

Veterans Resource Center

Who We Are

The University of Memphis Veterans Resource Center (VRC) supports the successful transition from military life to civilian life by providing services that enhance the academic and personal experience for military-related student populations.

Who We Serve

The VRC assists veterans, service members and their families with the transition from a military environment into a positive academic community in pursuit of professional and personal development by connecting students to expert support services and tools to enhance academic and professional success.

Over **700*** student veterans, service members and their families, currently attend our institution. (*Spring 2017)

VRC Lounge

The VRC offers an exclusive campus space where student veterans and other military-related students can relax and study with each other. The comfortable lounge area includes amenities such as a couch, chairs, flat screen TV, a microwave and mini-fridge and a large table studying or meeting with others.

Computers and a printer are available for students' personal or academic use, and all are equipped with CAC Smart Card readers.



Services Offered

The VRC partners with Veterans Educational Benefits and Certification (VEBC) who assists student veterans with processing and receiving their Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) educational benefits. We also provide referrals for:

- Housing
- Health and counseling services
- Career services
- Disability resources
- Tutoring services

Student Engagement

Numerous co-curricular engagement activities designed specifically for veteran and military students include:

- Veterans Day celebrations
- 9/11 Remembrance programs
- Women's History Month events
- Veterans athletic appreciation events
- Veteran guest speakers
- Intramural sports participation

Educational Programs

The VRC provides educational resource information and programs in support of student veterans to assist them toward graduation.

- College credit for education, experience, skills, and training
- Early registration for veterans
- Prior learning assessments
- Professional development seminars
- Monthly faculty presentations

VA Outreach

Open to all student veterans at the U of M, this monthly outreach service allows student veterans to register with the Memphis VA Medical Center. Representatives visit the campus to provide information about:

- VA enrollment process,
- Health benefits & medical appointments
- Claim processing
- Education benefits
- VA loans
- Employment workshops

Green Zone Training



Green Zone is a campus-wide voluntary training initiative designed to promote a positive and supportive campus environment for our student veterans. Upon completion of the training a "Green Zone" sticker is displayed to identify areas where faculty, staff and student volunteers can be identified as being knowledgeable and aware of the challenges that veterans face, and as willing to assist the student veteran.

All Green Zone volunteers agree to display Green Zone stickers, table tents or other medium that will identify their office or environment as having completed the voluntary training.

Mentorship Program

The Student Veteran Mentorship Program is an initiative designed to promote a successful transition from the military to the academic environment through a peer-to-peer mentoring relationship. Current University of Memphis student veterans are paired with new/incoming student veterans.

Student Veteran Mentors are responsible for:

- Actively communicating with new student veterans during the semester
- Meeting with each student individually
- Encouraging SVO involvement for leadership development and growth
- Providing student veterans with campus and community resource information
- Encouraging their mentee to seek out opportunities to connect with business and community leaders regarding their career interest(s).

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Student Veteran Organization

The mission of the Student Veterans Organization (SVO) at The University of Memphis is to create a social and informational organization to promote the academic and future success of students that have served or are serving in the Armed Forces.

The SVO also works to ensure student veteran success by providing opportunities for building lifelong relationships, serving as advocates for the needs of the student veteran, and encouraging school spirit and integration into the campus life and culture.

Student Veteran in Business Association

The purpose of the Student Veterans in Business Association (SVBA) is to build a strong community of likeminded Student Veterans currently pursuing a major or minor within the Fogelman College of Business and Economics. Further, we will provide professional development programs and opportunities for Student Veterans that empower them to be successful in the classroom and in their future careers.

Give to the Veterans Resource Center

Your generosity helps underwrite military and veteran student-focused programs and scholarships; supports student life at the U of M.; and enhances the engagement and involvement of our student veterans.

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