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October NEWSLETTER

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Meet Our Team



Ruth Allen ♥

What's your military affiliation?

"U.S. Marine Corps veteran"

What's your education background?

"BA in Psychology, BS in Nursing, and Doctor of Nursing Practice."

What's your favorite spot on campus?

"VETS Center – because that's where my favorite people are."

What's your two-cents?

"For this one, I'm stealing some of Ernest Hemingway's cents.. 'In our darkest moments, we don't need solutions or advice. What we yearn for is simply human connection – a quiet presence, a gentle touch.'"



🍂 Welcome to October, Wildcats! 🎃

October is here, and we're almost halfway through the semester! Whether you're surviving midterms, counting down to cooler weather, or just wondering how it's already October, the VETS Center is here to help you make it through. 💙

We've got plenty happening this month! Stop by for **Midweek Munchies** or **Friday Recess**. Also, join us for a **football tailgates** or **Eller Make a Difference Day**. If grad school is on your radar, don't miss our **Gear Up to Grad School Workshop** later this month. 📚

October is also a bittersweet month as we say goodbye to our coordinator, **Ruth Allen**, as she moves on to her next adventure. Ruth has been a **HUGE** part of our VETS community. We love and appreciate everything she has done for our students, staff, and military-connected community. We're sad to see her go, but so excited for what's ahead for her, and no matter where she goes, **Ruth will always be a part of our VETS family.** ♥

There's a lot happening this month, so check out the rest of the newsletter, mark your calendars, and come hang out with us!

Happy October, Wildcats! 🎃 🐻 ⬇️

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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 Military-Connected Students,

Just a reminder that **Priority Registration** for Winter 2026 and Spring 2027 will begin on **November 2, 2026**.

For those using the Post 9/11 GI bill and VR&E, we will be working with the Bursar's Office for the enrollment hold to be lifted, as long as charges for previous semesters have been paid.

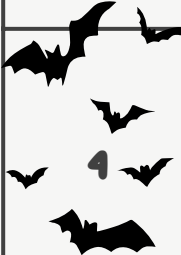
If you are using another chapter, please keep an eye on your school email as we will be reaching out to students who may need to make payments or submit paperwork in order to enroll for priority registration

Note: If you have questions about payments, charges, etc., please reach out to the Bursar's Office. If you have questions about your certifications, please reach out to us.

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. <https://registrar.arizona.edu/mcbc>



October

S	M	TU	W	TH	F	S
				1	2	Tailgate : UofA vs NAU 1:30pm- 7:30pm
	4	5	6	7	8	10
			Midweek Munchies 12pm	15	Friday Recess 12-5pm	Eller Make a Diifference Day
11	12	13			Eller Make a Diifference Day	Eller Make a Diifference Day
		20	21	22	Friday Recess 12-5pm	Tailfgate: UofA vs Iowa State Time TBD
18	19					
25	Gear Up To Grad School Workshop 11am	27	Midweek Munchies 12pm	29	30	31





UPCOMING EVENTS

MIDWEEK MUNCHIES

Community meal with VETS!

WEDNESDAY

OCT 14 & 28

11:30am -1:30pm

TAILGATE UOFA VS IOWA

Under 30 lot, UofA Mall

SATURDAY

OCT 3

2pm-8pm

ELLER MAKE A DIFFERENCE DAY

*Volunteer with VETS – fill out the
interest form below!*

FRIDAY & SATURDAY

OCT 16-17

Time TBA



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UPCOMING EVENTS

GEAR UP TO GRAD SCHOOL WORKSHOP

*Understand the Graduate
application process, timeline,
and resources.*

MONDAY

OCT 26

11am-12pm

FRIDAY RECESS

*Decompress with games, movies,
and snacks!*

FRIDAY

OCT 9 & 23

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.*



This year, EMADD is expanding its outreach efforts and is including all of campus in volunteer recruitment! The VETS Center is going to be involved and is making its own group to go out and volunteer in the community. If you are interested in joining our team please fill out this interest form to determine which day is best for our group.

Eller Make a Difference Day is a volunteer event hosted by Eller & United Way every fall. It is where students go out into the community to volunteer at various places and interact with those around them. This year, it is **October 16th & 17th, Friday and Saturday**. It starts at about 9 and goes till 12- 2, depending on the site. It is a great way to go make a difference and make friends with your fellow students.

If you are participating but with another group please do not sign up with this form. We will send out the official registration soon once we know the best date.

VOLUNTEER WITH VETS!



OCT 16TH & 17TH , 2026
ELLER MAKE A DIFFERENCE DAY



INTEREST FORM

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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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VETERANS SCALE TO PROFITABILITY

SCALE
STRATEGIC COACHING FOR ADVANCING LOCAL ENTREPRENEURS

**A Free 6-Week Business Cohort
for Arizona Veterans**

Fall 2026 Cohort

Apply by **September 8**

No cost to participate

Turn your military experience into your next mission: business ownership. Join this 6-week cohort for veterans preparing to launch or grow an early-stage business. You'll receive practical training, personalized advising, and a clear action plan to move your business forward.



SCAN TO APPLY

ALL BRANCHES WELCOME

Open to veterans from:

- Army
- Navy
- Air Force
- Marine Corps
- Coast Guard
- Space Force
- National Guard

WHO SHOULD APPLY?

