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Thank You Professor Henry McKelvey

It's been a very good year for technology initiatives at the UOTP and the New Year looks even more exciting. As we finish up this year, we need to highlight this great professor's work. On November 20, Professor Henry McKelvey was caught in the act of giving an outstanding presentation on "The Introduction of Python". The overall feedback accessed from the students, was, Professor McKelvey, "you rock".



Professor McKelvey is not only one of our university's leading technology professors, but he is also one of the best in the cybersecurity technology field. Professor McKelvey continues to demonstrate a deep passion for sharing his talents with our students and colleagues. Professor McKelvey is the Director of Information Technology at the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), located in Baltimore Maryland. He is a doctoral candidate and holds a master's degree in Cybersecurity.

Thank-you Professor McKelvey, for your contributions to our students and the UOTP.



You're Invited! *Virtual Student Holiday Party*

Tuesday, December 14th
5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

The party will be broadcast on Zoom.
We hope you can join us!

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VETERAN JOB POSTINGS

Sales Representative - American Income Life

Ace Hardware Corporate & Retail Support Center Positions

Ace Hardware Retail Positions

Technician, Fire and Water - Chagrin, Ohio

Ford Motor Company Production Team Member - Pleasant Valley, MO

Bilingual Spanish Virtual Sales and Service Rep

Coordinator, Talent Acquisition - Virtual

Director, Workforce Development - Virtual

Talent Acquisition Specialist - Chagrin, Ohio

Ford Motor Company Production Team Member - Louisville, KY

Orange Cross Ambulance - Field Supervisor - Sheboygan, WI

By Light - Strategic Cyber Planner (TS/SCI) - Fort Meade, MD



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UNIVERSITY NEWS

Important Dates

Tuesday, December 14, 2021 - Virtual Student Holiday Party

Monday, December 20, 2021 – Sunday, January 2, 2022: Winter Break – no classes

Friday, December 24- Saturday December 25, 2021: Holiday Break – UOTP is closed

Friday December 31, 2021 – Saturday January 1, 2022: New Year Break – UOTP is closed

Technology and Learning Forum

The Amazon Web Service (AWS) will finish up the current year with two completed courses, AWS Cloud Foundations and AWS Solutions Architect, under the newly formed concentration. In session 2A, 2022, the AWS Machine learning class will start. If you are interested in joining the class and currently are in a master's program, contact Dr. David Kimble for course referral and registration.

A recently formed healthcare committee will convene in the first week of December to initiate an important project to improve the existing UOTP healthcare program curriculum to better align with the needs of the medical community. These program improvements will include discussions on healthcare informatics and medical coding certificates and other academic needs from the medical profession.

Other important initiatives for the New Year will include the following:

- Standard courses in Python and Java
- Entrepreneurship Concentration
- Project Management Certifications
- Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning Courses
- Solar & Green Technology course initiatives and workshops

