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Serving Military & Veteran Communities



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Who We Are: Military & Veterans Programs

- MVP at Las Cruces campus is under the Registrar's Office in the Student Affairs and Enrollment Management division
- Certifying Officials at each campus for Veterans education benefits (decentralized)
- Support for tuition assistance provided by main campus for all campuses (centralized)

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Who We Serve: System-Wide

Students receiving VA education benefits

- 2012 Certification (All Chapters)
 - Spring: 942
 - Summer: 376
 - Fall: 907 (to date)
- 2012 Tuition and Fees paid directly to institution (Ch. 33 only)
 - Spring: \$778,615.18
 - Summer: \$222,932.80
 - Fall: \$765,136.85
 - Total: \$1,766,684.83**

Students receiving Department of Defense Tuition Assistance (TA)

- 2012 (Active Duty Army/NG/Reservists)
 - Spring: 76
 - Summer: 28
 - Fall: 85 (to date)
- 2012 Tuition and Fees paid directly to institution (TA)
 - Spring: \$156,309.50
 - Summer: \$36,284.00
 - Fall: \$145,964.04
 - Total: \$338,557.54**

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Collaborate With

- Faculty
- Staff
- External stakeholders
 - Regulatory
 - Elected officials

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Reporting Mechanisms

- VAOnce (Veterans and dependents)
- GoArmy Ed (Army/Reservists/National Guard)
- AI Portal (Air Force) & MyCAA (Navy/dependents)

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Our Commitment

- Support of Student Veterans Association
- Support of student Veterans group at NMSU two-year campus in Alamogordo
- Principles of Excellence
- System-wide member of SOC adhering to the SOC principles
- Prompt, consistent evaluation of AARTs transcripts using ACE recommendations
- Participation in DoD MOU

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Community Outreach

Member - Greater Las Cruces Chamber of Commerce Military Affairs Committee
Board membership - Honor Flight of Southern New Mexico (sends WWII and Korean War Veterans to the memorials in Washington D.C. yearly)
Continued outreach to WSMR, Holloman, and Ft. Bliss

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Continuous Improvement

- Recent attendance at the DoD Worldwide Symposium for Higher Education- informational sessions covering best practices for working with Veteran/military students
- Yearly attendance at the Western Association of Veteran Education Specialists (WAVES) Conference, which includes a review of best practices and updates to VA education policies
- Member of NAVPA

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Awards and Recognition

Designated a Military Friendly Institution by GI Jobs and Military Advanced Education



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Moving Forward

- Military & Veteran-preference for course registration
- Earlier connections with Servicemembers and their families during admissions process
- Identify and connect with Veterans that would benefit from our services
- New MOU with Fort Bliss to allow recruitment and outreach on post
- Mentoring program for Veteran students and Servicemember-specific new student orientation

Concerns

- Barriers to admission for Servicemembers
 - Prior balances
 - Transition issues
 - US Army Reservists do not receive in-state tuition. Seeking guidance on review and possible modification of SB 136.

Thank you

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