

**Austin Peay State University**

# **Green Zone Program**

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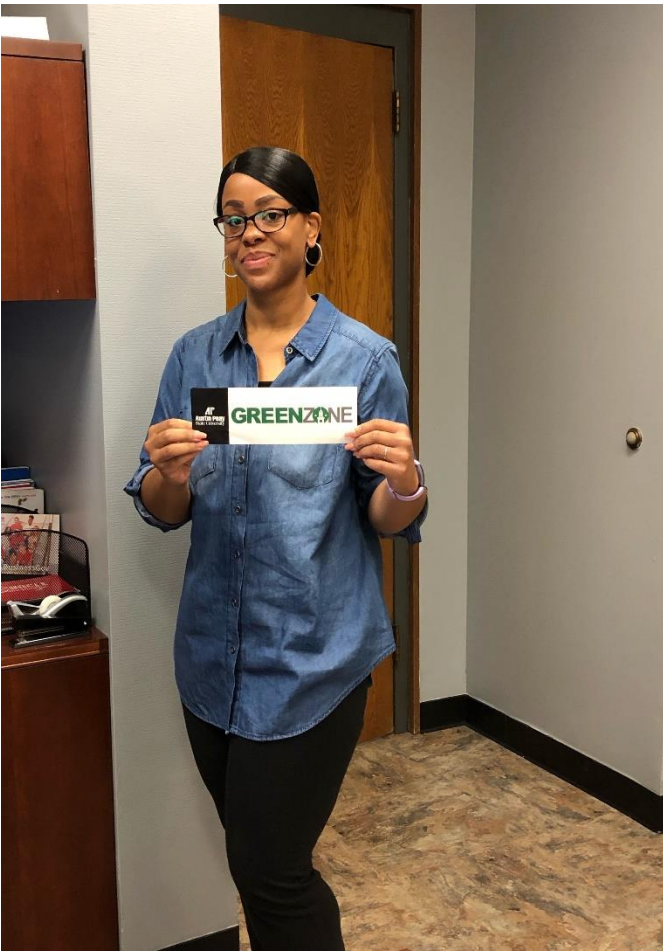
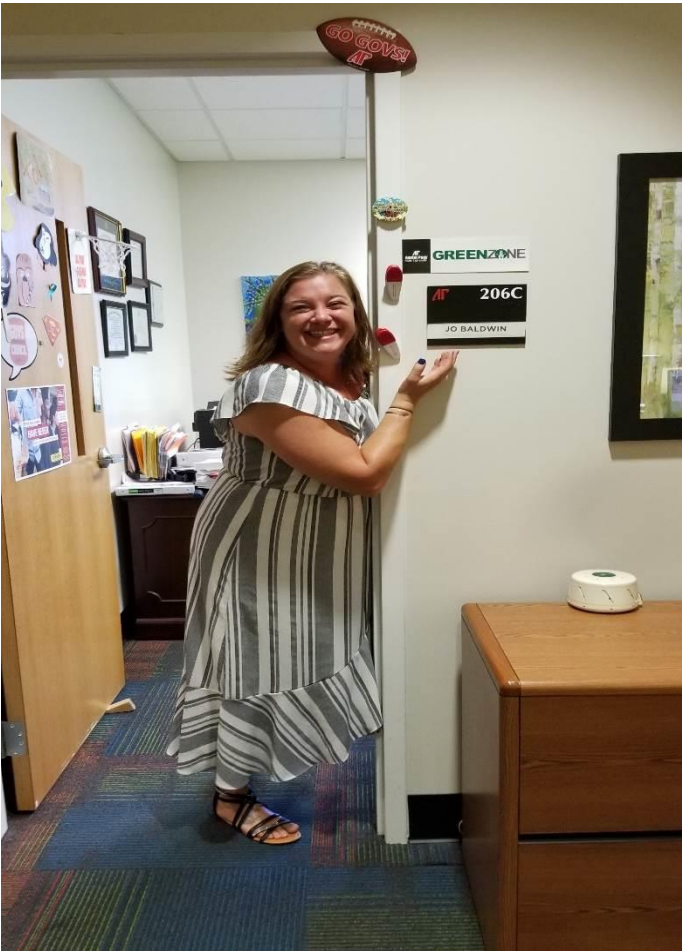
# Purpose

- Inform and educate Faculty and Staff members on our campus about the requirements, opportunities and challenges of military-affiliated students.

# Learning Objectives

- Participants will understand the expectations of a Green Zone Ally.
- Participants will become familiar with the military experience and deployment cycle
- Participants will become familiar with the resources (on and off campus) and guidelines to better serve military-affiliated students on our campus.