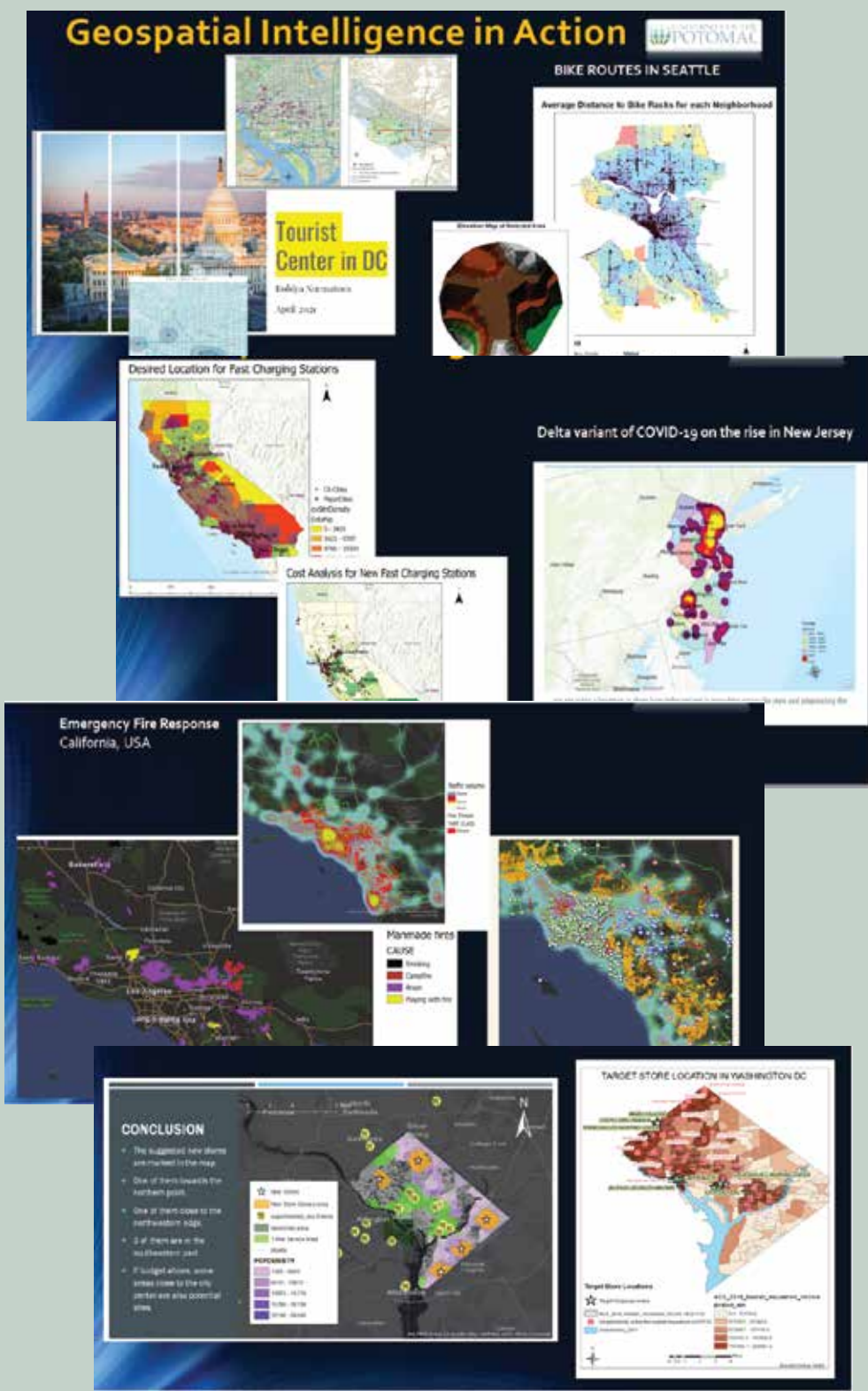
Professors, we need your support with these initiatives. For questions and volunteered support, contact David.kimble@potomac.edu

GIS Technology Enabling a Smarter World



I am excited to share with you the great experience that we all, who attended the virtual event “Global GIS Day & Potomac”, have gained. The motto of this year's GIS day was: “The Science of Where.” The Science of Where is the science of digital transformation, of exploration and navigation, and of insight and innovation. While watching Geospatial videos, listening to the presentations of the two highly acclaimed in Geospatial World presenters: Dr. Joseph Kersky, GIS-P, ESRI Education Manager and Mr. William Tewelow, GIS-P, Chairman of the

Students’ Projects



Congratulations to the 9 students that received Geospatial Intelligence Certificates on top of their MS-IT and/or MBA degrees. We would like to give a special shout out to University of the Potomac Master student, Ms. Klaudia Zmij. Ms. Zmij was accepted as a presenter at the 2021 Mid-Atlantic Geospatial Users Group Fall Meeting.

