WELCOME STUDENTS!

Whether you are a new or returning student this semester, MVP is ready to help!

Pre-registration for Spring & Summer 2016 is November 5-23rd. Remember to submit your certification request to the MVP office as soon as you have registered for classes with no expected changes.

Each month, In the Spotlight features a MVP Team Member so you can get to know us better!

Lou Ortiz

Lou was just named Director in the Military & Veterans Programs Office and our featured team member for November 2015.

Lou Ortiz, Colonel, US Air Force (Ret.) first enlisted in the Air Force after high school and served a career spanning over 30 years. During his career, he led EC-130 and F-15 aircraft generation and field and equipment maintenance organizations in assignments around the globe, performed depot engine support at two Air Logistics Center Propulsion Directorates, and served at the Pentagon working policy and legislation at Headquarters Air Force. He also served as Director of the Strategic Policy Forum, a strategy level forum for national leaders, at National Defense University.

Beyond military service, Lou has previously worked in higher education at Texas Tech as Research Associate, Assistant Vice President for Research, and Special Assistant to the President. His education background includes a BS from Black Hills State University, MPA from Troy State, JD from the Texas Tech School of Law, and post-graduate national security fellowship at Harvard’s Kennedy School of Government. He is a member of the State Bar of Texas.

Lou enjoys travel with his wife Cheryl who is also an Air Force veteran. They met while serving together at Bitburg Air Base Germany. His son Lou is a United States Marine Corps veteran now living in San Diego. His daughter Amber and her family live here in Lubbock.

Lou is dedicated to supporting all generations of veterans and previously served as President of the Texas South Plains Honor Flight non-profit and is currently a member of the City of Lubbock Veteran’s Advisory Committee.

MVP would like to thank Lou for his service and for his service to veterans and their families.
Military Service Members and Families Needed for a Study:

For questions, please contact Dr. Autumn Shafer, autumn.shafer@ttu.edu or Dr. Debra Reed, debra.reed@ttu.edu.

Information obtained from this study will help plan education programs that address the specific needs of military service members. This study has been approved by the Human Research Protection Program at Texas Tech University.

Women Veterans Survey

New research indicates that women Veterans are taking their lives at an increased rate but that those who use the VA for healthcare fare better. However, the rate of women using the VA is very low. We’d like to investigate how Texas women Veterans are using the VA and if not, why not. take this survey

Sponsored by www.TexVet.org

Questions? Contact: Perry Jefferies at perry@texvet.org

Veterans Tribute Concert
by the TTU Matador Singers
November 12, 2015 @ 7:30 pm Hemmle Recital Hall

Lubbock Symphony Orchestra $15 Special for Veterans and Military Personnel
November 6 & 7 call 806.762.1688 or go to www.lubbocksymphony.org

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The Vietnam Center & Archives

Guest Lecture Series:

General Anthony C. Zinni
Friday, November 13, 2015 7:00 pm

Before his retirement from the USMC in 2000, Zinni served as commanding general of U.S. Central Command. He has been awarded 23 personal U.S. medals and personal international awards from Vietnam, France, Italy, Egypt, Kuwait, Yemen and Bahrain. After leaving the military, Zinni has served the public through many roles including national security, education and by publishing the international bestseller Battle Ready with coauthor Tom Clancy.
The Sun's Up! Guns Up! Reveille Run is a 5k and 1 mile fun run. The run will be held on November 7, 2015 at 0730 (7:30am). Day of Race Registration will begin at 0630 (6:30am) but you can register online now!

Military & Veterans Programs along with REC sports sponsors this run each year to raise money for scholarships to support veterans and their families in the pursuit of their educational goals at Texas Tech University. AF and ARMY ROTC here at TTU are also helping sponsor this year’s event. Scholarships are awarded each September. Some of the money raised will go toward building a scholarship endowment that will ensure a legacy of support for our students with military ties.

Come raise the flag at Memorial Circle and run with veterans and advocates.

To Register

Go to:  https://register.recsports.ttu.edu/

Click ‘Sign In’ – top right

Once signed in, click ‘Register’ and all events will show up

Click ‘Special Events’ and you will see Sun’s Up Guns Up to click and register

Veterans Day Blood Drive
November 11, 2015
1000-1700
SUB Ballroom A
Sponsored by AF ROTC

No Cost Flu Shots
8-1-15 to 3-31-16
Your VA Healthcare Facility or Walgreens
1.877.777.8537
www.ehealth.va.gov/immunizations.asp
come join us at the ranch for

Veteran Family Night

November 13, 2015
6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Food, Fun, & Games

Come fellowship with other veterans. No cost to attend. Bring your family and enjoy a cookout, hay ride, horseback rides, games & more!

Please RSVP for reservations and directions:
Refuge Services @ (806)748-7202 or
information@refugeservices.org


Share YOUR history, Donate now! www.amaw.ttu.edu

If you are a military veteran and you are interested in donating your story, pictures, or material to the archive, please contact:

Archivist Andrew Hinton at 806-834-5971 or amaw@ttu.edu.
A Message from TTU Human Resources

On September 1 of this year a state law known as Senate Bill 805, or the “Military Veterans Full Employment Act”, became effective. This law mandates that all state agencies must establish a goal to hire a number of veterans, in full time positions, equal to 20% of the total number of full-time employees at that state agency. There are new interview requirements, regarding veteran applicants, that hiring managers must adhere to as well.