# Who is a Green Zone Ally?



# Who is a Military-Affiliated Student (MAS)?

Active duty, Reservist, National Guardsmen, Veterans, Spouses, and their children.



# Service Member/Veteran

## Positive Attributes of Military Service

- Dependability
- Integrity
- Decision Making
- Looking out for others
- Initiative
- Tenacity
- Professional presence
- Adaptability
- Flexibility

## Challenges from Military Experience

- Disruption to education goals (deployment/training, etc.)
- Expectations not matching military experience

# Spouse

## Positive Attributes from Experience as a Military Spouse

- Adaptability
- Multi-tasking
- Tenacity

## Challenges from Military Experience

- Disruption to work or school schedule due to spouse's employment
- Transferring to new school due to Permanent Change of Station (PCS)-Relocation



# Children

## Positive Attributes from military background

- Adaptability
- Flexibility
- Maturity
- Cultural awareness
- Diverse experiences

## Challenges from Military Experience

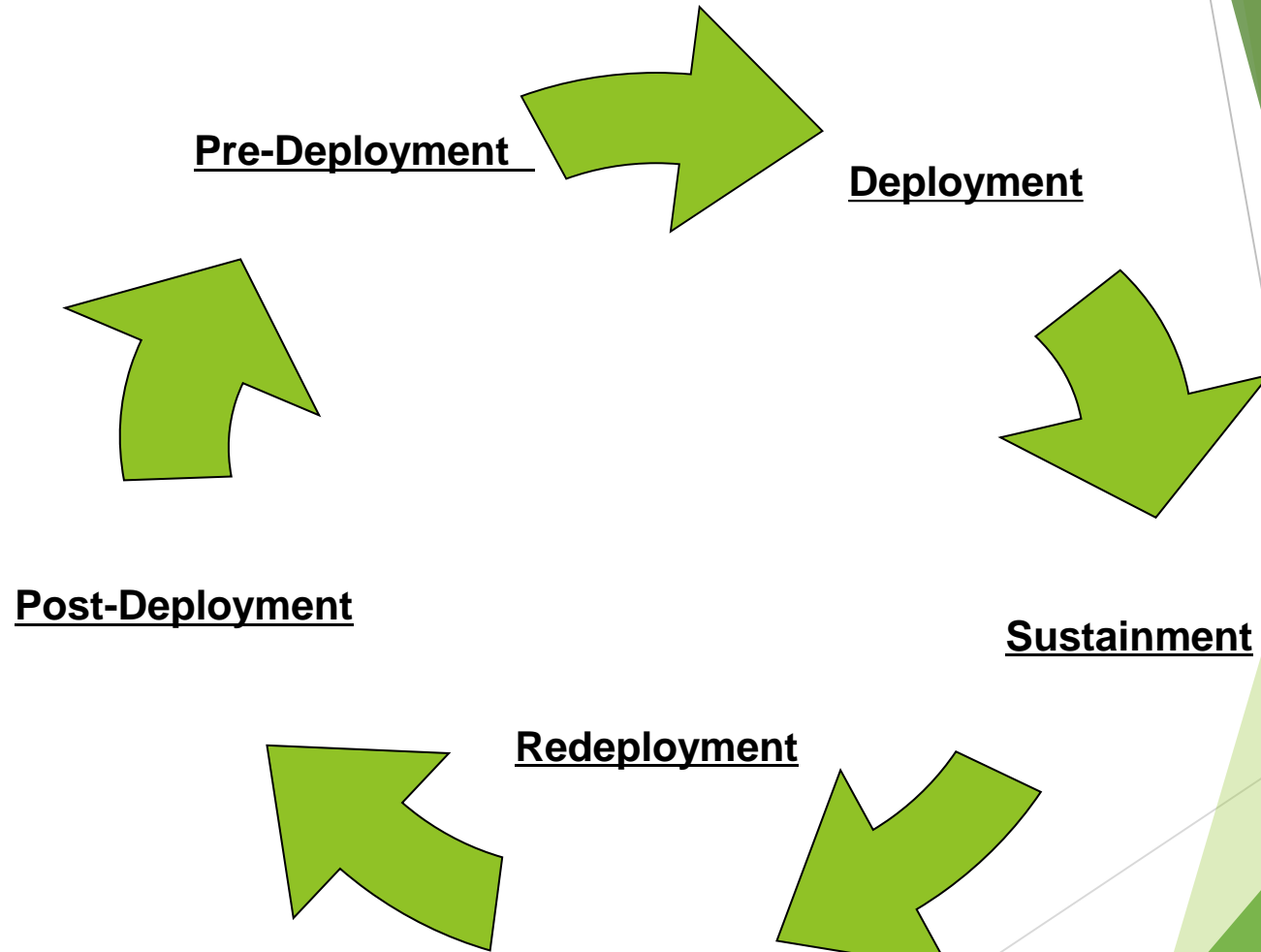
- Disruption to school schedule due to parent's deployment
- Transferring to new school due to Permanent Change of Station (PCS)-Relocation



