

# GREEN ZONE TRAINING

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# GREEN ZONE Training Outline

Office of Military Affairs and Services

Veteran and Military Affiliated Educational Benefits

Veteran and Military-Affiliated Student Statistics

15 Things Veterans Want You to Know

Transition & Reintegration Challenges

Common Myths/Stigmas

Student Veterans of America

Events and Programs

Scholarships

Support Veteran and Military Affairs

Questions and Answers

Approximately 1,300 students at Saint Leo University identify as active duty, veteran, reservist, or National Guard members. These students are in every program and bring significant life experiences and diversity to our community. Green Zone Training provides faculty and staff with an understanding of student veterans as they transition from the military to campus life.

During this Green Zone Training, participants will learn about:

- 1) A basic understanding of what it means to be a student veteran at Saint Leo University;
- 2) Military cultural competencies;
- 3) Services and resources provided by the Office of Military Affairs and Services;
- 4) Common myths/stigmas surrounding student veterans;
- 5) Resources and support services;
- 6) Issues and concerns faced by student veterans and military affiliated students; and
- 7) Lending an empathetic ear and helping our student veterans and military-affiliated students connect with the appropriate resources.



**3<sup>RD</sup> ONLINE EDUCATION**

**5<sup>TH</sup> PRIVATE SCHOOL**

**7<sup>TH</sup> IN THE SOUTHEAST**

**22<sup>ND</sup> 4-YEAR COLLEGES**

**24<sup>TH</sup> OVERALL**

The Office of Military Affairs and Services provides specialized programs to Veteran and military-affiliated learners at Saint Leo University through the following efforts:

- Helping remove barriers for Veteran and military-affiliated learners;
- Linking students to resources within the university and the community;
- Providing specialized communications to Veteran and military-affiliated learners;
- Offering events and programs for Veteran and military-affiliated learners including career programs with military friendly employers;
- Sponsoring the Student Veterans of America Chapter at Saint Leo University.

# 2023 – 2024 Priorities



## **Military Friendly Status**

- Increase Saint Leo University's 'Military Friendly' national rankings with *Military Times*, *Colleges of Distinction*, and *US News and World Report* by creating sustainable and meaningful services for our Veteran and military-affiliated learners.

## **Programs and Events**

- Collaborate with the local Veterans Affairs departments, Veterans clubs, and community partners through on-campus and remote-inclusive events.
- Invite speakers, host forums, panel discussions and conferences, and celebrate student Veterans at signature events.
- Develop an orientation program that empowers Veteran and military-affiliated learners by providing access to benefits information, campus resources, and introducing them to key campus administrators.

## **Green Zone Training for Faculty and Staff**

- Integrate Green Zone Training, in collaboration with the Center for Teaching and Learning Excellence, to provide faculty and staff with an understanding of Veteran learners as they transition from the military to campus life.

## **Grants and Fundraising**

- Grow the number of gifts received for the Military Excellence Fund by 10% for FY 2024.
- Identify, apply for, and secure federal/state/private grant funding.

## **Military Resource Center Enhancements**

- Develop comprehensive facilities plan to improve signage, furniture, lighting, and tracking of usage in the University Campus Military Resource Center.

# What we DON'T do:

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Process or certify VA Education Benefits

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Process or provide guidance on Military Tuition Assistance

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Counsel students on VA Education Benefits or Tuition Assistance

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Process transcripts or any other documents related to student enrollment

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Enroll students in classes, provide academic advice, or handle financial aid

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## Yellow Ribbon Program

To assist students whose tuition and fees exceed the capped amount, the Post-9/11 GI Bill® has an additional provision called the Yellow Ribbon Program. Under this voluntary program, Saint Leo University entered into an agreement with the VA to help fund the additional expenses for eligible students. You must be eligible for Post-9/11 at 100% to also be eligible for the Yellow Ribbon Program.

