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2026

Pre-Semester NEWSLETTER

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Meet Our Team



David Maciel

What's your military affiliation?

"U.S. Army Veteran."

What's your major?

"Law."

What's your favorite spot on campus?

"Environmental and Natural Resources Building."

What's your two-cents?

"It is an interesting experience with lots of people with experiences."



✓ Prepping for Fall 2026!

The countdown to a new semester is on, and we can't wait to welcome all of you back to campus!

We're kicking off the semester with our **Military-Connected Open House Week from August 24-28**. Come see our newly renovated space, grab a bite, meet other military-connected Wildcats, and learn about all the resources available to you this year! Check out our Upcoming Events (page 4) below for more details.

New military-connected students, keep an eye on your inbox before classes begin! One of our **PALS (Peer Advocacy Liaisons)** will be reaching out to welcome you to campus and help answer any questions as you get settled. You'll also get to meet them in person during our Open House Week!

You can also catch us before the semester starts! We'll have a table at the **Destination Arizona Resource Fair on August 20 from 10am-3pm** in the Bear Down gym and the VETS Center will be open during the **Campus Mixer on August 22 from 10am to 1pm**.

We're excited to see new and returning Wildcats. Here's to a great semester 🎉 Bear down! 🐻 ↓

Subscribe to our
newsletter!



FROM MCBC:

Military Connected Benefits & Certifications

SUMC, Rm 404V | Mon-Fri 0830-1630

✉ Veterans@arizona.edu

🌐 registrar.arizona.edu/mcbc

☎ (520) 621-9501



Hello Incoming and Current Military-Connected Students!

With the Fall 2026 semester approaching, please make sure to submit your certifications or TA vouchers as soon as possible as we work on a first-come, first-serve basis. All those with submitted certifications and TA vouchers will receive a BVA "Pending Military Benefits" indicator on their account prior to the start of classes to prevent any late fees while everything is getting processed. If any circumstances prevent you from submitting your certifications/voucher, please reach out to our team directly to assist with manually adding this indicator to your account.

Please remember, if you are currently residing in Arizona and using benefits, you are eligible to receive in-state tuition even if you have not been living in the state for 12 months. You can fill out the Choice Act Form linked [here](#). Once filled out, please email it to our office and we will work with our residency department to get that updated.

Reminder for Students using Ch35, Ch33, Ch31 or any other VA benefits:

1. **Certifying must be done every semester you plan on using benefits.**
2. **Please make sure to select all courses you want certified and that they are available in your AAR to avoid any delays.**

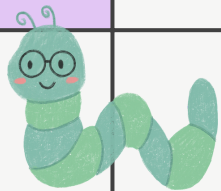
For Tuition Assistance (TA) students:

1. **Please make sure you are requesting your vouchers within your designated windows or else the correct dates won't populate and vouchers cannot be processed.** Most branches will require TA requests to be submitted at least 7 days before the start date of class with the exception of the Airforce which is 1 day before the start date of class. You can verify with your education center the exact window.
2. **If a course is missing from the AI Portal, please let us know and we will add it.**
3. **If you drop a course after having TA approved, please notify us as soon as possible so we can submit a zero-invoice request to the Third-Party Bursar's team.** Once zero-invoiced, funding for that course can be applied toward future courses.

If you have any further questions or concerns, our office is open from Monday to Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. We are available in-person, via email, phone and Zoom.



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16	17	18	19	DAZ Resource Fair 10am-3pm	21	CAMPUS MIXER! 10am-1pm
23	First Day Fuel-Up 11:30AM- 1:30PM	Benefits Brunch w/ MCBC 8AM-11AM PALS Meet & Greet 11AM-2PM	VETS Career Day 10AM-2PM	Resource Round-Up 10AM-2PM	Friday Recess All-day!	29
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UPCOMING EVENTS

VETS FIRST DAY FUEL-UP

*Welcome back event at the VETS
Center with food and refreshments!*

**MONDAY
AUGUST 24**
11:30am -1:30pm

BENEFITS BREAKDOWN BRUNCH W/ MCBC

*Informal Q&A session with our Military
Connected Benefits &
Certifications team.*

Food and refreshments provided.

**TUESDAY
AUGUST 25**
8am-11am

PALS MEET AND GREET

*Meet our Peer Advocacy Liaisons of
the VETS Center!*

*PALS is here to support you and serve
as a resource throughout the semester.*

**TUESDAY
AUGUST 25**
11am-2pm



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UPCOMING EVENTS

VETS CAREER DAY

*Meet potential employers, along with
some career service resources.*

Refreshments provided!

WEDNESDAY

AUGUST 26

10am-2pm

RESOURCE ROUND-UP

*Resource fair to introduce various
services and organizations off and
on-campus.*

Lunch provided!

