WELCOME STUDENTS!

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

Remember to submit your certification request to the MVP office for Fall 2015 as soon as you have registered for classes with no expected changes. IF you do make a change, there is an extra form to submit if you are using federal benefits.

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

Debra Crosby

Debra is the Assistant Director in the Military & Veterans Programs Office and our featured team member for August 2015.

Debra is the daughter of a 100% disabled Navy Veteran. She has worked in higher education for 30 years with over 22 of those years dedicated to veterans education. She first served Vietnam Veteran students at Angelo State University and then transitioned to serving all of our Texas Tech Veterans in 1994.

Debra always says “It’s my passion to help veterans succeed!” She was recently awarded the WAVES’ Bill Pearson Outstanding Lifetime Achievement Award in recognition for her outstanding contribution in veterans organizations and for demonstrating a deep sense of caring for veterans and improving the quality of service in veterans education across the region and nation.

Debra attended South Plain College receiving an Associate of Arts degree with Highest Honors. She holds a BS degree in Human Development and Family Studies, Summa Cum Laude, and a Master of Interdisciplinary Studies with concentration in the areas of Higher Education, Management, and Addictive Disorders and Recovery Studies.

Debra has a daughter, Jordan, who is the love of her life! They have a cat, Ivy, and a talking bird, Baretta (who thinks he is a person). She loves being a mom, she love Texas Tech and she truly loves serving veterans and their families!

MVP would like to thank Debra for her service to veterans and their families, and for her leadership to the MVP team!
Women Veterans and the VA Survey Request

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. Please take this survey - it will only take about five minutes - and share it with other women Veterans. We’ll post the results and share the overall information with leaders in Texas and at the VA. All your responses will be confidential.

take this survey

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

Military Service Members and Families Needed for a Study:

“Testing the Operation Jump2Health Education Website Using Eye-Tracking and Theory-based Psychological Measures”

Military parents are needed to participate in a research study evaluating a website designed for parents to help their children develop healthy habits. This involves completing a survey online and coming to campus for an in-person eye-tracking study. Participants receive $25 cash. To set up an appointment, please call 469-844-0191. 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.

Out of the Darkness Walks

September 20, 2015, CSAR, 15th and Akron

Register online: Click HERE for more info

Check in at noon: Walk starts at 2:00pm & Ends at 5:00pm

When you walk in the Out of the Darkness Walks, you join the effort with hundreds of thousands of people to raise awareness and funds that allow AFSP to invest in new research, create educational programs, advocate for public policy, and support survivors of suicide loss.
The Archive of Modern American Warfare at Texas Tech University collects records that document American military conflicts during the period 1975 to the present, with a concentration on Operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm, the September 11th attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon, the Global War on Terrorism, Operations Provide Relief and Restore Hope, the Kosovo War, Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom.

Additionally, the archive encompasses issues regarding the personal experiences of American service-men and women, national security, diplomacy, military and government intelligence, homeland defense, and the development of new military technologies and their impact on operations.

The Archive of Modern American Warfare at Texas Tech University needs donations from military veterans. We are particularly interested in collecting:

- digital material such as emails, blogs and other personal websites
- text and instant messages
- oral histories
- digital photographs
- digital videos
- digital audio recordings.

These materials will be made accessible for researchers in an online portal that is currently under construction. The Archive of Modern American Warfare also collects traditional archival material as well, such as correspondence and artifacts.

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

Archivist Andrew Hinton at 806-834-5971 or amaw@ttu.edu. You can also visit the archive in person in Room 4 of the Math Building at Texas Tech University.
MVP Welcome Event
for Veterans & Family Members

September 8, 2015
6:00-8:00pm
SUB Ballroom

Free hamburgers, hotdogs, music
Free T-Shirt with Tech ID

Community Resource Fair for Veterans and Family Members

Family Friendly Event!

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!

The Center for the Study of Addiction and Recovery

The Center for the Study of Addiction and Recovery at Texas Tech University has worked diligently to design a Collegiate Recovery Community that provides a nurturing, affirming environment in which individuals recovering from addictive disorders can find peer support while attaining a college education. This Community is founded upon values that enable students to develop behaviors and skills necessary to flourish in recovery.

http://www.depts.ttu.edu/hs/csa/index.php
# Upcoming Events

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**VATT: Veterans at Texas Tech**

First meeting in Fall 2015 will be on 8/26/15 at 5:30 PM

Get connected! Join this student group for anyone who is a veteran or who wishes to support veterans and their family members.

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/)
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.