## Additional Saint Leo University Benefits

- No late fees or interest for Veteran and military-affiliated students.
- Veteran and military-affiliated students can register for classes with an outstanding balance due to DOD and VA educational benefit delays.
- Veteran and military-affiliated students will not be dropped from classes due to DOD and VA educational benefit nonpayment.



# Educational Benefit Programs

- **Chapter 30 – Montgomery GI Bill**
  - This benefit can be used for degree and certificate programs, flight training, apprenticeship/on-the-job training and correspondence courses for individuals who served at least 2 years and were honorably discharged.
- **Chapter 31 – Vocational Rehabilitation & Employment**
  - This benefit is used by those with service-connected disabilities.
- **Chapter 33 – Post 9/11 GI Bill**
  - The Post-9/11 GI Bill (Chapter 33) helps individuals pay for school or job training. If individuals served on active duty after September 10, 2001, they may qualify for the Post-9/11 GI Bill (Chapter 33).
- **Chapter 35 – Dependent Educational Assistance Program**
- **Chapter 1606 - Montgomery GI Bill**
  - This benefit provides up to 36 months of education benefits to members of the Selected Reserve. This includes the Army, Marine Corps, Navy, Air Force, and Coast Guard Reserves.
- **Chapter 1607**
  - Provides up to 36 months of education benefits to members of the Selected Reserves, Individual Ready Reserve (IRR), and National Guard.
- **Purple Heart Recipient Waiver**



# VA Work Study Positions



Students may be eligible to take part in our work-study program if you meet all these requirements.

- You are enrolled at least 3/4-time in a college degree, vocational school, or professional program, **and**
- You can finish the work-study contract while you still qualify for education benefits, **and**
- You're using an approved VA education benefits program to pay for your education or training.

Students may be able to get a job at one of the types of facilities listed here if approved as a work-study site. The work you do must be entirely related to VA and Veterans.

- Saint Leo University Military Resource Center
- VA Facilities
- State Agencies
- Other Non-VA Facilities

## Pay and Hours

- Tax-free minimum wage for up to 25 hours a week

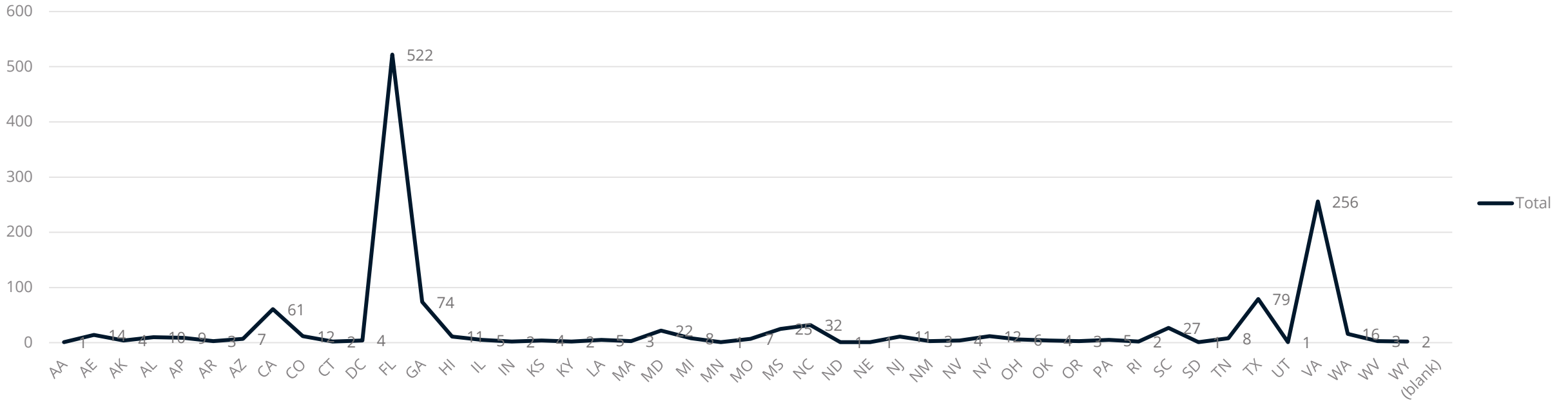
## Spring 2023 Enrollment

Government Employee	3
National Guard	3
Reservist	11
Other	26
Dependents	97
Active-Duty	553
Veteran	604
<b>Total</b>	<b>1297</b>

