

Austin Peay State University

Green Zone Program

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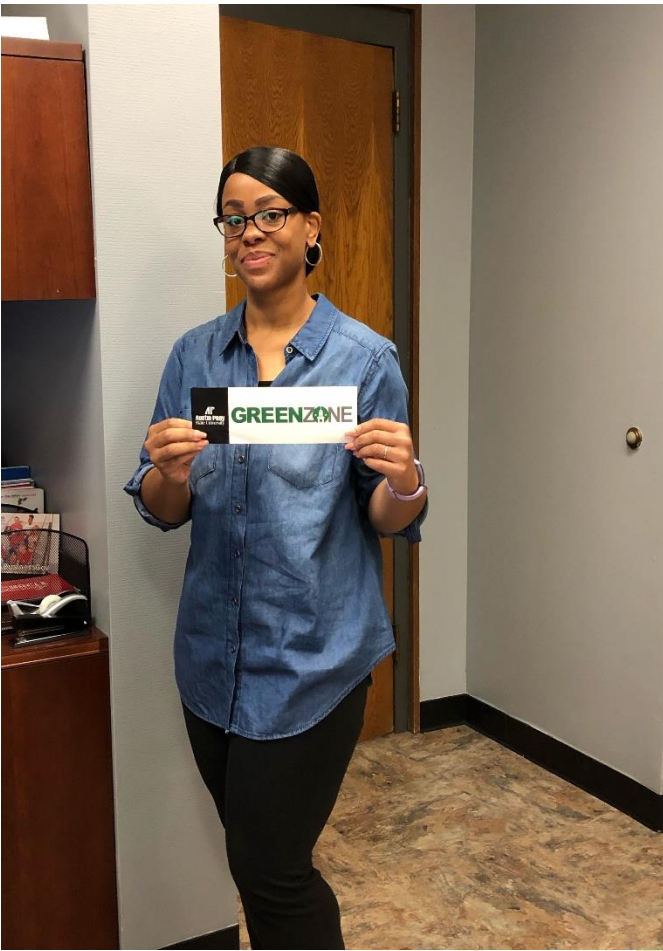
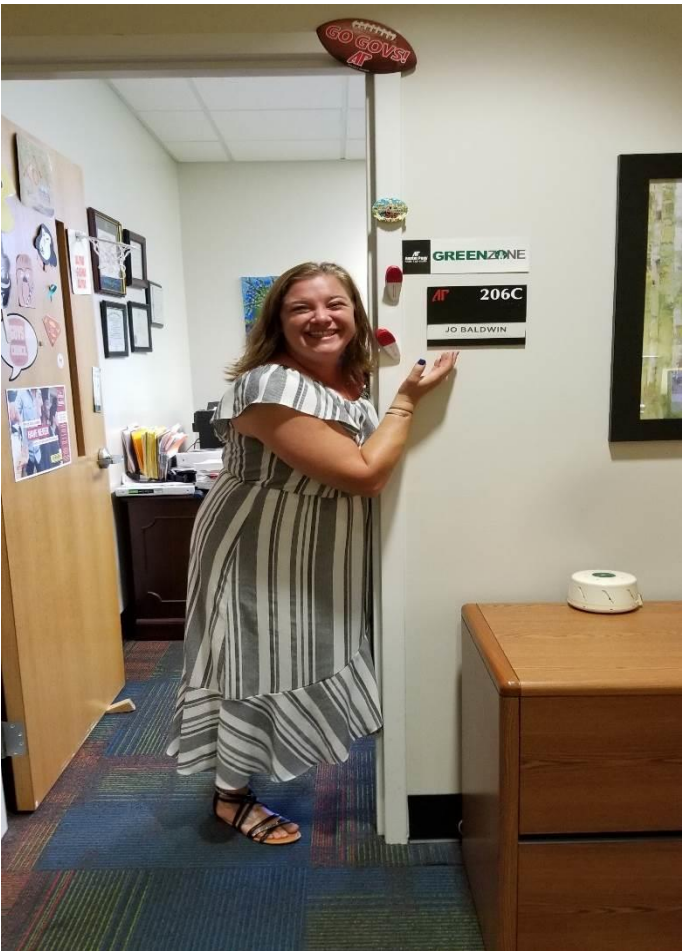
Purpose

- 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
- Military structure/hierarchy

Spouse/Children

Positive Attributes from military background

- Adaptability
- Flexibility
- Maturity
- Multi-Tasking
- Tenacity
- Cultural awareness
- Diverse experiences

