Welcome Bulldog Veterans!

August 5th, 2020
Welcome Message

President Castro’s Welcome
Agenda

- Meet the staff serving our military and veteran students
- Meet the VA work study students serving our vets
- Familiarize yourself with the offices & programs serving our vets
- Learn how to certify your VA GI Bill benefits - quick & simple
Live poll
pollev.com/veteranso328
Staff Serving Our Vets
Laura Yager

University Registrar and Director of Veterans Services

Fun fact: I had my college internship with the Oakland Raiders and am a huge fan! Can’t wait to visit Vegas now to see them play!
Robyn Gutierrez

Veterans Services Program Coordinator
Fun fact: I am of Scottish descent and a member of the Fresno Scottish Society, my clan is Clan Fraser.
Christy Gorden

Veterans Resource Center Advisor/ Certifying official

Fun fact: Victor E. Bulldog Mascot lives in my neighborhood.
Ger Xiong

TRIO Student Support Services Veterans/ TRIO Student Support Services Program Director

Fun Fact: Big fan of Conan O’Brien remotes
Russell Gross
TRIO Student Support Services Veterans/ Veterans Counselor
Fun Fact: My favorite food is Curry Goat!
Meet our VA work-study students!
Veterans Resource Center (VRC) Work Study Students

Eliza Hernandez  
U.S. Army Reserve  
Criminology

Jeremy Burgins  
U.S. Army Veteran  
Business

Jeremiah Robles  
U.S. Army Reserve  
Major
TRIO Student Support Services Veterans (SSSV) Staff

Jason Eade  
Reading & Writing Specialist

Luisana Martinez  
Program Assistant

Ally Bautista  
Student Program Assistant
TRIO Student Support Services Veterans (SSSV)
Academic Facilitators

Jamile Bucio
Reading and Writing Support

Leibnizth Martin Del Campo
Reading and Writing Support

Karla Silva
Math and Science Support
TRIO Student Support Services Veterans (SSSV)
Work Study Students: University Community Builders

Jassmine Luna
Army National Guard
Health Science

Stephen Cano
Navy Veteran
Theatre Arts

James Patton
Army National Guard
Theatre Arts

Theodoro Vicencio
Army National Guard
Criminology
TRIO Student Support Services Veterans (SSSV)
Work Study Students: University Community Builders

Briant Toon
Army Veteran
Business Administration

Jimmy Tovar
Air Force Veteran
Criminology

Christen Cogdell
Air Force National Guard
Communications

Raymond Barragan
Army Veteran
Industrial Technology
Did You Know?

Top 5 Popular Majors

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Student Veterans Gender Breakdown (Fall 2019 data)

- Male: 79.8%
- Female: 20.2%

Average First Term GPA for Veteran students
Veterans Resource Center (VRC) Services

- Serving Veterans, Active duty, Reserve, Guard, and Dependents
- VA GI Bill Benefits Certification and Cal Vet Fee Waiver Processing
- Student Advising
- Computer lab, printing, study area, social space, and conference room
- Veteran-related events on campus

Please note: Some resources are unavailable as our office remains closed on campus for fall 2020, until further notice.
Tutorial: Benefit Certification

By: Eliza Hernandez VRC Work Study Student
Veterans Resource Center
Contact Information

➢ Location: University Center 101
➢ Staff: Robyn Gutierrez and Christy Gorden
➢ Office Contact: (559) 278-6036
➢ https://fresnostate.edu/veterans
➢ Email: fsveterans@mail.fresnostate.edu
➢ Live Chat!
➢ Schedule an appointment
myVRC app

➢ Available for free in the App Store
➢ Quick access to staff and resources
➢ Helps you stay connected!
➢ “My Buddies” chat feature
➢ Download and create your account today!
Kahoot game
TRIO Student Support Services Veterans (SSSV)

TRIO SSSV is a voluntary program providing supportive services to low income and/or first generation and/or disabled Veteran, Reservist and National Guard students.

Services include:

- Personal, academic, and career counseling by a Veteran counselor
- Supplemental grant aid ($600.00 - $900.00) for those who qualify
- Since inception in Fall 2015, 257 participants received supplemental grant aid in total of $169,937.00
- Free academic tutoring
TRIO Student Support Services Veterans (SSSV) Continued

Additional Services/Resources:

- Laptop & Scientific Calculator loan program
- SSSV Women Veterans Connection events and monthly SSSV social activities
- Veteran specific workshops (ie. Fresno County Veteran Services Office, Voc Rehab, etc.)
- University 8 (1 unit course co-taught by VA and SSSV)
- And so much MORE!

Note: A Veteran student does not need to have an active GI Bill.
Student Support Services Veterans Contact Information

➢ Location: Lab School Room 10 (Currently closed for Fall 2020 - all services are offered online)
➢ Staff: Ger Xiong and Russell Gross
➢ Office Contact: (559) 278-5725
➢ Summer Virtual Hours: 7 AM - 3:30 PM (Monday - Friday)
➢ Website: https://fresnostate.edu/studentaffairs/sssv/index.html
➢ Email: ssspv@mail.fresnostate.edu
➢ Schedule a Zoom virtual meeting or phone appointment
On-campus VA Counselor

- Paul Pasion-Gonzales, PhD
  VA “VITAL” Program
  (Veterans Integration to Academic Leadership)
- Tel: 559-225-6100 ext. 6249
- V21FREVital@va.gov
- In collaboration with Fresno State Health and Counseling Center
Words of Advice
Vet Net Ally

Purpose: To educate staff and faculty regarding veterans/military needs to better serve them.

Mission: To foster a veteran-friendly campus

Meaning of the Decal: The person displaying this sign is someone who is supportive of our mission and can assist you.
Closing Raffle!

Gift card giveaways $25
Amazon
Bookstore
Doordash
Starbucks
Visa gift card

Grand Prize $100 Bookstore Gift Card!
Where bold begins.