

Kansas State University Veterans Center

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Ground Floor, Student Union
8am-5pm Monday-Friday
(785)395-VETS(8387)

Non-Traditional & Veteran
Student Services
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Who We Are

As a relatively new presence on campus, the Veterans Center works with the Office of Non-Traditional & Veteran Student Services to aid the veteran and military-affiliated student population at Kansas State University.

The Veterans Center exists to aid in the transition from active duty military service to postsecondary education by providing a centralized, coordinated effort to comprehensively meet the needs of veterans and military-affiliated students at the University.

The Veterans Center is ideally situated on campus on the ground floor of the Student Union. The Veterans Center provides a physical space for veteran and military-affiliated students to study and connect with other military-affiliated students. The Center also serves as a complete resource center for current and prospective veterans and their families. Additionally, the proposed programs and services for the Center

will promote new opportunities for collaboration between academic faculty and student services personnel, as they attempt to assist veterans in their transition from service member to student.

The Center further intends to develop and implement veterans transition checklists, veteran academic success courses and programs, veteran student and family activities, and a veteran student information system to aid in collecting data on veteran student retention and graduation rates.

The proposed programs and services will directly affect veteran students by enhancing their awareness of services geared specifically to assist and enhance their postsecondary experience, while other initiatives, such as faculty, staff, and student training opportunities will provide an indirect opportunity to positively impact student veterans' experiences during their time at K-State.

Meet our Staff

Suzanne Lueker, Director of Non-Traditional & Veteran Student Services and the Veterans Center

As the Director of Non-Traditional and Veteran Student Services and the K-State Veterans Center, Suzanne is committed to supporting and encouraging all non-traditional students (25 years or older, married, parents, veterans, and/or returning to school after an absence of 3 or more years) in their higher education journey. Suzanne provides assistance and advocacy to non-traditional students and assists them in obtaining information and/or providing referrals in many areas, including: scholarships, childcare, housing, tutoring, refresher and study skills courses, campus activities, community programs, non-traditional student networking opportunities, as well as many other questions/concerns.

Kate Kidder, Veterans Center Graduate Assistant

Kate is a doctoral student in the Security Studies program at KSU. She works in the Veterans Center, working on the day-to-day assistance of the veteran and military-affiliated student population. Kate also works as the coordinator for the Political, Diplomatic, and Military Lecture Series through the Kansas State Department of History.

Improvements to the Veterans Center:

As the Veterans Center continues to expand its role in assisting the veteran and military-affiliated community, our physical space is being transformed to reflect and meet the needs of our students. We recently installed 4 group study tables, 3 white boards, 3 bulletin boards, 3 computer centers, and a central printer. Additionally, the Veterans Center offers a community seating area. We also offer a Skype station for family members and friends of deployed service men and women to communicate with their loved ones.



Community Spotlight: Flint Hills Veterans Coalition

The Flint Hills Veterans Coalition was established as a forum for area veterans organizations and interested community members. The Coalition organizes area Veterans Day activities and meets the needs of veterans in the greater Flint Hills region. Additionally, the Flint Hills Veterans Coalition offers a competitive scholarship to veteran students at Kansas State University three times per year (Fall, Spring, and Summer semesters) in the amount of \$500. The scholarship was created in recognition of the academic dedication and leadership of Kansas State University student veterans. It is awarded to the student who demonstrates academic commitment and leadership. Students who receive the award are full-time undergraduates students who are either Active Duty veterans or currently serving in the National Guard or Reserves.

Past recipients of the scholarship include Jeffrey Saddler (Fall, 2010 recipient, currently the President of the KSU Military Veterans Student Organization) and Noortje Crabtree (Spring 2011 recipient). The current recipient of the award is Tom Reust, Senior in Journalism minoring in Chinese. Tom served in the Army for fourteen years prior to attending Kansas State University. Tom is the founder of the Kansas State University Military Veterans student organization, and served as its first president.

The deadline for the Spring semester Student Veteran Scholarship is February 1st, 2012. All veteran students are urged to apply. More information and an online application can be found at: <http://www.k-state.edu/nontrad/scholarships/> by clicking on "Student Veteran Scholarship" under the heading of "Military Scholarships and Search Resources".



Tom Reust,
Fall 2011 Student Veteran Scholarship recipient

Meet our Students

Tyler Tannahill

Veteran, United States Marine Corps
Served with 1st Battalion, 3rd Marines from 2005-2009.

Deployed to both Afghanistan and Iraq.

Major: Political Science (Junior)

Involvement at KSU: Arts and Sciences Student Government Senator; Student Government Intern Coordinator; KSU Military Veterans Student Organization.

Involvement Outside of KSU: Highly involved with Iraq and Afghanistan Veterans of America (IAVA); Lobbied to multiple members of the legislative branch on veteran issues as well as the First Lady. Involved with Team Rubicon, a veteran first responder organization that utilizes the skills of military veterans to be first responders on natural disaster sites.

Post-KSU plans: Either law school, government organization, military officer, or open his own business.



Cathy Doll

Spouse, United States Navy

Major: Mass Communications with a Minor in Animal Sciences and Industry- Genetics and Reproduction track.

Involvement at KSU: Wildcat Watch, KSU Military Veterans Student Organization, volunteer work with the Veterans Center to further philanthropic goals.

Post-KSU plans: Potentially a Masters Degree; working for The Today Show.

Favorite thing about Manhattan: That guys wear purple!



Resources and Events

The Kansas State University Veterans Center seeks to be a centralized location for assisting all individuals on campus with the needs of veteran and military-affiliated students. Faculty, staff, and students alike should feel free to contact the Veterans Center with any questions. If we can't provide you the resource you are seeking, we will be sure to connect you with those who can.

The Veterans Center is expanding its programs to veteran and military-affiliated students, to include an Academic Success program for Military Spouses. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 30th, from 4-5pm in the Veterans Center.

The next KSU Military Veterans Student Organization meeting will be held on Tuesday, December 6th at 5:30pm in the Big 12 Room of the KSU Student Union.