## Spring 2023 Enrollment

Female	583	45%
Male	714	55%
<b>Total</b>	<b>1297</b>	

### State







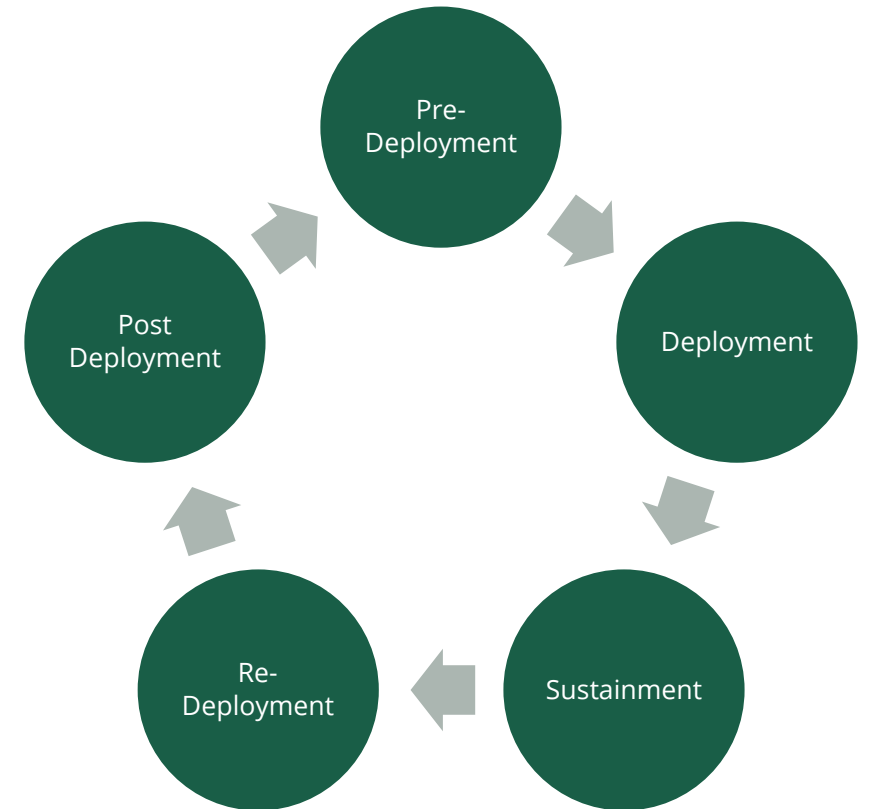
**The military teaches our students  
to read on the lines.**