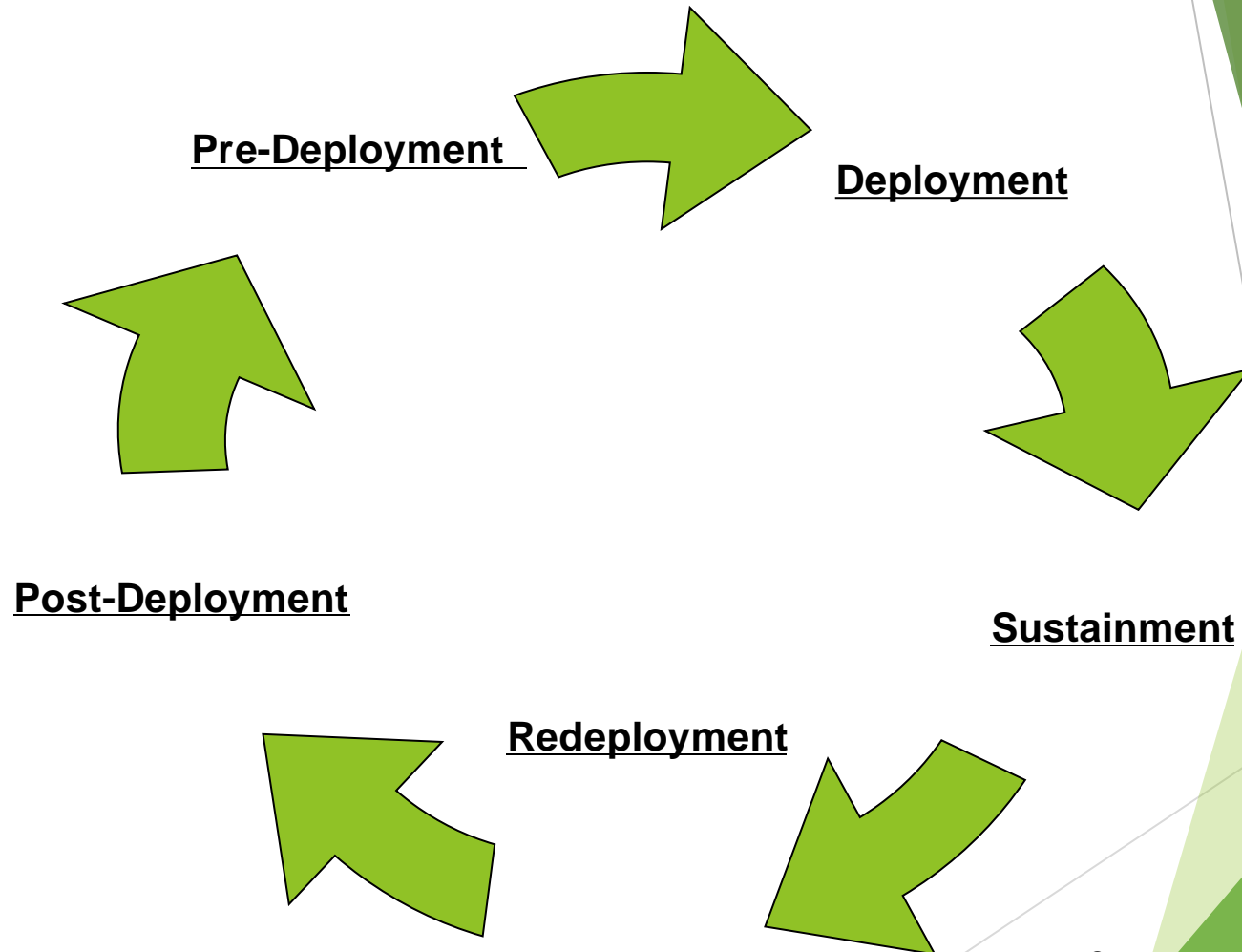
Challenges from Military Experience

- 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 2023 count: 2,694 (27.09%) MAS on our campus.
- Breakdown: Active 393, Res/NG 5, Veteran 1740, and Family members 556
- Fall 2022 count: 2,476 (26.5%) MAS on our campus.
- Breakdown: Active 419, Veteran 1419 and Family members 638
- **APSU has the largest Military-Affiliated Student population in the state of TN.**
- Data can be found on this webpage:
<https://www.apsu.edu/dsir/institutional-data.php>
- Montgomery County: 34,000 Veterans
<https://mcgtn.org/vso/plan#:~:text=The%20Montgomery%20County%20Veterans%20Service,well%20as%20their%20family%20members.>

