

From: [Bowles, Eddie](#)
To: [Blackburn, JR](#); [Jones, Norman](#); [Cullen, Kevin](#)
Cc: [Rokicki, Rachel](#); [Garrett, Crystal](#); [Toft, Jill](#)
Subject: Meeting Request to discuss App Opportunity for Military/Veterans
Date: Wednesday, August 27, 2025 4:56:29 PM
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Hi Eddie (this is just to you),

Maybe the 2pm next Thursday would work well, when Kevin and I were going to meet? He and I could meet later or on another day.

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Thanks for all your work on this, Eddie! If I need to do 3-4pm on 9/2, I could join CESP late. I doubt this MVS meeting will take a full hour. I'm sorry this one is so tricky. I agree that 9:30am 9/3 would work better if we could move Jenny Kirby's time that morning (and she and I could meet Friday 9/5 virtually if there's not another good time next week for her).

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Thank you, Crystal. **Norman** and **Kevin** could make either of those times work with a **preference for 9/3, 9:30-10:30**.

- **September 2, 3:00 – 4:00 p.m.**
- **September 3, 9:30 – 10:30 a.m.** *

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Sorry, but Chris is out of town September 4 and 5. He is available on Tuesday, September 2, 3:00-4:00 pm, and Wednesday, September 3, 9:30-10:30 am, but does not have travel time available to go to Converse Hall. Crystal



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Team -

Let's see what works for Chris's calendar.

Also, I accidentally left Chris off the original email when i sent it to you. I am adding him now — (Chris sorry for the error, I was moving too fast).

Best,
JR



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Hi Rachel,

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I'm with you, Eddie – this week is intense! I had hoped to take a vacation day today, but so far, it hasn't happened. That's okay. I'll take some vacation time today I'm sure, but I can't rest easy until I get on top of my to-do list a bit more. We're in this together!

Hang in there,
Norman

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Thank you for this heads up, Doctor. I just replied with some times when both you and Kevin can be available next week. Hopefully, that will help kick things off for JR's team so we can get a meeting scheduled.

I left work yesterday feeling I had made amazing progress, but I have just been slammed with requests for meetings today (not from you)! I can honestly say I've given it my best effort, but some of the requests in my inbox are going to have to wait until tomorrow. I had a good and productive day, but I'm feeling a little tired.

I hope your day has been good.

Respectfully,
Eddie

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Date: Wednesday, October 1, 2025 11:51:57 AM
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Good morning,

Attached, please find a draft agenda for tomorrow's 4:00pm Military/Veterans Opportunity meeting in USS 4024.

Please let me know if you have questions.

Best,

Jill



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Military & Veteran Opportunity Presentation

October 2, 2025

4:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.

University Square South 4024

- I. **Welcome and Group Introductions**
 - a. 4:00 p.m. – 4:05 p.m.
- II. **Krisanthe Vlahos - Presentation**
 - a. 4:05 p.m. – 4:35 p.m.
- III. **Group Discussion/Q&A**
 - a. 4:35 p.m. – 4:50 p.m.
 - b. *Vlahos departs following this portion of the meeting.*
- IV. **Ohio State Team Group Debrief**
 - a. 4:50 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.

Ohio State Attendees

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Chris Kabourek
Trevor Brown
Ann Talbot
Kevin Cullen
Norman Jones
Jason Lemon