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The veterans center serves our student veterans with one of the largest veteran centers in the region (study rooms, computers, WIFI, pool table, gaming systems, lounge, and kitchen). A retired veteran, provides all student veterans one-on-one assistance to ensure they are receiving all of their entitled benefits. The veterans center is also the meeting space for the UD vets student organization and Student Veterans of America chapter. While the core mission of the center is to serve veterans we encourage all students to utilize the facility and interact.


MISSION STATEMENT




The University of Dubuque is pledged to the success, personal growth, intellectual development, and character formation of each student who is admitted to pursue undergraduate or graduate study.

The university is keenly aware of the debt we owe all who have served in the us military and their families. The veteran center will seek to be a bridge between the ethos and values learned serving in the military to the University of Dubuque educational experience as well as to future careers of continued service to our nation.


The veteran center is committed to providing a seamless transition from military life to civilian college life, providing relationships which encourage intellectual, spiritual and moral development as a zeal for life-long learning and service.




- **VA Education Benefits**
 - Post-9/11 GI Bill (Chapter 33)
 - Montgomery GI Bill - Active Duty (Chapter 30)
 - Montgomery GI Bill - Selected Reserve (Chapter 1606)
 - Federal Tuition Assistance 16-hrs/\$250/\$4K
 - Vocational Rehabilitation - Veterans With Disabilities (Chapter 31)
 - Survivors And Dependents Educational Assistance Program (Chapter 35)
 - Iowa National Guard Tuition Assistance 1 JUL/1 DEC \$7500
- Apply Using VA Form 22-1990 Or Online Via Vets.Gov Provide COE
- Apply For NGEAP At
- Fill Out UD VA Education Benefit Enrollment Certification Form ASAP




**UPCOMING CHANGES TO THE CHAPTER 33 OR
“FOREVER GI BILL” AKA POST 9/11**




- **Assistance for students affected by school closures and certain program disapprovals**
- Students may be able to receive back entitlement charged against them if their school closed while they were attending **immediately**
- **Elimination of 15-year time limit to use the post-9/11 GI bill**
- The law removes the 15-year time limit for the use of post-9/11 GI bill benefit for those whose last discharge or release from active duty is on or after January 1, 2013, children of deceased servicemembers who became entitled to post-9/11 GI bill benefit on or after January 1, 2013, and all spouses using fry scholarship. **Immediately**




- **Changes To Survivors' And Dependents' Educational Assistance**
- The New Law Decreases The Amount Of Entitlement That New Eligible Individuals Will Receive Under The Survivors' And Dependents' Educational Assistance (DEA) Program From 45 Months To 36 Months. **August 1, 2018**
- **Changes To Transfer Of Benefit (TEB) January 2020**
- Veterans Who Transferred Entitlement To A Dependent Can Now Designate A New Dependent If The Original Dependent Dies. If The Veteran Dies, A Dependent Who Received Transferred Entitlement Can Now Designate A New Eligible Dependent Of The Veteran To Transfer Any Of The Dependent's Remaining Entitlement. **August 1, 2018**




- **Monthly Housing Based On Campus Where Student Attends Most Classes**
- The Law Requires The Monthly Housing Allowance Under The Post-9/11 GI Bill Program To Be Calculated Based On The Zip Code Of The Campus Where The Student Physically Attends The Majority Of Classes, Rather Than The Location Of The School Where The Student Is Enrolled. **August 1, 2018**
- **Purple Heart Recipients**
- Servicemembers And Honorably Discharged Veterans Who Were Awarded A Purple Heart On Or After September 11, 2001, Will Be Entitled To Post-9/11 GI Bill Benefits At The 100-percent Benefit Level For Up To 36 Months. **August 1, 2018**




- **Yellow Ribbon Extension To Fry And Purple Heart Recipients** Recipients Of The Fry Scholarship And Purple Heart May Use The Yellow Ribbon Program. **August 1, 2018**
- **More Benefits For Science, Technology, Engineering And Math (STEM) Programs** VA Will Provide Up To Nine Months Of Additional Post-9/11 GI Bill Benefits To Eligible Individuals Who Are Enrolled In A STEM Field Program Of Education. Also 10 Credit Hour Add To NGEAP Total Credit Hours. **August 1, 2019**



Veteran and Student Veteran Statistics



- **Student Veterans Have The Potential To Succeed.** As Documented In A Report From The National Veteran Education Tracker (NVEST) Project, Post-9/11 Veterans Have The Potential To Succeed At High-graduation-rate Institutions. Student Veterans Are 1.4 Times More Likely To Earn A Certificate Or Degree Than Adult Learners Overall, And Student Veterans Have An Average GPA Of 3.34, Compared To The Average For Traditional Students Of 2.94



Student Veterans are more likely to....

- Be married
- Have children
- Have a disability
- Work full or part-time
- Be a first generation student

Student Veteran Statistics



- Most Of Us Are Between The Ages Of 25 To 34 (43%)
- They Come From A Host Of Different Backgrounds And Cultures.
- The Great Majority Of Us Served In The Enlisted Ranks Of The Military (82%)
- Were a Member Of The U.S. Army (47%)
- Served In The Navy (18%) Served in the Air Force (21%),
- Served in the Marine Corps (12%)
- 2 Percent Served In The U.S. Coast Guard
- Many Are Civilian-soldiers—members Of The National Guard Or The Reserves (45%)

Student Veterans Attributes and Strengths



- Served The Nation During A Time Of War, And Because Of That, I Likely Deployed Overseas.
- More Than 3 Million have Deployed To Iraq And Afghanistan Since 9/11
- Many have Deployed Multiple Times On Average
- Probably Spent One Out Of Every Three Years Of Military Life Away From The United States and Family

Student Veterans Attributes and Strengths



- Work Ethic and Discipline
- Teamwork
- Adaptation to Different Challenges
- Mental Toughness
- Leadership and Management Skills
- Academic Achievement – 3.35 GPA vs 2.94 GPA

Recommendations for Integration of Veterans



- Consider individualized registration
- A Physical Space for a Veterans Lounge
- Faculty Staff Training on Military Culture (Center for Deployment Psychology)
- Student Veteran Peer/Mentor Groups
- Student Veteran Centric Academic Support Group



Thank You For Your Time.
What Are Your Questions?