May 2016 Military-affiliated Graduates

The Military Student Success Center recognized the 2016 graduating military-affiliated students for their academic achievement and military service with graduation honor cords and a UTEP challenge coin at the May 2016 Graduation Reception.

The graduate honor cords were provided to eligible UTEP student veterans, active duty, and ROTC Cadets, to wear over their graduation gowns during the May 14, 2016 ceremonies University-wide.

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The MSSC newsletter is published by UTEP staff members through the Military Student Success Center. It is published on a monthly basis.

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The MSSC newsletter welcomes your comments. Please contact us at mssc@utep.edu.

The Military Student Success Center (MSSC) at the University of Texas at El Paso is your designated starting point if you desire to pursue a college degree. The MSSC and their dedicated staff (many of whom are veterans and students) are here to help personnel in any branch of the service to reach their educational goals.

The University of Texas at El Paso boasts a stellar nationwide reputation and offers the lowest out-of-pocket tuition cost of any national research University.

Whether you are a new, transfer, returning or continuing student, the MSSC is a one-stop starting point for virtually all phases of enrollment and education benefits information.

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For our Fort Bliss soldiers, the MSSC staff also maintains an office at:
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Bldg. 641
915-219-4402
Visit our website for hours of operation

**MSSC Student Lounge**

UTEP Library, Room 207
Open during Library Hours
Drop by to enjoy free coffee, scantrons and bluebooks.

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**CONGRATULATIONS**

**CLASS OF 2016**
Have you seen this logo on campus?

Miner Green Zone

Do you know what it means?

Miner Green Zone training is offered to UTEP faculty/staff so they can learn more about our military-affiliated student population, their attributes, and resources available to them.

UTEP’s military affiliated students associate the logo around campus with UTEP employees/workplaces who have received training and now are “safe zones” on campus.

We define “Safe Zone” as a safe environment where the military-affiliated student can discuss his/her transition experience from combat to the classroom.

For more information about Green Zone Training, please contact the MSSC at mssc@utep.edu.

Make sure to visit our MSSC Facebook page in the upcoming weeks.
FACEBOOK.COM/UTEPMSSC

We will provide details for a future opportunity to be part of our newsletter as our MSSC Student of the Month.

Did you know?

The meaning of “Bravo Zulu”: This is a naval signal, conveyed by flag-hoist or voice radio, meaning “well done”; it has also passed into the spoken and written vocabulary.

Information obtained from the Naval History & Heritage Command site:

For our upcoming Fall 2016 issue

Contact the MSSC if you would like to add any items for the upcoming Fall Newsletter.

Email:
mssc@utep.edu
IMPORTANT CERTIFICATION DATES AND INFORMATION

THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT EL PASO
MILITARY STUDENT SUCCESS CENTER

CODES WILL ONLY BE PLACED ON CH. 33 AND HAZLEWOOD BENEFITS
Certifications must be conducted 10 business days before the start of the term (see dates below). For any certification done after the 10 day mark, it is the student’s responsibility to make arrangements with the university in order to not be dropped from their classes. Pete’s Payment Options is available online.

You can certify as soon as you have registered for classes! Certify early and avoid the hassle, don’t wait.

UTEP FALL 2016 IMPORTANT DATES
10 business day deadline for certification for classes that start
22 August 2016 or later: 8 August 2016
First Day of Class: 8 August 2016
Census Day: Summer - September 7, 2016
Course Drop Deadline: October 28, 2016

NOTE: If your Part of Term (Class) starts prior to the 22nd or August then you will need to get your certification done 10 days prior to the start date of the Part of Term.
Go into your next conversation with some ideas you’d like to discuss, but don’t be afraid to stray off course. Sometimes the best conversations are those that started with an exploratory question. For example, you can ask your Mentor “How did you get started in this [industry]?”

HAVE YOU SEEN THIS LOGO ON CAMPUS?
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See page 3 for more information about what Miner Green Zone means.

