Leveraging Resources to Help Military-Connected Students

With the continued influx of service members, veterans, and their family members into higher education and the community at large, it is important for professionals to have an understanding of the military community and culture. This webinar will offer an intensive and interactive professional development experience to enhance the attendee's understanding of today's veteran and strengthen their ability to better serve this growing population from an Admission's perspective.
• Introduction of Presenter
• Who is MFRI?
• Post 9/11 Student Veteran Demographics
• Military Culture 101
• Top 10 Acronymns
• Education Benefits and Transfer of Credit
• Importance of Developing Relationships
• Creating Your Very Own Campus Military-Connected Checklist and FAQ Sheet
Presenter Background

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- 2012-2015 served as the Founding Director of Military and Veteran Services at Marywood University, as well as the VA Certifying Official and the SVA Chapter Advisor.

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About the Military Family Research Institute

• Nationally-recognized
• Founded in 2000 at Purdue University
• Conducts research on issues that affect military and Veteran families
• Works to shape policies, programs and practices
• Envisions a diverse support community that understands the most pressing needs of military and Veteran families
2012 General Survey-Respondent Demographic Information

Traditional Students (18-24)

Non-Traditional Students (25 and over)

1st Generation

Veteran
Non-veteran
Distribution of Educational Attainment

**Education Level of Veterans by Gender: 2014**

*In percent*

- **Women Veterans**
  - Less than High School: 2.9
  - High School: 17.7
  - Some College: 45.3
  - Bachelor’s Degree: 20.1
  - Advanced Degree: 14.0

- **Men Veterans**
  - Less than High School: 7.1
  - High School: 30.2
  - Some College: 36.4
  - Bachelor’s Degree: 15.7
  - Advanced Degree: 10.6

**Veterans Enrolled in Higher Education by Gender: 2014**

*In percent*

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<th>MenVeterans</th>
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<td>All Ages</td>
<td>13.3</td>
<td>4.0</td>
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<td>17 to 24 Years Old</td>
<td>35.1</td>
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<td>25 to 34 Years Old</td>
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<td>35 to 44 Years Old</td>
<td>18.6</td>
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Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 2014
Prepared by the National Center for Veterans Analysis and Statistics
Race Distribution in Post 9/11 Veterans

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey PUMS, 2012
Prepared by the National Center for Veterans Analysis and Statistics
VA Benefit Utilization by Program

Total Veterans Population

Female Veterans Population

Source: USVETS, 2012
Prepared by the National Center for Veterans Analysis and Statistics
Military Culture 101 – The Basics

- Branch of Service
- Enlisted vs Officer
- Non-Commissioned Officer (NCO)
- Active Duty vs Reserve vs National Guard
- Military-Connected Women
- Dependents

History of the GI Bill
Top acronyms every admissions counselor needs to know

- PCS
- CCAF
- JST
- BAH/MHA
- NCO/CO
- TDY
- MOB/DEMOB
- PTS/TBI

- MST
- OIF/OND
- OEF/OFS
- MOS/AFSC
- DoD
- DHS
- NG
- FOB
- SVA
Misconceptions of Military-Connected Students

- Women have never served in combat
- All service members have been to a combat zone and engaged in combat
- Most veterans have Post-traumatic stress (PTS), Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI), or experience Military Sexual Trauma (MST)
5 Questions to Ask a Military-Connected Student

- Welcome to campus, where did you serve/what branch of service were you in?
- What type of work did you do?
- What degree are you interested in pursuing and has your military experience influenced that decision?
- Will you be using education benefits to pay for school, if so do you know which benefits you are eligible for?
- Have you applied for FAFSA?
## Post 9/11 Benefits Overview

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<th>Member Serves</th>
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<td>At least 36 months</td>
<td>100%</td>
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<td>At least 30 continuous days on active duty and must be discharged due to service-connected disability</td>
<td>100%</td>
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<td>At least 30 months, but less than 36 months</td>
<td>90%</td>
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<td>At least 24 months, but less than 30 months</td>
<td>80%</td>
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<td>At least 18 months, but less than 24 months</td>
<td>70%</td>
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<td>At least 12 months, but less than 18 months</td>
<td>60%</td>
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<td>At least 06 months, but less than 12 months</td>
<td>50%</td>
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<td>At least 90 days, but less than 06 months</td>
<td>40%</td>
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# Post 9/11 Benefits Overview

## Maximum Tuition & Fee Reimbursement per Academic Year

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<td>Private</td>
<td>Up to $21,970.46 per academic year National Maximum</td>
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<td>Public</td>
<td>All Tuition &amp; Fee Payments for an in-State Student</td>
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## Monthly Housing Allowance (*spouse may not be eligible)

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<th>Schools in US Territories</th>
<th>E-5 with dependents based on school's zip code</th>
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<td>Purdue University: $1104</td>
<td>George Mason University: $2193</td>
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[BAH/MHA Calculator](#)
## MHA Rate Exceptions

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<td>Foreign School</td>
<td>$1,611.00</td>
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<td>Exclusively Online Training (No Classroom Instruction)</td>
<td>$805.50</td>
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<td>Attending classes at ½ time or less</td>
<td>NOT PAYABLE</td>
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<td>Active Duty Trainee (or transferee spouse of servicemember)</td>
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**Books/Supplies Stipend:** A yearly books and supplies stipend of up to $1000 paid proportionately based on enrollment.
What else do I need to know?

- Relinquish Montgomery GI Bill
- 15 year delimiting date
- Up to 36 months of benefits (day by day benefit)
- Veteran gets full semester of T&F at same rate even if only 1 day of benefit remaining
- No Break-pay

- VA pays institution for tuition and fees
- Delays in payments
- Reimbursement of Federal loans and Federal/State grants
- Must take 12 credits to receive full benefits
- Transfer of Entitlement
- Flight Programs
Additional Federal/State Education Benefits

- Chapter 30 - Montgomery GI Bill
- Chapter 31 - Vocational Rehabilitation
- Chapter 35 - Dependents Education Assistance Program (DEAP)
- Chapter 1606 - Montgomery GI Bill – Selected Reserve
- Chapter 1607 - Reserve Educational Assistance Program (REAP)
- Federal Tuition Assistance (FTA)

- State funded benefits (vary by state)
Creating Institutional FAQ/Checklist

• Admission and Enrollment Checklist for Military-Connected Students

• Military-Connected FAQs for Admissions Offices
How to Help Series

• How to Help Military and Veteran Families is a series of publications that offer valuable information to various audiences to help them assist and support members of the military, veterans and their families.

• Each issue provides evidence-based guidance on how a particular group can help, with short, practical suggestions and links that point to additional resources.

• How to Help for Higher Ed Faculty, How to Help for Higher Ed Academic Advisors, How to Help for Higher Ed Disability Services

References


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