

# MILITARY AND VETERANS PROGRAMS (MVP)

## Resources

### Veteran Mentorship Program

Many students who make the transition from the Military to Higher Education suddenly experience a shift in lifestyles and cultures. This culture shift during their first year is a crucial time in their lives, and the NMSU Veteran Mentorship Program will help foster a smooth transition.

**Vision:** The NMSU Veteran Mentorship Program will help our first-year student veterans make a smooth transition and succeed academically.

#### Goals:

- Help first-year student veterans successfully transition to an academic setting.
- Help first-year student veterans be aware of various financing options.
- Help first-year student veterans understand the process needed to receive VA education benefits.
- Help first-year student veterans be aware of various resources at NMSU and in the community.

For more information on the Veteran Mentorship Program, or to speak with our Mentor, please visit: <https://mvp.nmsu.edu/veteran-mentorship-program.html>

### Military and Veteran Housing

New Mexico State University is one of the first in the nation to offer on-campus housing specifically designated for student veterans and their families transitioning out of the military and into student life. The Department of Housing & Residential Life has worked in conjunction with the Student Veterans Organization of NMSU to offer affordable housing on campus to student veterans attending the university.

For more information, please contact Housing and Residential Life: (575) 646-3202, [housing@nmsu.edu](mailto:housing@nmsu.edu), <http://housing.nmsu.edu>.

### Service Members Opportunity Consortium (SOC)

The NMSU system has been designated a Servicemembers Opportunity Colleges (SOC) Consortium university. As a member of SOC, NMSU has committed itself to fully supporting and complying with SOC principles and criteria, ensuring that service members and their families share in the postsecondary educational opportunities available to other citizens. Those eligible are provided with appropriately accredited educational programs, courses, and services. The flexibility of programs and procedures particularly in admissions, counseling, credit transfer, course articulation, recognition of other applicable learning experiences, including those gained in the military, scheduling, course format, and residency requirements are provided to enhance access of service

members and their families to undergraduate education programs. All SOC rules and regulations apply, including:

- Credit for military training and experience – NMSU recognizes and uses ACE Guide in evaluating military training experiences
- Reduced academic residency requirements – 25% maximum for most programs; 30% for 100% online programs
- No final year or semester requirement
- Credit for nationally recognized testing programs such as CLEP (General and Subject exams), DSST (DANTES Standardized Subject Tests)

For further assistance contact:

Military and Veterans Programs  
MSC 4740, PO Box 30001  
Las Cruces, NM 88003-8001  
(575) 646-4524  
<http://mvp.nmsu.edu>

### Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC)

The Reserve Officer Training Corps is a commissioning program designed to attract, motivate, and train qualified students for military service as officers. The ROTC program is represented on the NMSU campus by the Department of Military Science (U.S. Army) and the Department of Aerospace Studies (U.S. Air Force).

Curricula in the Departments of Military Science and Aerospace Studies are divided into basic and advanced courses of two years each. Enrollment in the basic course is voluntary and involves no obligation. Participation in the advanced courses is on a contractual basis and leads to military service as a commissioned officer. Elective academic credit is granted by the University for ROTC classes.

Students with prior military service or Junior ROTC experience may receive credit, although not academic credit, for all or portions of the basic courses.

All qualified cadets enrolled in ROTC receive a stipend that varies depending upon the year the cadet is in the program. Scholarships, which pay full college tuition and various laboratory, textbook, and incidental fees, are available competitively.

For more detailed information about the ROTC programs, see the College of Arts and Sciences departments of Aerospace Studies and Military Science in this catalog. Additional information may be obtained by contacting the departments directly at:

(575) 646-4030 (Army)  
(575) 646-2136 (Air Force)

### Aggies Green Zone

The Green Zone is defined as a military zone that has been secured as a "safe" place for military personnel. Military and Veterans Programs created the Aggies Green Zone to help foster a safe and supportive environment where students feel welcomed and trusted during their transition from the military and throughout their educational journey. The Aggies Green Zone training program aims to help faculty and staff

understand the needs, experiences, and cultural issues affecting military and veteran students.

## **Aggies Green Zone Allies**

Aggies Green Zone Allies are sympathetic faculty and staff members who military, veteran, and dependent students can reach for support. Allies are not expected to be experts in military and veteran matters, but they can make a positive impact by lending a sympathetic ear and connecting students with appropriate resources.

Faculty and Staff receive an Allies designation after participating in the Aggies Green Zone online and workshop training programs, to have their contact information listed on the MVP website. For more information, please visit: <https://mvp.nmsu.edu/aggies-green-zone/green-zone-allies.html>