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EL PASO VETERANS COURT PROGRAM

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THANK YOU!

UTEP Military Student Success Center and UTEP Military Affiliated Students would like to thank ADP for supporting us all the way!

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For ADP contact information visit their website at:
http://www.adp.com/
As a military friendly school, The University of Texas at El Paso – Military Student Success Center (MSSC) takes pride in assisting our military-affiliated students to the best of our ability. Besides assisting students here on the UTEP campus, we are also conveniently located at on Taylor Road, main post near the Holbrook/Taylor intersection in building 641. The MSSC supports military service members and their dependents by providing assistance with admissions, degree program information, and education benefits. Our trained staff is dedicated to helping you navigate the admissions process to set you on the path to achieving your educational goals.

Every Thursday, a representative from the MSSC briefs incoming service members and their dependents at the Fort Bliss Welcome Center Briefing. General information about UTEP, degree programs, and tuition assistance is provided. Service members are encouraged to visit the MSSC office to further discuss their educational goals.

Location:
Fort Bliss Education Center
Building 641
Phone:
915-219-4402
Hours:
Monday-Thursday 8:00am-4:00pm
Friday 8:00am-2:30pm
Closed Friday 11:30-12:30 for lunch
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DATE       June 14-15, 2016
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LOCATION   East Fort Bliss USO
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SCHEDULE
Tuesday, June 14
0830-1700
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Resume Class
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Resume Writing

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The USO Transition 360 Alliance is an initiative to help U.S. military personnel and their families successfully transition back into civilian life after their service ends by helping them develop a transition action plan, find a career path, and strengthen their families and community networks. Find out more at USO.org/360
KOREAN WAR VETERANS ASSOCIATION
KOREAN WAR 65TH ANNIVERSARY
PEACE CAMP FOR YOUTH
21–28 JULY 2016

With the 65th Anniversaries of the Korea War entering its first year, the Republic of Korea (ROK) government has made the decisions to once again commemorate, not only the veterans and their contributions to saving their country from Communism, but to Welcome Veteran’s Grandchildren to Korea on a very special program in July. Called "Peace Camps for Youth" (PCFY), this program was a huge success in 2010, 2011, 2012, 2014 & 2105 and we have quotas to continue the program this year.

General information & requirements:
* Participant must be a Grandchild of a Korean War Veteran in college program.
* Be at least eighteen (18) years old (waivers for 17 year-old high school graduates.)
* Grade Point Average of 2.5 required.
* Be in "relatively" good health since some physical hiking/walking is involved.
* Have a current passport.
* There are forty quotas and it will be first come, first served. The group will have a tour escort.
* All expenses for the grandchild while in Korea, will be paid for by the ROK government. (Double occupancy) Each participant will receive discount air to Korea. (The ROK Government will pay a 50% portion of the roundtrip airfare.)
* A service of charge of $250 is required for administrative handling, U.S. tour escort, ticketing, health and disability insurance (required by the ROK government) & hats.
* All programs are conducted in English.

Above: 2010 PCFY Participants with Secretary of State Hilary Clinton & Secretary of Defense Robert Gates

China Post Tour
Peace Camp For Youth

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Phone # __________________________ Email __________________________ GPA __________
Passport # __________________________ Expiration Date ______________________
Note: If no passport, put "Applied for" in this block and call when you receive it.
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Signature __________________________ Date __________________________
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UNIVERSITY CAREER CENTER RESOURCES

 Ever wonder how to craft a ‘military to civilian’ resume’ and why it’s different from a standard resume? What about how to land a top-paying federal job, or what it’s like inside a U. S. Embassy? The University Career Center now has resources for our military Miners to check out and get informed. There are wide assortment of helpful titles, so come by our offices in room 104 of the Union East building and check one out!

To see a complete list of resources available, go to www.military.utep.edu

Visit us and pick up scantrons and blue books for your exams!
VetR.N. is a brand new veteran-led program, which seeks to offer guidance to nursing students from a military background, in their journey to become registered nurses.

