National Service Academy Seminar (Law 7800-3)
Fall 2012, Monday: 3:15 - 5:15 pm, Moyle Conference Room
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Seminar Goals: This two-credit seminar is intended for S.J. Quinney College of Law students who are interested in military veterans’ higher education issues and related national and international service. In this seminar you will study the reintegration issues facing student veterans as they transition from military service to college campus, and the resources available to mitigate this transition.

Instruction, Assessment, and Final Grade: Students will write a 25-page research paper which will be critiqued by Professor Holbrook in terms of both style and content, and then re-written and submitted for a final grade. Each student orally will present the seminar paper topic to other students, lead a discussion of the topic, and answer questions. Student presentations and discussion participation may be considered in assigning final seminar grades. Unexcused absences may be taken into account. If you must be absent, please send Professor Holbrook an email, voicemail, or written message.

Texts and Assigned Readings:


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All written information in this course can be made available in alternative format with prior notification.
Society’s treatment of veterans after the wars in Vietnam, Iraq, and Afghanistan
- How have we treated military veterans after the wars in Vietnam, Iraq, and Afghanistan?
- What do we as a society owe our military veterans?
- The National Strategic Narrative as a framework for continuing service after military separation

Understanding Military Culture
- Overview of military structure, traditions, and service
- The all-volunteer force: only 0.45% of our population has served since 9/11
- The multiple effects of multiple deployments
- Medicating our combat troops to keep them on the line
- Greater awareness and diagnosis of PTSD among the military
- Expectation of self-reliance, and related fear that something is wrong with me
- Concern about service-record black-marks for seeking help
- Obstacles posed by the chain of command (e.g., the Fort Carson infantry brigade commander and unit-readiness, depression, and suicide)
- Resilience training

Mental Health, Physical Health, Family Reintegration, Education, and Employment Issues
- Variability of symptoms among individuals and types of military experience
- PTSD – history in the DSM, symptoms, and treatment
- TBI – symptoms and treatment
- Moral injury
- Depression and suicide – statistics and treatment
- Substance abuse – self-medication and treatment
- Unemployment and homelessness - statistics and interventions
- Service-related criminal conduct
- Female veterans with service-related sexual trauma – statistics and treatment
- Family reintegration issues:
  - We got along without you while you were gone
  - Something is wrong with you now that you’re back
  - Something is wrong with me now that I’m back
  - I can’t talk about it
  - Anger management and conflict communication
  - Withdrawing and re-experiencing; nightmares and flashbacks
- Frustrations of dealing with the VA bureaucracy over benefits and disability ratings
Resources

- VA programs for:
  - Physical injuries
  - Psychological injuries
  - Anger management
  - Family counseling
  - Female veterans with service-related injuries
- GI Benefits for higher education and vocational training
- Low-cost/ high-benefit assistance (e.g., speaking or writing about military experiences in a controlled environment)
- Veterans courts
- Veterans’ legal clinics
- Veterans support centers at Utah colleges and universities
- National service academies at colleges and universities
- Employment counseling, mentoring, and placement