MUG-2021: Mid-Atlantic Geospatial Users Group Fall Meeting

Title: How Geospatial-Intelligence (GIS) can help stop Breast Cancer from killing Black Women in Washington DC

Presenter: Klaudia Zmij, Graduate Student

Organization: University of the Potomac



ARMED FORCES DIGEST



US Troops and Their Families Go Hungry

Every day thousands of active duty service members are struggling with hunger related to financial hardship. Though the full scope is unknown, approximately 14% of enlisted active-duty families reported “low” or “very low” food security in an annual 2020 survey. Many have resorted to contacting relief organizations for assistance.

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How Open Enrollment Affects You

What is “open enrollment”? Will I need to also enroll in the Federal Employees Dental and Vision Insurance Program (FEDVIP)? Can I keep Tricare? What’s Tricare for life? Whether during open enrollment or major life change that is considered a “qualifying event”, as a military veteran these are just some of the insurance and healthcare options you will need to decide on as a civilian.

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Veterans Needed to Serve as Youth Mentors

The Travis Manion Foundation (TMF) is seeking Veterans to serve as youth mentors and help develop character and leadership skills in young adults. Veterans can become a Veteran Mentor through TMF’s Character Does Matter youth mentorship program and help lead positive change in their communities.*

* Information provided by www.va.gov

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Share Some Cheer with a Fellow Veteran for the Holidays

Want to spread some cheer to a fellow Veteran this holiday season? Send a creative note to your Veteran peers!*

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Travel Discounts, Airfare Deals for Veterans

Veterans can now get travel deals and discounts through, American Forces Travel, the Department of Defense's MWR initiative offering a wide selection of discounted rates on hotels, air fare, rental cars, vacation packages, cruises and much more! Check out all the great deals and discounts available exclusively for those who served.*

* Information provided by www.va.gov

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Upcoming Events

G.I. JOBS GET HIRED WORKSHOP

Wednesday, December 1, 2021, 2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. EST

Get noticed by recruiters. Spit shine your resume and learn networking techniques by attending this one hour Zoom event to make a great impression on veteran and military spouse-seeking recruiters. Bring your questions, we're here to help!

Prepare for Success

Gain the Competitive Edge -Workshop

Recruiter Secrets Revealed

Panel discussion with recruiters/hiring managers on getting hired with some of the biggest names in the business.

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Heroes MAKE America – Heroes Connect: Military to Manufacturing

Presented by Heroes MAKE America

Wednesday, December 1, 2021, 3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. EST

Connecting talent from the military-connected community with manufacturers who are hiring today! Participants engage directly with company leaders about their operations, locations, Veteran-friendly culture, and current career opportunities.

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Stress Solutions Workshop

Presented by American Red Cross

Thursday, December 2, 2021, 7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. EST

Please join us for a virtual workshop that teaches stress management through learning the signs of stress, practicing relaxation techniques, discussing sleep issues, learning to help others and changing the way you think about stress. This workshop is for service members, Veterans and their family members. It will be a live, facilitated discussion about solutions for stress. You will have an opportunity to share with others, learn and practice new skills and ask questions in a small online group. We invite you to join us on video and audio for a 90-minute conversation with a Red Cross mental health volunteer and other members of your community.

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Marriage Management

Presented by The Steven A. Cohen Military Family Clinic

Saturday, December 4, 2021, 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. MST

1390 George Dieter Drive, Suite 140, El Paso , TX

All military and Veteran couples, join us for a FREE in-person marriage retreat led by a Veteran couple in a safe, friendly environment.

Strengthen your relationship through:

-Communication, Trust, Reliance, Commitment, Romance

-Real Tools for Real Relationships

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Effective Communication Workshop

Presented by American Red Cross

Monday, December 6, 2021, 7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. EST

This workshop helps participants understand and improve their communication style to help them successfully engage with colleagues and loved ones. You will have an opportunity to share with others, learn and practice new skills and ask questions in a small online group. We invite you to join us on video and audio for a 1-hour conversation with a Red Cross mental health volunteer and other members of your community.