It is the goal of VetR.N. to create a community dedicated to lifting up those who have chosen to continue to serve selflessly, by providing information, linking students with professionals, and much more. Because of an intense desire to see their students succeed, VetR.N. also provides key services, such as tutoring (on a limited basis) to those currently enrolled in BSN (Bachelor of Science in Nursing) courses.

This organization was conceived by former US Army officer and Operation Enduring Freedom veteran, Lokelani Aipa Sarazen. Lokelani, because of her own experience, understands the struggles that students from a military background have when trying to obtain a BS in Nursing. Now, as a Summa Cum Laude BSN graduate, Sigma Theta Tau inductee, and emergency department nurse, Lokelani strives to help those coming from a military background break into the nursing field.

This group is specifically for Active duty service members, veterans, retirees, military spouses, and military dependents that intend on pursuing a Bachelor of Science in Nursing at the University of Texas at El Paso. Additionally, registered Nurses and APRNs who are interested in assisting or mentoring students are welcome to join.

VetR.N. is partnered with the University of Texas at El Paso Military Student Success Center (MSSC). VetR.N. is currently available for contact via email, Facebook, and face to face meetings (by appointment – group meetups will be scheduled in the near future).

MENTORING OPPORTUNITY
If you are currently enrolled in BSN courses and would like to set up a meeting, please send your information to the following:

E-mail: lasarazen1@gmail.com

https://www.facebook.com/groups/1106273779406196/

Did you know?
Tuition - In 1914, students paid a one-time registration fee of $30, with laboratory fees of $1.50 to $25 per course.
A Message from the MSA
(Military Student Association)

Dear Active Military Member, Veteran or Dependent,

The MSA is a student organization of UTEP. We were created with the intention to support, advocate, educate, and bring together all our military, veteran, family members, and patriotic students.

For the past semesters, our club has attempted to recruit new members to meet and discuss their opinions, suggestions and ideas on improving the college environment for new and current military affiliated students.

Our organization encourages making a better way of enhancing our members and other military affiliated students’ educational journey. We strive to ensure all members are taken care of! We all deserve the right to make a difference in transitioning from military to civilian, and what better way to do that than through this organization.

Joining the Military Student Association is a great way to become involved in campus activities. Also it is a great opportunity to meet new people and possibly even rekindle old military friendships. This organization consists of a team of Air Force, Navy, Marines, Coast Guard, Army, National Guard, and Reserves. There are no membership fees, and membership is open to all students of UTEP!

If you are a current member of the MSA, we look forward to seeing you once again. If you are not currently a member, we look forward to meeting you at our monthly meetings. In the future, you will receive periodic emails specific to your interests of membership. I’m certain you will be pleased with the benefits our club offers. This will also be a perfect opportunity for you and our club leaders (listed below) to become acquainted with each other.

Vice President: Jeffery Gonzales
Secretary: Rebekah Kuloski
Treasurer: Joseph Lawson
Outreach Chair: Jessica Pilson
Social Media: Mikaela McKee
Recruiter: Fainot Pierre
Ambassador: Andres Silva
Advisor: Nadia Munoz

If you have any questions or comments, feel free to contact us. You can “Like” us on Facebook and find us on minetraker.utep.edu.

Leon Santoyo
2016 MSA President
Gunnery SGT
Marine Corp 2005-2013
Major: Criminal Justice

After serving 8 years in the Marine Corps, I was awarded a scholarship by the Pat Tillman foundation, which allowed me to start going to UTEP and continue providing for my family. I recently graduated with a degree in Criminal Justice and intend on continuing my education at UTEP in the Intelligence and National Security Studies graduate program.

As president of the MSA, it is my intention to increase participation of its members in order to raise the image of veterans, active duty, and reserve service members who are currently pursuing their studies, as well as informing Military affiliated students of the many benefits available to them. I would also like to see increased community involvement to give back to those who have served, as well as those who actively support the military.