



Austin Peay State University (APSU) Green Zone Initiative

Transitioning from military life to student life can be difficult for student veterans, especially if they recently have returned home from a deployment or just recently have completed their active duty service. Unlike the structured atmosphere from the military, universities like APSU have a variety of colleges, departments and administrative areas that can be difficult to navigate. The Green Zone program is designed to give our students a way to recognize staff and faculty who have been trained to be a resource and allies for student veterans, active service members and their families. The goal is to make APSU a more veteran-helpful university.

What is Green Zone?

- An initiative to support student veterans by designating locations as a “safe place”
- Identifies staff and faculty at APSU who are knowledgeable about issues faced by student veterans and the resources available to assist them.
- Participants are identified by a Green Zone emblem located outside their office door and on their syllabus.
- A way to be supportive and give back to those who have sacrificed for others.
- Helps staff and faculty provide supportive services necessary to ensure that veteran students are successful in their academic pursuits, adjust to the campus environment, and eventually transition to civilian employment.

Who is a Green Zone volunteer/ally?

- APSU staff and faculty who identify themselves as:
 - Someone who is aware of the issues and concerns faced by student veterans/service members
 - Someone who is available to assist the student
 - Someone who has completed the Green Zone training
- Volunteers are NOT expected to be experts who can “solve” the problems, instead:
 - Lend a sympathetic ear
 - Be someone who can help the student find the appropriate resources for problem resolution

For more information visit on our website <https://www.apsu.edu/nmfrc/green-zone/index.php> or feel free to contact us via phone at (931) 221-1685 or email at NMFRC@apsu.edu