Veterans interested in working at Texas Tech University, please contact your new Veterans HR Liaison, Austen Hubbard. He can assist you with writing your resume for Tech that highlights your military skills in verbiage that civilians can understand, provide some career counseling services specific to veterans, give interview tips and speak directly to hiring managers at Texas Tech on your behalf.

Texas Tech University values the skillset and professionalism which veterans bring to the workforce and is actively recruiting veterans for employment.

Contact Austen Hubbard
Auten.hubbard@ttu.edu
806.834-4806

The Museum of Texas Tech University offers free admission to all and is a Blue Star Museum so military families get free admission to the planetarium year-round. Check out the Ansel Adams Exhibit through January 17th.

Hours: Tues-Sat 10am-5pm Sun 1-5pm
Closed Mondays
Click HERE for more info
Each month, we will shine the light on a special office on campus which you need to know more about. Click on the link below to learn even more!

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**Student Legal Services**

Need legal advice? Counseling and limited representation for currently enrolled TTU/TTUHSC students is available! Stop by our office in the SUB, Room 307 or visit our website at: [www.depts.ttu.edu/sls](http://www.depts.ttu.edu/sls)

**VATT: Veterans at Texas Tech**

Get connected! Join this student group for anyone who is a veteran or who wishes to support veterans and their family members. **Next meeting: 11-4-15; 5:30pm Stars & Stripes Lounge**

The purpose of the Veterans Association to provide a sense of camaraderie and community outreach for United States military veterans, those who are currently serving or under contractual obligation in the United States military, and those patriots who support the United States military in any way, shape, or form.

For more info, visit the webpage at: [https://orgsync.com/7497/chapter](https://orgsync.com/7497/chapter)
Or on Facebook: [https://www.facebook.com/groups/ttuveteran/](https://www.facebook.com/groups/ttuveteran/)
[https://www.facebook.com/VeteransAssociationAtTexasTech](https://www.facebook.com/VeteransAssociationAtTexasTech)
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| Suns Up Guns Up  
  **Reveille Run** | November 7, 2015  
  0730 Run Starts  
  0630 Registration | Memorial Circle |
| Veterans Day Event(s)  
  AROTC Flag Raising Ceremony  
  Veterans Appreciation Meet & Greet (MVP & RHA)  
  Veteran Day Lunch on Campus*  
  AFROTC Blood Drive  
  AROTC Retreat Ceremony | November 11, 2015  
  0700  
  1100-1300 (11am-1pm)  
  All day  
  1000-1700  
  1600 | Memorial Circle  
  SUB Main Lobby  
  Dining Halls or SUB  
  SUB Ballroom A  
  Memorial Circle |
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| Vietnam Center & Archive  
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  Museum of TTU (West side Entrance) |
| Veterans’ Family Night  
  RSVP to 806.748.7202  
  information@refugeservices.org | November 13, 2015  
  1800-2000 (6-8pm) | Refuge Center  
  8405 CR 2500 (MLK Blvd) |
| Military Appreciation Football Game TTU vs KS  
  (MVP Tailgate prior to game) | November 14, 2015  
  TBD | TTU Jones ATT Stadium  
  Engineering Key |

*TTU Veteran Students: As an appreciation for your dedication and service to our country, you will receive a coupon via email a day or so before Veterans Day to dine at the SUB or in one of our residence halls with proper military or veteran ID. Sponsored by TTU Hospitality Services.
Military & Veterans Programs

Mission

Military & Veterans Programs is here to assist veterans and their families in achieving academic and personal success.

Vision

Our vision is to be the university of choice for military personnel, veterans, and their families. Military & Veterans programs will assist the students it serves in a seamless transition from military to civilian life, support and encourage campus and community engagement, and help provide a positive experience through degree completion and on to a successful future.

About MVP:

- Find links to Certification Info and Checklists on our website.
- Find links to campus, community, state and federal resources just a click away on our website.
- Liaisons from each academic and Student Support office are also listed for your convenience on our website.
- If you are struggling in a class, Texas Tech has many avenues for tutoring and mentoring. Just let us know.
- Need a friendly face or to chat? Need resources on or off campus? Contact the MVP Office at anytime and we can help connect you.

You are not alone!

Text Alerts!

Remind 101 is a one-way text and email messaging system. All personal information remains completely confidential. Sign up for TTU MVP Text Message System via Text.

Text @ttumvp to 806.731.4100

You can opt-out at any time by replying: "unsubscribe @ttumvp"

Sign up for TTU MVP Text Message System via Email

Send an email to ttumvp@mail.remind.com

You can opt-out at any time by replying: "unsubscribe" in the subject line

Note: MVP will not bombard you with texts. MVP will only send texts concerning important information regarding benefits or upcoming events through Remind 101.