**College teaches our students  
to read between the lines.**



# The Emotional Cycle of Deployment

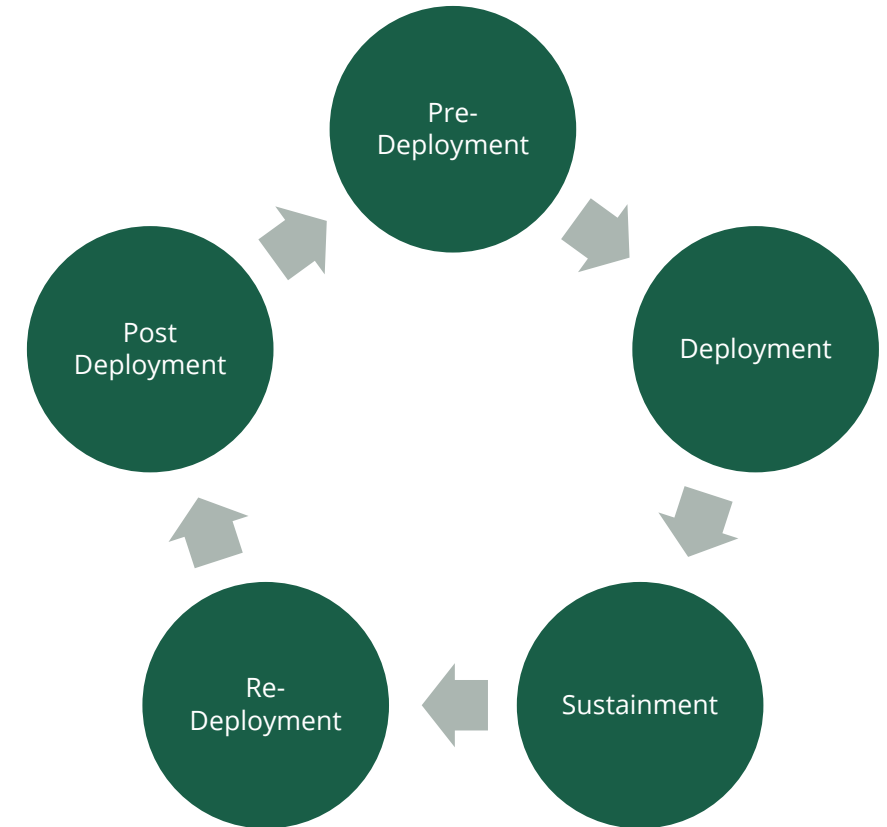
- Pre-deployment
  - Training with long hours.
  - Getting their affairs in order.
  - National Guard and Reservists
    - Additional stress due to:
      - Anticipation
      - Called during classes
      - Withdrawal from courses could result in debt to the VA
- Deployment
  - Adjusting to:
    - Combat zones, ship or aircraft
    - New climate, terrain or language
    - Leadership and procedures
  - Maintaining a strong sense of awareness (hyper vigilance)
  - Maintaining emotional control from loss/trauma.
  - Sleep deprivation/fatigue.
  - Some have experienced firefights, buddies wounded or killed, car bombs, suicide bombings, crowd control, IED's, and RPG'S.





# The Emotional Cycle of Deployment

- Sustainment
  - New routines established
  - New sources of support
  - Feel more in control (independence)
  - Confidence: "I can do this"
- Re-Deployment
  - Anticipation of homecoming is gone
  - Excitement
  - Apprehension
- Post-Deployment
  - Homecoming
    - Develop a "New Normal"
    - Difficult adjustment for both the family and military member
    - Dealing with emotions and/or injuries from war



# What Do They Bring To The Classroom?

Military Training

Life experience

Established Identity

A Worldly View

Leadership

Motivation

Time management

Work Ethic

Stress Management

Structure

## Transferable Skills

- Accelerated learning curve
- Strong grasp of leadership traits
- Ability to work on a team
- Experiences with diversity and inclusion
- Efficient performance under pressure
- Respect for procedures
- Experience with advanced technology
- Experience with international trends
- Consciousness of health and safety standards
- Triumph over adversity

## Major Transition Issues

- Age
  - Being older makes veterans not feel welcomed on campus
- Alienation
  - Programming and services are perceived to not be inclusive of veterans
- Relating political views
  - Veterans may not agree with discussions or may feel attacked when asked about their experiences
- Common Disabilities
  - Spinal Cord Injury (SPI)
  - Military Sexual Trauma (MST)
  - Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD)
  - Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI)
    - It is estimated that 23% - 31% of veterans have PTSD or TBI symptoms.