Educational requirements

- Federal Tuition Assistance (FTA) for Army (Active Duty, reserve, and National Guard): ArmyIgnitED staff at Austin Peay Center @ Fort Campbell can help, call (931) 221-1400 or email at APFortCampbell@apsu.edu
Website: <https://www.apsu.edu/apfc/armyignited.php>
They can also help with FTA for other Military Branches.
- Veterans Education Benefits Office (VEBO) staff can help with all VA Education Benefits, not FTA, call (931) 221-7760 or email ova@apsu.edu Website: <https://www.apsu.edu/mva/veterans-education-benefits/index.php>

VEBO-Benefits Awarded

Navigating your military benefits can be simple with the right support. Our team of experienced professionals is dedicated to efficiently processing your benefits and ensuring you receive the maximum award possible. Take a look at our impressive 2023-24 statistics and see how we can help you make the most of your well-deserved benefits.

Benefits Awarded



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FY23 VA
Processed & Awarded:

2,283

VA Tuition & Fees Payments to APSU

Post 9/11 GI Bill®
(Chapter 33, TOE & FRY)
\$8,293,209.31

VA VR&E
(Chapter 31)
\$2,248,737.72

VA Payments to Students

Post 9/11 GI Bill®
(Chapter 33, TOE & FRY)
\$7,306,123.26

VA VR&E
(Chapter 31)
\$2,195,959.30

Montgomery GI Bill®
(Chapters 30 & 1606) & DEA (Chapter 35)

\$5,836,310.40

Initiatives/Updates

- New Military & Veterans Affairs (MVA) Division, established July 1st, 2023. First and only in Higher Education in the nation.
- New building (4 years): William E. & Sadako S. Newton Military Family Resource Center, located at 426 College Street (next to Johnny's Big Burgers).

Military & Veterans Affairs Division

- Vice President: Major General (Retired) Walt Lord, Newton Center 112, lordw@apsu.edu, (931) 221-7549
- Assistant Vice President: Army Veteran Retired, Jasmin Linares, Newton Center 101, linaresj@apsu.edu, (931) 221-7738
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Military & Veterans Affairs Division cont...

- Director of Communication, Recruitment and Marketing, Marisa Roberts, Newton Center, robertsm@apsu.edu (931) 221-1460
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- Director of VUB, Tipnie Mack, Ellington 325, mackt@apsu.edu (931) 221-7600

William E. & Sadako S. Newton Military Family Resource Center

- Largest Military Student Center in the state of TN.



Newton Center



Newton Center Resources

- Military Affiliated Career Specialist (MACS), Tony Munoz, email: Munozt@apsu.edu or mapp@apsu.edu or call (931) 221-7930, website: <https://www.apsu.edu/mva/career-transition-program/index.php>
- Military Affiliated Student Success Professional (MASSP), LaTara Pearson, email pearsonld@apsu.edu or call (931) 221-6347
- Newton Military Family Resource Center (NMFRC) email: NMFRC@apsu.edu or call (931) 221-1685 <https://www.apsu.edu/mva/nmfrc/index.php>
- Veteran Upward Bound (VUB) staff can help Veterans get into college, call (931) 221-7600 or email vub@apsu.edu Website: <https://www.apsu.edu/mva/veterans-upward-bound/index.php>
- VetSuccess On Campus (VSOC) Counselor, DeAndria Reed, email deandria-reed@apsu.edu

APSU Resources

- Office of Student Financial Aid (SFAO)
<https://www.apsu.edu/financialaid/index.php>
- Student Disability Resource Center (SDRC)
<https://www.apsu.edu/disability/index.php>
- Student Health & Counseling Services
<https://www.apsu.edu/health-and-counseling/counseling/>

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/>
- Vet Center-Clarksville: https://www.vetcenter.va.gov/New_Vet_Centers.asp

Policies that impact MAS

- Excused Absence (Military training, VA Appointments, etc.) Academic Policy 2:041
<https://apsu.navexone.com/content/dotNet/documents/?docid=100&public=true>
- Animals on Campus (Service Dogs, etc.) Academic Policy 3:007
<https://apsu.navexone.com/content/dotNet/documents/?docid=123&public=true>

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?**