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Transitioning Army & Army Spouse Virtual Career Fair

Tuesday, December 7, 2021, 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. EST

Online Recruiting Event Open to Transitioning Army Soldiers and Army Spouses

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Effective Communication Workshop

Presented by American Red Cross

Tuesday, December 7, 2021, 7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. EST

Effective Communication: a virtual workshop that teaches the skills needed to achieve effective communication styles through non-verbals, seeking clarification, self-reflection, "I" statements and other activities for service members, Veterans and their families. This will be a live, facilitated discussion. You will have an opportunity to share with others, learn and practice new skills and ask questions in a small online group.

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Effective Communication Workshop

Presented by American Red Cross

Wednesday, December 8, 2021, 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. EST

Please join us for a virtual workshop that teaches effective communication techniques for service members, Veterans and their families. This will be a live, facilitated discussion. You will have an opportunity to share with others, learn and practice new skills and ask questions in a small online group. We invite you to join us on video and audio for a 1-hour conversation with a Red Cross mental health volunteer and other participants.

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G.I. Jobs Virtual Career Expo

Wednesday, December 8, 2021, 12:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. EST

Don't miss the event of the year! The Military Friendly® Virtual Recruiting Event is your opportunity to talk with over 30 recruiters from companies and schools of all sizes. If you're looking for education or employment by those who know the value of veterans and military spouses, you'll want to come to this free event.

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Heroes MAKE America – Heroes Connect: Military to Manufacturing

Presented by Heroes Make America

Wednesday, December 8, 2021, 3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. EST

Connecting talent from the military-connected community with manufacturers who are hiring today! Participants engage directly with company leaders about their operations, locations, Veteran-friendly culture, and current career opportunities.

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B2B: Reboot Entrepreneurial Training

Presented by SBA

Thursday, December 9, 2021 8:00 a.m. – Friday, December 10, 1:00 p.m. EST

This 2 half-day online training will introduce you to the skills, knowledge, and resources you need today to launch a business. It will include key steps for evaluating business concepts, developing a winning business plan, accessing start-up capital and finding SBA-sponsored, no-cost business consulting services near you.

Veterans of all eras, Active-Duty Service members (including National Guard and Reserve), and spouses are eligible to participate.

The online class will be from 08:00 am-1:00 pm each day.

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Caregivers Workshop

Presented by American Red Cross

Thursday, December 9, 2021, 7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. EST

Please join us for a virtual workshop that provides caregivers with ways to reduce isolation, incorporate new identities and build personal wellness plans to achieve a healthy lifestyle and reduce stress. This workshop is for anyone that is a caregiver to a service member, Veteran or if a Veteran themselves that cares for another person. This will be a live, facilitated discussion. You will have an opportunity to share with others, learn and practice new skills and ask questions in a small online group. We invite you to join us on video and audio for a 90-minute conversation with a Red Cross mental health volunteer and other members of your community.

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Stress Solutions Workshop

Presented by American Red Cross

Thursday, December 9, 2021, 7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. EST

This module is designed to help participants understand the difference between healthy and unhealthy stress levels. They also learn the physical and mental health consequences of allowing stress to build as well as some effective ways to address it.

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Economic Development Initiative: Puerto Rico Virtual Panel Discussion

Friday, December 10, 2021, 8:00 a.m. – 11:03 a.m. EST

Learn how VA and its partners offered increased services to Veterans in Puerto Rico.

