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!
Total University Enrollment: 23,043

Military-Connected Enrollment

- ROTC: 135
- Reserve/National Guard: 229
- Dependents: 286
- Active-Duty: 447
- Veterans: 1,259
- Total: 2,356

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