**Conversations  
about Success  
Beyond Service**



**Networking  
events to enhance  
career  
connections**



**Student Veteran  
Emergency Fund  
& Scholarships**



**Military  
Resource Center**

The Office of Military Affairs and Services and  
WorldWide Student Life present:  
**CONVERSATIONS ABOUT SUCCESS BEYOND SERVICE**



**Inside the Department of Homeland Security**  
**Featuring: Rochelle Perry**

Wednesday, September 6, 2023 at 6:00 PM (EST)

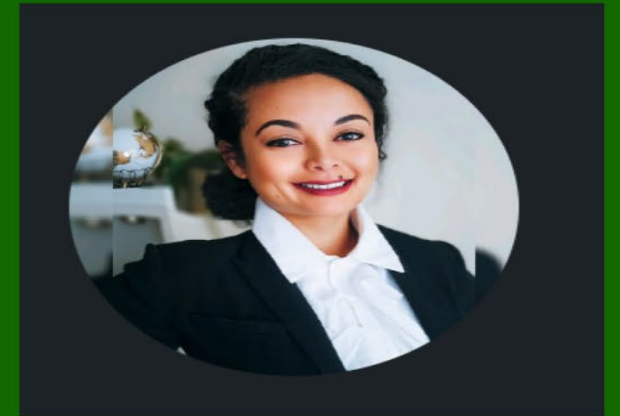
Join the Office of Military Affairs and Services and WorldWide Student Life for Conversations About Success Beyond Service in September, with US Navy Veteran and Reservist, Rochelle Perry.

Rochelle is a Training and Development Specialist at the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) where she designs and develops training materials and facilitates in-person and virtual training sessions for DHS assets. She served in the Navy from 2011-2015, and later affiliated with the US Navy Reserves. Rochelle is currently serving as the Directorate for Manpower and Personnel for the Surface Mine Warfare Development Center in Norfolk, VA.

Join us to learn more about Rochelle's career path, including her transition from the military to a role with the federal government. In addition, this is a must see for both veterans and civilians who are interested in a career with DHS. Bring your questions and get the conversation going!



*This networking series is designed to provide student-veterans, service-members, and military-connected students the opportunity to find resources, make connections, and discuss topics important to their personal and professional development. Join us from wherever you are to build camaraderie within the Saint Leo community!*



**Join us in Zoom:**

<https://saintleo.zoom.us/j/91366890816>

**Or scan the QR code below**





**Student Veterans of America ensures that student veterans and military-connected students achieve their greatest potential.**



**University  
Campus  
Apartment 4**



**Tampa  
Educational  
Center**



**Savannah  
Educational Center**

# **Military Resource Centers**



## August 2023

Coast Guard Birthday - August 4

Purple Heart Day - August 7

Conversations of Success Beyond Service – August 9

Marine Forces Reserve Birthday - August 29

On-campus orientation for Veteran and military-affiliated learners – August 25 at 4:00 PM

Welcome Back "We've Got Your Six" event – August 30 at 12:00 PM

## September 2023

Conversations of Success Beyond Service / Hispanic Heritage Month Speaker – September 6 at 6:00PM

22 Push-Up Challenge for Veteran Suicide Prevention - September 1 through September 30

POW/MIA Recognition Day - September 15

Air Force Birthday - September 18

## October 2023

Conversations of Success Beyond Service / Being a Veteran in the Cybersecurity Industry – October 4

Navy Birthday - October 13

## November 2023

Virtual 1M, 5K and 10K for the Veterans Excellence Fund - November 1 through November 30

Conversations of Success Beyond Service – November 1

Veterans Day Ceremony – November 6 at 1pm

Marine Corps Birthday - November 10

Veterans Day - November 11

Quilts of Valor Ceremony and Lunch – November 14

Chili Cookoff – November 15

Conversations of Success Beyond Service – November 29

## December 2023

Conversations of Success Beyond Service - TBA

Virtual Recognition of Graduates - TBA

National Guard Birthday - December 13

Space Force Birthday - December 20

## January 2024

Conversations of Success Beyond Service - TBA

Welcome Back "We've Got Your Six" event - TBA

On-campus and virtual orientation for Veteran and military-affiliated learners - TBA