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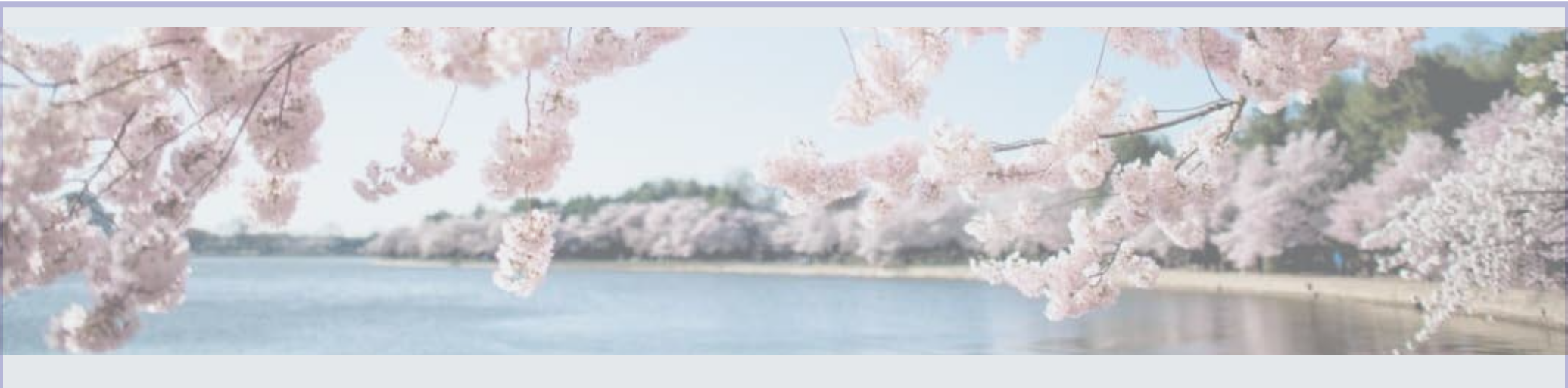
Creating Calmness in Stressful Times Workshop

Presented by American Red Cross

Friday, December 10, 2021, 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. EST

This virtual module was developed by a team of American Red Cross Resiliency volunteers and Service to the Armed Forces staff members to bring support to our military and Veteran communities during times of significant stress, including the COVID-19 pandemic. This module offers stress-management and relaxation techniques and an opportunity to connect with others in a small-group, virtual environment. The workshop is live, interactive and virtual and is facilitated by Red Cross mental health volunteers. Participants are encouraged to share in the discussion as though they were in person together. Resource lists and tip sheets are provided to all registrants.

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Effective Communication Workshop

Present by American Red Cross

Monday, December 13, 2021, 5:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. EST

Whether you or a family member have recently entered the military or you are a long-time Veteran, navigating the many transitions connected with military and veteran service can be hard. Reconnection Workshops aim to ease the stress that comes with these changes. This free, confidential Red Cross program offers effective ways to work through challenges, improve wellbeing and build skills through small-group discussion and hands-on activities. Workshops help improve connections at home, at work and within communities. We invite active duty service members, members of the Reserves and National Guard, Veterans and military families to participate.

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Stress Solutions Workshop

Presented by American Red Cross

Monday, December 13, 2021, 7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. EST

This module is designed to help service members, Veterans and military families learn the benefits of healthy stress, recognize when stress is unhealthy and know what steps to take to effectively manage stress over the long term. You will have an opportunity to share with others, learn and practice new skills and ask questions in a small online group. We invite you to join us on video and audio for a 1-hour conversation with a Red Cross mental health volunteer and other members of your community.

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Entrepreneurship Training for Veterans

Presented by Vet to CEO

Tuesday, December 14, 2021, 7:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. EST

Our Entrepreneurship Training Program is facilitated by successful businessmen that just happen to also be Veterans. We will explore three distinct paths to entrepreneurship: starting a business from scratch is not the only path to becoming a Veteran business owner. We want you to have all the options to consider.

You'll join a group of fellow qualified Veterans and Active, Guard, and Reserve military who are either exploring entrepreneurship as a career path choice or aggressively completing their business plan.

The program is completely virtual and you can attend from anywhere. We provide you with the means to network with your peers, and we bring our partners to the table to share success and failure stories along the way.

