



Center for Military-Connected Students (CFMCS)
Staff Senate Presentation
Mar 12, 2024



CFMCS Overview



History

- ✓ Created in Jul 2022 by merging Office of Military and Veteran Student Services and Ft. Knox campus.
- ✓ Reports to the Executive Vice President and Provost, through Senior Vice Provost.
- ✓ Five staff members
 - ✓ Belknap Campus: Center Director, Manager Department of Veterans Affairs Education Benefits, Department Coordinator
 - ✓ Ft. Knox Campus: Assistant Director, Program Assistant

Vision

- ✓ The Center for Military-Connected Students will be the national model for empowering and supporting military-connected student success through innovation, accessibility, connection, and appreciation.



Mission

- ✓ The Center for Military-Connected Students provides life changing academic opportunities to services members and their families by streamlining access to military service benefits, connecting them to services and to each other, and creating a community of support enabling them to achieve their goals.



Why Military-Connected

Neither “Military” nor “Veteran” **captures entire population...** “Military-Connected” is an overarching term for a **student group which includes:**

- **Veterans:** as defined by 38 U.S.C. § 101: a person who served in the active military, naval, or air service, and who was discharged or released therefrom under conditions other than dishonorable
- **Active-Duty** members: as defined by 38 U.S.C. § 101(21): someone with full-time duty in the Armed Forces, other than active duty for training
- **Reserve** members: part time role, generally do not move with the military, fall under federal authority
- **National Guard** members: part time role, generally do not move with the military, fall under authority of the state (Governor)
- **Dependents:** A Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System (DEERS) term, generally, the spouse or child of a service member
- **Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC) Cadets:** At UofL, Army or Air Force ROTC cadets in training to become officers when they graduate/commission

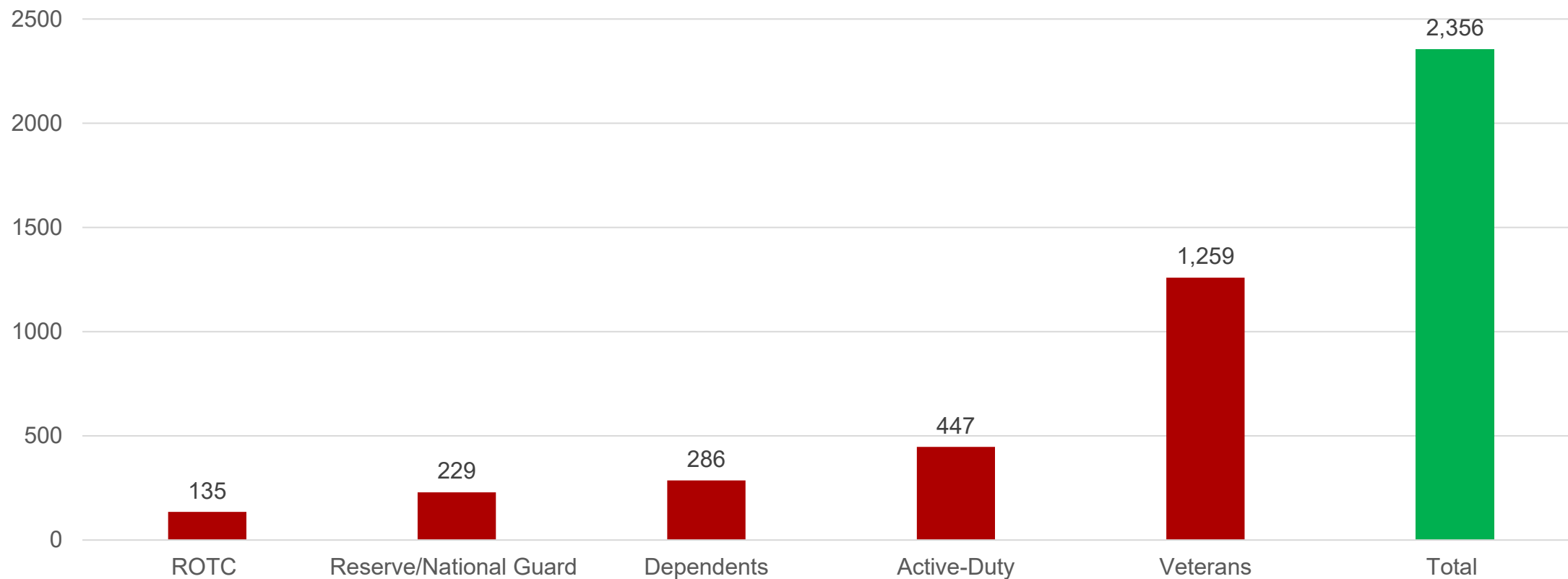
Our military-connected students are on-campus, in all 50 states, in Puerto Rico and Guam, and in thirteen countries!



UofL Military-Connected Student Demographics Academic Year 2023-2024

Total University Enrollment: 23,043

Military-Connected Enrollment



Military-Connected students' equal ~10% of total enrollment & more than **twenty percent** of fully Online Program enrollment

CFMCS

Brodschi Hall - Ribbon Cutting May 8th 10-10:30 AM (between Brandeis Law School and Ekstrom Library)

1st floor: student lounge, study space, meeting/wellness room, kitchenette, ADA compliant restrooms with a shower.

2nd floor: Center staff offices and hotel office space for student services (SFAO, Bursar, Registrar, etc., to work from).

Summary of CFMCS key services

- ✓ Identify and track military-connected students
- ✓ Policy advocacy for military-connected students
- ✓ Undergraduate admissions actions for currently serving members, veterans and dependents using VA education benefits
- ✓ Advocacy and assistance for Graduate admissions
- ✓ Advising and processing of VA Education benefits
- ✓ Military Tuition Assistance (TA) processing
- ✓ Residency coding for military-connected students
- ✓ Connecting students to campus and community services and resources
- ✓ Enabling students to connect with each other



George L. Brodschi Hall
Center for
Military-Connected Students

2218 W. Centennial Walk

UofL Benefits for Military-Connected Students **(Just so you are aware)**



Military Tuition Rate

Active-Duty members and eligible members of the National Guard and Reserve receive a special tuition rate of \$250 Per Credit Hour for all undergraduate programs, and most graduate programs. For more information contact miltuition@louisville.edu.

Application Fee Waiver

All members of the Armed Forces of the United States (any branch, any component) receive a waived application fee.

Priority Course Registration

Veterans and all members of the Armed Forces of the United States (any branch, any component) receive priority course registration.

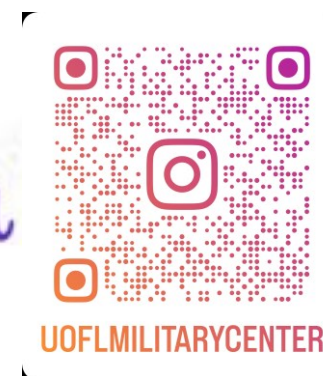


Red Bird Training

- **Red Bird** training is a collaboration between the University Career Center, the CFMCS, and the Office of Adult Learning.
- The training is for faculty and staff who wish to learn more about the military-connected student experience.
- The goal is to create Ally's who know about the issues and concerns, unique perspectives, strengths, and challenges of military-connected students.
- These individuals assist our military-connected student population and serve as resources to other faculty, staff or students who have questions about military-connected student issues. They are NOT expected to be experts who can solve all military-connected students issues.
- The training takes place 1x per quarter, next session is Mar 21, 10:00-12:00 p.m. in Ekstrom Library with lunch provided.
- To register <https://forms.office.com/r/sGVF7ebQ8x>



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Questions?