## February 2024

Conversations of Success Beyond Service / Black History Month Speaker - TBA  
Coast Guard Reserve Birthday - February 19

## March 2024

Conversations of Success Beyond Service / Women's History Month - TBA  
Navy Reserve Birthday - March 3  
K-9 Veterans Day - March 13  
Medal of Honor Day - March 25  
Vietnam Veterans Day - March 29

## April 2024

Conversations of Success Beyond Service - TBA  
Air Force Reserve Birthday - April 14  
Army Reserve Birthday - April 23

## May 2024

Conversations of Success Beyond Service / Mental Health Awareness Month - TBA  
Virtual Recognition of Graduates - TBA  
Commencement Veteran Cords at Tampa and Savannah Ceremonies - TBA  
Military Spouse Appreciation Day - May 12  
Memorial Day - May 27

## June 2024

Conversations of Success Beyond Service - TBA  
Army Birthday - June 14  
National PTSD Awareness Day - June 27

# Saint Leo University Scholarships

- [Student Veteran Endowed Scholarship](#)
- [Dadez-Leitch Endowed Scholarship](#)
- [Baker Family Endowed Scholarship](#)
- [Bowers Family Endowed Scholarship](#)
- [Dolores Incremona '80 Endowed Scholarship](#)
- [Marilyn M. and Henry Mallue Scholarship](#)
- [Military Student Endowed Scholarship](#)
- [Lieutenant Colonel Clement E. Petters, FLNG, \(Ret\) and Joan A. \(Barthle\) Petters Endowed Scholarship](#)
- [John A. Williams Endowed Scholarship](#)

# Local Community Partners

- Zephyrhills VA Clinic
  - 6937 Medical View Ln, Zephyrhills, FL 33542 - (813) 780-2550
- CareerSource Pasco | Hernando
  - 15000 Citrus Country Dr, Dade City, FL 33523 - (813) 377-1300
- East Pasco County Veteran Services
  - 37255 Florida Ave, Dade City, FL 33525 - (352) 521-5172
- Tampa Vet Center
  - 9206 King Palm Dr, Tampa, FL 33619 - (813) 372-0400
- Florida Veterans Assistance Association
  - 1220 W Fletcher Ave, Tampa, FL 33612 - (813) 249-4910
- Veterans Resource Center
  - 3610 US-301, Tampa, FL 33619 - (813) 635-8316
- The Rep For Vets - National Veterans Disability Advocates
  - 18205 Crane Nest Dr Suite 100, Tampa, FL 33647 - (888) 573-7838

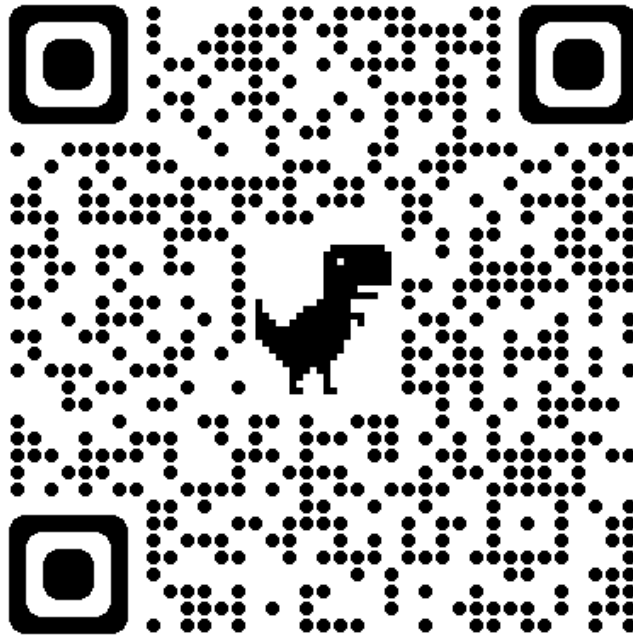


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# Donate to the Military Education Excellence Fund







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**Thank you.**