# Military Experience

- ▶ Deployments can last from 1-18 months
- ▶ Multiple deployments
  - ▶ Some serve more than one deployment before being discharged from the military
- ▶ Cycle of Deployment:
  - ▶ Pre-Deployment, Deployment, Sustainment, Re-Deployment, Post-Deployment

# Cycle of Deployment



# ► Cycle of Deployment Worksheet

Pre-Deployment

Deployment

Sustainment

Re-Deployment

Post-Deployment

# Demographics

- Fall 2021 count: 2,422+ MAS on our campus  
<https://www.apsu.edu/dsir/institutional-data.php>  
(Military Enrollment Data)
- APSU Quick Facts:  
[https://www.apsu.edu/dsir/data/2020\\_21\\_apsu\\_quick\\_facts.pdf](https://www.apsu.edu/dsir/data/2020_21_apsu_quick_facts.pdf) (Active 397, Dependent 491, Reserve 7, Veteran 1569)
- Estimated 2,060 students receive VA Education Benefits.
- Estimated 404 students receive ArmyIgnitED Benefits.

# APSU Resources

- ArmyIgnitED  
<https://www.apsu.edu/apfc/armyignited.php>
- Austin Peay Center @ Fort Cambell  
<https://www.apsu.edu/apfc/index.php>
- Military-Affiliated Student Success Professional (MASSP)
- Newton Military Family Resource Center (NMFRC)  
<https://www.apsu.edu/nmfr/>
- Office of Career Services  
<https://www.apsu.edu/careers/index.php>
- Office of Student Financial Aid (SFAO)  
<https://www.apsu.edu/financialaid/index.php>

# APSU Resources

- Student Disability Resource Center (SDRC)  
<https://www.apsu.edu/disability/index.php>
- Student Health & Counseling Services  
<https://www.apsu.edu/health-and-counseling/counseling/>
- Veteran's Education Benefits Office (VEBO)  
<https://www.apsu.edu/veterans-affairs/>
- Veteran Upward Bound (VUB)  
<https://www.apsu.edu/vub/index.php>
- VetSuccess On Campus (VSOC)  
<https://www.apsu.edu/military/vet-success/index.php>

# Community Resources

- Cohen Clinic: <https://centerstone.org/>
- Montgomery County Veterans Service Organization: <https://mcgtn.org/vso>
- Montgomery County Veterans Coalition: <https://vetcoalition.org/>
- Operation Hope (Financial Literacy): <https://operationhope.org/>
- Operation Stand Down (OSD): <http://osdtn.org/>
- Soldiers and Families Embraced (SAFE): <https://www.soldiersandfamiliesembraced.org/>
- Veterans Crisis Line: <https://www.veteranscrisisline.net/>



# Policies that impact MAS

- Excused Absence (Military training, VA Appointments, etc.) Academic Policy 2:041
- Animals on Campus (Service Dogs, etc.) Academic Policy 3:007

# Initiatives/Updates

- New building: William E. & Sadako S. Newton Military Family Resource Center, located at 426 College Street (next to Johnny's Big Burgers)
- New degree program: Master in Criminal Justice with Homeland Security
- Fall 2020, APSU started offering a Doctorate of Psychology in Counseling with a concentration in serving military personnel, veterans and their families.
- State's first Institute for National Security and Military Studies, housed at our Fort Campbell Center.

# Initiatives/Updates

- Military Advisor in Residence: Major General (Retired) Walt Lord, Newton Center Room 112, [lordw@apsu.edu](mailto:lordw@apsu.edu), (931) 221-7549
- Military Affiliated Student Success Professional & TN Strong POC: LaTara Hopson, Newton Center Room 113, [hopsonl@apsu.edu](mailto:hopsonl@apsu.edu), (931) 221-6347
- ArmyIgnitED POC: Dr. Kristine Nakutis, Executive Director for AP Fort Campbell Center, Education Center Room 202, [nakutisk@apsu.edu](mailto:nakutisk@apsu.edu), (931) 221-1414
- Career Services Advisor for Military Affiliated Students: Robert Torres, Newton Center Room 106, [torresr@apsu.edu](mailto:torresr@apsu.edu) , (931) 221-7930

# Newton Building/Military Family Resource Center



# MAS STRENGTHS

- They take on leadership roles
- They are proactive
- They respect the hierarchy
- They are the “rule” followers and appreciate clear guidance
- They take their learning seriously

**We will now move on to  
case scenarios, any  
questions at this time?**

