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September NEWSLETTER

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Meet Our Team



Cerys White

What's your military affiliation?

"Dependent and Air Force ROTC cadet."

What's your major?

"Intel & Info Ops."

Hobbies?

"I like hiking, photography, line dancing, running, and reading."

What's your favorite spot on campus?

"Nrich in the union or cactus grill."

What's your two-cents?

"You get what you give. The work you put in is what you get out."



🍂 Welcome to September, Wildcats! 🍂

The semester is finally underway, and we're excited to have you all back on campus! Whether you're settling into a new routine, tackling your first round of assignments, or still trying to remember where all your classes are, just know that we've got you. 💙

September is packed with opportunities to connect, recharge, and get involved at the VETS Center. Check out what's coming up below and mark your calendars!

Need a little extra help with classes? 📚 Our academic support services are here for you! See them in person or connect with them on Discord. Scroll down to find the QR code and get connected.

Football season is almost here, which means VETS tailgates are coming back soon! Keep an eye out for more details and come cheer on the Wildcats with us. 🏈

Our Health Sciences location will be open Mondays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays from 12-5 PM this semester.

Here's to a great start to the semester! 🍁📚

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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!

Certifications or TA vouchers 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.

UPDATE: Dual Objective forms are no longer required.

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.**

Ch 33: Tuition and Fees cannot be reported until after the drop date of each session. It is normal to still see the balance on your Bursar's account. However, enrollment is submitted first to at least kickoff MHA and book stipends.

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.



September

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UPCOMING EVENTS

MIDWEEK MUNCHIES

Community meal with VETS!

WEDNESDAY

SEPT 2

11:30am -1:30pm

TAILGATE NAU VS UOFA

*Under 30 lot, UofA Mall
Sonoran Hotdogs
while supplies last!*

SATURDAY

SEPT 5

1:30pm-7:30pm

9/11 TOWER CHALLENGE

*Annual 9-11 Tower Challenge at
the UofA Stadium with ROTC.*

FRIDAY

SEPT 11

5:45am-7:30am



UPCOMING EVENTS

FRIDAY RECESS

*Decompress with games, movies,
and snacks!*

FRIDAY

SEPT 11

12pm-5pm

MIDWEEK MUNCHIES

Community meal with VETS!

WEDNESDAY

SEPT 16

11:30am-2:30pm

FRIDAY RECESS

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FRIDAY

SEPT 25

12pm-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.*



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Here are the 5Ws for the 9/11 Tower Challenge:

- **Who:** UofA ROTC Cadets, Midshipmen, Cadre and invited guests

- **What:** Annual 9-11 Tower Challenge at the University of Arizona Stadium

- **Where:** University of Arizona Stadium

- 1 N National Championship Dr, Tucson, AZ 85719
- Meet at the Bear Down Field parking lot (northwest corner of the stadium)



- **When:** FRIDAY, September 11, 2026

- Show time: 5:45AM
- End time: 7:00/7:30AM

- **Why:** In honor of the 343 firefighters, 71 law enforcement, eight paramedic, and 55 military personnel who lost their lives on 9/11, and in continued honor of our first responders and military who protect us from foreign and domestic threats. The World Trade Center's Twin Towers each consisted of 110 floors and 2071 steps. Each year, the University of Arizona ROTC units climb and run the stairs to remember and honor them.

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Veteran Women Study Recruitment

We're inviting **female veterans** to take part in a confidential research study about military service and mental health.

You'll be asked questions about stressful life experiences, mental health (suicide, depression, anger, and substance use), support from your unit, and your self-perception. The purpose of this study is to better understand the relationship between these variables.

To participate, you must meet the following criteria:

- (1) Be at least 18 years of age
- (2) Be able to complete the survey in English
- (3) Were female assigned at birth
- (4) Formerly active duty (Veteran, previously mobilized Reservist) in the United States military.

If you decide to take part in this study, we will ask you to complete an online survey. The survey takes place online and includes an optional drawing to win a \$20 VISA gift card (1 in 13 chance). It will take approximately 20 - 25 minutes to complete.

If you are interested in participating in the study, **please click here:** https://isu.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_cusHZ0THC8g2QJ0

This study is approved by the Idaho State University IRB (#IRB-FY2026-38).

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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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CLEMSON
UNIVERSITY
presents

THE BLAKE FAMILY MILITARY & VETERANS PITCH COMPETITION

Judging by Venture Capitalists & Angel Investors

PRIZES:

\$ 10,000

1st place

\$ 7,500

2nd place

\$ 5,000

3rd place

\$ 2,500

4th place



FRI, NOVEMBER 6, 2026
12:00 N - 2:00 PM



BROOK T. SMITH LAUNCHPAD
390 COLLEGE AVE
CLEMSON, SC 29631



At least one founder must be: active duty, active ROTC, reserve, national guard, veteran, or military spouse to be eligible to participate.

APPLY NOW 

For more information contact:



Michelle Navis



launchpadcompetition@clemsn.edu

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VETERANS
BENEFITS ADMINISTRATION (VBA)
BENEFITS ASSISTANCE

Meet one-on-one with VBA benefits staff
to get help with questions, disability compensation,
pensions, and filing claims.

 **LOCATION:**
Tucson VA Medical Center
3601 S. 6th Ave., Quarters 13
Tucson, AZ 85723

 **DATE:**
Wednesday, September 9, 2026

 **TIME:**
10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

★ **ALL SERVICES ARE PROVIDED** ★
ON A FIRST-COME, FIRST-SERVED BASIS.

★ **ADDITIONAL DATES IN 2026:** ★

 **OCTOBER 14** |  **DECEMBER 9**

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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