Veterans who:

- Have a long history of military service, around 20 years
- Are preparing to launch a business
- Have recently started a business

WHAT YOU'LL RECEIVE:

- 6 interactive group sessions
- 6 one-on-one advising sessions
- Personalized 90-day action plan
- Practical tools to grow your business

BROUGHT TO YOU BY



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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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Join us for the 13th Annual
PIMA COMMUNITY COLLEGE

MILITARY AND VETERAN SERVICES

VETERANS DAY CELEBRATION

and Resource Fair
Honoring the Veterans in Our Community

NOVEMBER 6, 2026
11 A.M. - 2 P.M.

Aviation Technology Center
Hangar 2
7211 S. Park Ave.

PROGRAM INCLUDES:

- Speakers
- Quilts of Valor Ceremony
- Recognition of local organizations that support veterans
- Activities/Entertainment
- FREE lunch provided to veterans
- \$15 lunch for the general public



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FREE admission for everyone.
The public is invited to join us in
celebrating the service of all U.S.
military veterans.

RSVP to attend



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RSVP to attend
as a vendor



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JOIN AWARDSS-PLUS!

Calling all Future Scholars

Interested in research & considering a PhD?

The U of A College of Education + Undergraduate Research Opportunities Consortium (UROC) have teamed up to offer the Access, Wellness, And Relational Determinants of Student Success - Publishing, policy, practice, Leadership and life-long learning for University Students (AWARDSS-PLUS) program - a flexible, high quality, competency-based research apprenticeship with potential for real-world impact on US Education.



Spring 2027

- Winter Break Orientation
- Research Proposal Writing Course
- Educational Research Methods E-Series
- Professional & Career Development Opportunities

Summer 2027

- Mentored Experience in a 300-hour Research Apprenticeship
- Matched by interest with a Mentor
- Research Report Writing Course
- Formal Presentation (Report, Poster, & Oral)
- Professional Development supporting Personal Growth & Research Identity
- Opportunity for Conference Travel and Participation

Funded by the Institute of Educational Sciences (#R305B210019) with summer tuition waivers and fees generously offered by the graduate college.

Fall 2027

- Graduate School Prep Course
- Continued Research Apprenticeship of 120 hours
- Personalized Assistance with Graduate School Applications
- Professional Development related to Publishing, Policy, Advocacy, and Leadership

Priority
Deadline:
November 15

Eligibility for the AWARDSS-PLUS program:

- U.S. Citizen
- GPA: 3.0 or higher (Major or Overall)
- Status: Junior, Senior, Post-Bacc (within 5 years), or current Master's Student not graduating before 12/2027
- Research Interest Related to Education + Intent to Pursue PhD

Participants can receive up to \$9,200 in stipends and \$2,700 for professional development and travel.
Post-Baccs receive an additional \$1,100 for tuition.



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Questions? Ready to apply? Scan the QR code!

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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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College of Education, Penn State University

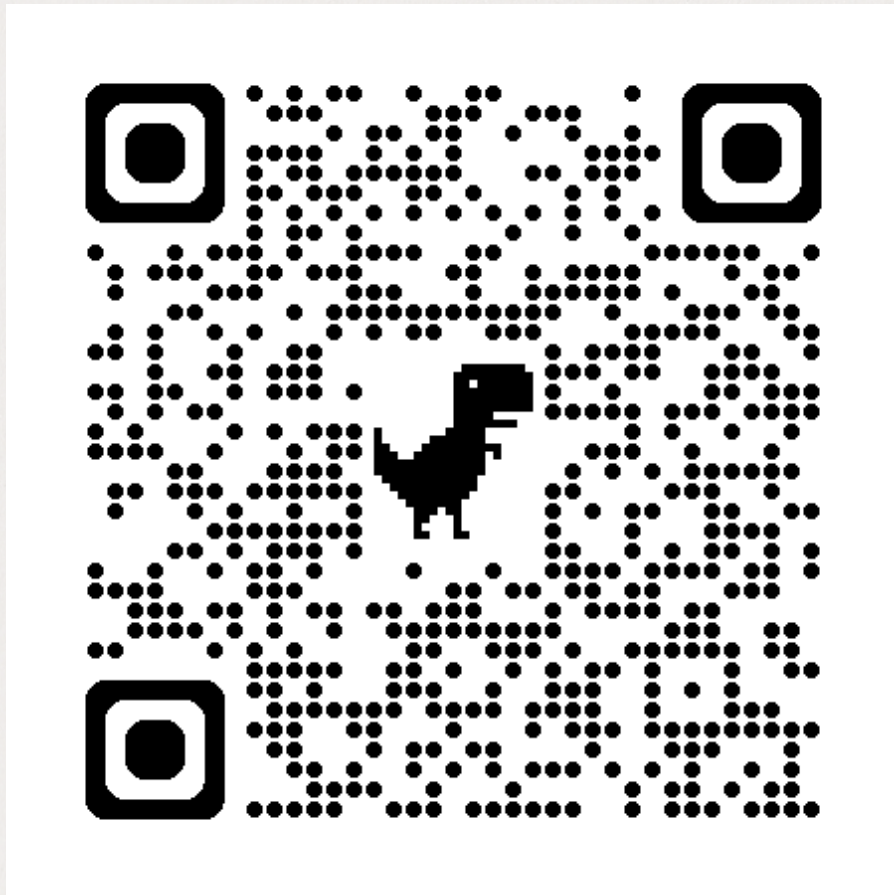


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Your participation is voluntary. This study has been reviewed by the Penn State IRB.

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Southern Arizona
Veterans Health Update



VETS NEWSLETTER

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