



# Spoon River College Veterans Newsletter

## *Hot News!*

As you all know by now, the [FAFSA](#) for the 2425 season opened up on December 31, 2023. However, what you may not know is that this is considered a “soft” opening. What this means is that the FAFSA will shut down intermittently throughout the month as it gets updated in real time to address any potential issues impacting the applicant experience. If you cannot get into the website, you will just have to check back later to see if it is up and running. If you are in the middle of your FAFSA application and it closes down, do not panic. All information entered up to that point will be securely saved in the system so you will not lose your progress.

## *Satisfactory Academic Progress*

All Veterans must adhere to the Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) standards in order to maintain eligibility for any VA funding. We are currently checking on SAP for the Fall 2023 semester and if you are failing to meet the standards (2.0 GPA and a 67% completion percentage in each semester and aggregate) we will notify the VA. They in turn will cease all future payments until you are back in good standing again. If you are worried about your SAP standing, please reach out to us and we will assist you with advice on how you can proceed.

## *1SG's Corner*

It's the beginning of a new year and with that comes a whole new you! Many of us choose goals that we stick to for a period of time and then rationalize why we can stop or pause, and then eventually just stop altogether. This year, focus on that – pick a goal and visualize it clearly in your mind (“I won't quite until I have lost 20 pounds!”). Anytime you feel the inclination to pause in your endeavor, focus back on this day and remember your vision! You can do it!

## *Tax Documents*

The Tax Season will be upon us shortly. If you need access to your Veteran 1099-R, you can log on to your account at the [Defense Finance and Accounting Service \(DFAS\)](#). Once done, your link to your 1099-R will be on the left side of the screen. Just click and print it out.

For your student 1098-T, you just have to log into your SRC Account and go to the JICS application. You will find your 1098-T under the Student tab once it is available (usually by the end of January).

## *G.I. Jobs Get Hired Workshop*

[G.I. Jobs](#) is holding a Zoom based Get Hired Workshop on January 11, 2024 from 11:00 – 12:00 CST. During this workshop, you can get insider knowledge from experts designed specifically for Veterans with information on resumes, translating military experience into civilian jargon, how to interview successfully, networking, how to get noticed by recruiters and hiring managers, how to prepare for a virtual job fair and more! If interested, please [register](#) early as spaces are limited.