Our veteran entrepreneurship training program is free of charge for all Active Duty, Reserve, National Guard, and Veterans.

Our next program runs from December 14th through February 1st.

Each module is 2 hours long and is viewed live on either Tuesdays or Wednesdays from 7:00 - 9:00PM EST. Each session requires some work in advance to participate. If you can't attend a live session, you will receive a recording.

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Stress Solutions Workshop

Presented by American Red Cross

Tuesday, December 14, 2021, 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. EST

This module is designed to help participants understand the difference between healthy and unhealthy stress levels. Participants will learn to recognize and manage stressors in their lives, particularly those related to transition and change. They also learn the physical and mental health consequences of allowing stress to build as well as some effective ways to address it. This will be a live, facilitated discussion. You will have the opportunity to share with others, learn and practice new skills and ask questions in a small online group. We invite you to join us on video and audio for a 60-minute conversation with a Red Cross mental health volunteer and other members of your community.

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Yoga4Caregivers

Tuesday, December 14, 2021, 1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. EST

Please join the Elizabeth Dole Foundation in partnership with Yoga4Caregivers for Maintaining Balance: Yoga for Caregivers the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 1pm EST, for the Caregiver Community Connection (C3) Series powered by the Wounded Warrior Project and the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs. Being a family Caregiver can be stressful and overwhelming. It can be difficult to find time to focus on yourself and your own health and wellness, yet making this time for YOU is so critically important. That's why the Elizabeth Dole Foundation and Yoga4Caregivers have teamed up to provide education and empowerment to the military caregiver community through the power of yoga. Join us in exploring self-care and mindfulness through the practice of yoga, while connecting with others for support. Together, we can empower each other to rest, recharge, and reconnect with our inner resilience. Classes are online, beginner slow gentle/chair yoga, no experience needed. Register in advance. Replays will be made available for later viewing.

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Creating Calmness Workshop

Presented by American Red Cross

Tuesday, December 14, 2021, 7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. EST

Creating Calmness: a virtual workshop that teaches stress-management and relaxation techniques for service members, Veterans and their families. This will be a live, facilitated discussion around the challenges of living through times of stress. You will have an opportunity to share with others, learn and practice new skills and ask questions in a small online group.

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Prudential Pathways Seminars for US Department of Veterans Affairs - Transitioning Successfully into Retirement

Wednesday, December 15, 2021, 12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m. EST

Wednesday, December 15, 2021, 3:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. EST

Wednesday, December 15, 2021, 7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. EST

Transitioning Successfully into Retirement

The seminar will cover important topics, like these:

- Ensuring a successful transition into retirement
 - Managing cash flow and expenses
 - Healthcare in retirement
- And more

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Master Class: Spouse

Presented by Military.com

Thursday, December 16, 2021, 4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. EST

At no time during a military wedding did you promise to love, honor, and job hunt every year. Combining a military marriage with two sets of career ambitions (and possibly a couple of kids) is not for the fainthearted.

Luckily, you have us on your side. At the Veteran Talent Pool we see both you and your service member as talented workers with plenty to offer employers. With our selected strategies and unique point of view, we are collecting all the best ideas, programs and strategies to get you both to happily ever after.

Spouse employment is not a spouse problem. It is a problem faced by military couples around the world. In this 60-minute Master Class for spouses and service members, Career Coach Jacey Eckhart maps out spouse employment so you and your service member can adopt all the best practices.

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San Diego VA Regional Office's Virtual VA Benefits Briefing

Monday, December 20, 2021, 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. PST

Explore and learn more about a variety of VA benefits. Every third Monday of the month (recurring).

Meeting Number (access code): 199 682 6756

Meeting Password: itPppv4h@95

Join from a video system or application: Dial 1996826756@veteransaffairs.webex.com You can also dial 207.182.190.20 and enter your meeting number.

Join by phone: 1-404-397-1596 USA Toll Number

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