THURSDAY

AUGUST 27

10am-2pm

FIRST FRIDAY RECESS

*Decompress with games, movies,
and PIZZA!*

FRIDAY

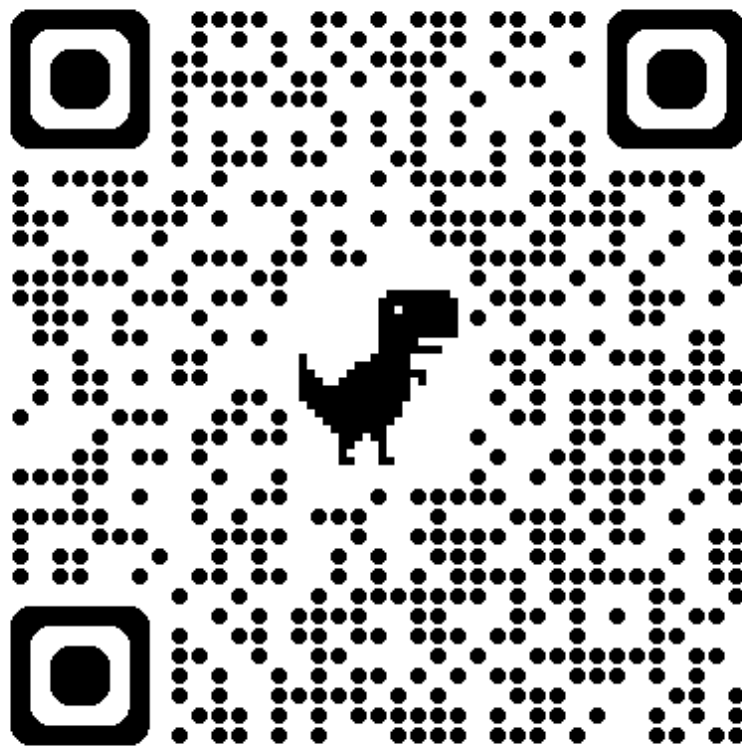
AUGUST 28

**All-day
(8am-5pm)**



ACADEMIC SUPPORT

*Found at the back corner of our VETS center and on Discord, this team provides **FREE** academic support to students who need it in various subjects like science, math, engineering.*



VETS CLASSIFIEDS

SERVICE TO SERVICE (S2S)

The University of Arizona School of Government and Public Policy has been accepted as a member of the Volcker Alliance's Service to Service Initiative. The Service to Service initiative works with public policy programs to link education to careers in public service.

Each year, SGPP selects two military-connected students from its Master's in Public Policy or Master's in Public Administration programs as Service to Service Fellows. S2S Fellows will participate in an internship in the City of Tucson's Emergency Management Office or Tucson Water. Fellows receive a grant or stipend of up to \$8,000 and may be invited to travel to Volcker Alliance events.

Website: <https://sgpp.arizona.edu/S2S-fellowship>

Application:

https://uarizona.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_etZKfxujyjoOGmq

For more information on the program contact SGPP's coordinator for the Volcker Initiative, Assistant Professor of Practice Michael Burgoyne, at burgoyne1@arizona.edu.

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VA IT WORK-STUDY FOR STUDENT VETERANS

The VA Hospital IT Department is hiring Work-Study students! Gain hands-on experience in tech support, networking, and Help Desk operations while earning benefits and building your resume.

If interested, contact:

David T. Young IV

IT Specialist, U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs

Office: (520) 629-4605

CYBERSKILLS2WORK APPLICATIONS NOW OPEN!

The University of Arizona is part of the CyberSkills2Work Coalition, offering free cybersecurity and AI training for veterans, transitioning service members, first responders, and government employees.

Apply today: cyberskills2work.org/join/apply



Looking for a challenging Independent Study opportunity with potential to have a big impact?

Solve Real Problems. Make Real Impact.

What if your class project could change lives, influence national security, or become a startup? Hacking4Defense (**not computer hacking**) gives students the chance to work directly on *real problems* facing the Department of Defense and national security community—problems that matter now.

Why H4D?

-  **Tackle the world's most real-world problems**
Work on challenges sourced directly from defense, security, and humanitarian organizations.
-  **Improve the lives of people in uniform**
Your ideas can directly support service members and those who protect our nation.
-  **Create outsized impact**
Small teams. Big missions. Your work can influence policy, technology, and operations.
-  **Potential to travel**
Engage with sponsors, mentors, and stakeholders beyond campus.
-  **Potential to create a company**
Many H4D projects lead to startups, SBIRs, and continued development after the course.

What You'll Do

- Work in interdisciplinary teams
- Apply design thinking, entrepreneurship, and systems engineering
- Collaborate with military, government, and industry mentors
- Deliver real solutions to real sponsors

Who Should Apply:

Students from **any major**—engineering, business, policy, data science, design, or beyond—who want their work to matter.

This Is Not a Simulation.

This is national-scale problem solving.

 Join Hacking4Defense. Build something that matters.

Contact Terrence Higgins: thiggins@arizona.edu

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STUDENT VETERANS NEEDED FOR A RESEARCH STUDY

Study conducted by an active-duty servicemember / student-veteran doctoral candidate

ELIGIBILITY

You may be eligible to participate if you:

- Are prior service Active Duty U.S. military
 - Are 18 years of age or older
 - Are currently enrolled in an undergraduate program
- OR –
- Withdrew from an undergraduate program within the last 5 years

HOW TO

PARTICIPATE

Survey Link:

https://pennstate.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_0BvYP5ifX1VDBHw

Or scan to begin:



WHAT YOU WILL DO

- Complete a 5-10 minute online survey
- Option to volunteer for a 30 minute Zoom interview

WHAT THIS STUDY IS ABOUT

This research examines the educational experiences of student veterans, including factors that influence academic progress, persistence, belonging, and GI Bill use

Your input will help inform research aimed at improving how universities understand, support, and retain student veterans

COMPENSATION

- Survey: optional entry for one of eight (8) \$25 Amazon gift cards
- Interview: \$25 Amazon gift card

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Your participation is voluntary. This study has been reviewed by the Penn State IRB.

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SCAN QR CODE

