> Crossing Cultural Barriers II: Transition to Civilian and Academic Culture	Eric Wheeler, Veteran Services and student veterans	Monroe B
2:35-3:35PM	<b>Session 3:</b> Veteran Health Care	Dr. Ziarnowski, Rochester Vet Center	Monroe B
3:45-4:30PM	<b>Session 4A:</b> Veterans in the Classroom*	VAPA Professor James Coffey, Chemistry Professor	Monroe B
	*Recommended for teaching faculty	Brian Edelbach, and Colonel John Perrone (HSMI)	
3:45-4:30PM	<b>Session 4B:</b> Understanding Veteran Benefits**	Lori Bartkovich, Veteran Specialist II, MCC	Monroe A
	**Recommended for administration and staff	Veteran Services	

**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 faculty and staff who have served in the armed forces will illustrate the challenges faced in the classroom at MCC 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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