

Sun Devil Sentinel

See what's happening in November



Happy November, Sun Devil!

Can you believe we are rounding the corner on yet another amazing 10 days of Salute to Service? I want to take a few minutes to tell you that Arizona State University is going to spend those 10 days, actually more in some instances, celebrating you and your family for your service. I don't think there is another place around the nation that sets apart that many days to recognize our service and for that I am truly grateful.

Please take some time this coming Veterans Day to reach out to your buddies around the globe. Check in with them, and use this time as a reminder that we all believe no one is left behind. It can be a tough time for some, and maybe it is for you, so make sure to let others check in with you, too. I encourage you to reach out to your success advocate team if you need someone to talk to and anyone else on your Pat Tillman Veterans Center staff. We are here and ready to assist.

Remember that what you did in your service has value, and what you learned there and the experiences you went through can set you up for success here at ASU and beyond. I look forward with great anticipation to see all of our Sun Devil veteran family members do amazing things that change the world.

Lest we not forget, November is the month for giving thanks, so take a moment to thank a loved one for their support on your journey in life.

Happy Veterans Day and Happy Thanksgiving!



Shawn Banzhaf
Executive Director
Pat Tillman Veterans Center

P.S. Learn more about the namesake of the Pat Tillman Veterans Center by watching [this video](#) that explores the life and enduring legacy of Pat Tillman.

Updates and information from the veterans center

ASU's Salute to Service is Nov. 8–18

The Pat Tillman Veterans Center is hosting numerous events for ASU's 2023 Salute to Service Celebration happening across all metro Phoenix campuses. Please be sure to [visit our Salute to Service website](#) for a full list of events.

And while there's too much cool stuff to plug in one email, the veterans center would like to draw your attention to several key events we hope will be special for our military-connected community this month:

1. [ASU 365 presents Movies on the Field — “Top Gun: Maverick”](#)

The Movie on the Field (featuring Top Gun: Maverick) is open to the public, and will take place Friday, Nov. 10, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at Mountain America Stadium. ASU's clear bag policy will be in effect and no outside food or drink will be allowed inside the stadium (concession stands will be open inside the stadium).

2. [PTVC presents MVP Community Workout at Mountain America Stadium](#)

[MVP's Community Workout](#) will take place Saturday, Nov. 11, from 9 a.m. to noon at Mountain America Stadium and is open to the public. Everyone and all fitness levels are welcome to participate. (And remember to check out MVP's [Virtual Community Workout](#) on Nov. 9 from 4:30 to 6 p.m. (PST).

3. [ASU's West Valley campus presents the 20th Annual Veterans Day Weekend Traditional Pow Wow](#)

This Pow Wow will be a traditional celebration of Native American heritage on Saturday, Nov. 11, from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. on the Fletcher Library lawn, featuring dancers, drummers, elders and families celebrating the contribution and sacrifices of all U.S. veterans. A gallery exhibition of American Indian prints will be unveiled and Native vendors and nonprofit organizations will also be on site to help commemorate the 20th anniversary of this special event.

4. [ASU military-connected student clubs present the Third Annual Veterans Ball](#)

The Third Annual Veterans Ball will be held Saturday, Nov. 11 from 5 to 10 p.m., inside the San Tan Ford Club. There are still opportunities to help sponsor [the Ball](#) and proceeds go directly toward supporting the four military-connected student clubs who planned this event. Their goal is to raise enough to fund their trip to the [Student Veterans of America National Convention](#), the largest gathering of student veterans anywhere in the world.

5. [The College presents ASU's annual Dean's Cup Flag Football tournament](#)

The Dean's Cup is a friendly competition between U.S. military branch's ROTC cadets and student veterans from the PTVC. This event will take place Sunday, Nov. 19 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on the ASU Multipurpose Field (next to Sun Devil Soccer Stadium). Winners will house the coveted Dean's Cup trophy until next year's tournament. (Please use the link above to email PTVC about details or to learn about participating.)

Southwest Veterans Foundation scholarship program

The SWVF will award their most recent round of college scholarships to eligible veterans (and eligible military dependents) on or around Veterans Day, Nov. 11. This scholarship may be used for "tuition, books, classroom supplies, room and board, and other direct or indirect fees levied by the educational institution coincident to college enrollment and attendance."

Please take a moment to review the SWVF [scholarship application](#) — which is due by Nov. 18 — to learn more about future eligibility, the short essay requirements and how to apply. The next round of SWVF scholarship awardees will be announced on or around Dec. 1.

Galen R. Wiens Memorial Academic Scholarship

American Patriots Riders Club (501c3) has established the [Galen R. Wiens Memorial Academic Scholarship](#) to benefit members of Gold Star military families who wish to pursue a postsecondary education. This scholarship was created to support Gold Star military families whose fallen service members have given the ultimate sacrifice for their country.

Students have until **Nov. 30, 2023**, to [fill out this application](#) to be considered for \$1,500 in scholarship funds. This can be put toward tuition costs, related course fees, required books or other necessities to help students reach their education goals. Recipients will be announced on **Dec. 15, 2023**.

Tillman T.I.M.E. — meet Battle Tested Security

Battle Tested Security, a Veteran-owned powerhouse, thrives with over 60% veterans on our team, spread across 11 states. We're all about creating a tight-knit, family-like vibe in high-visibility areas of live events. Our support for veterans goes the extra mile with in-house VA counselors, veterans' counseling programs and inspiring monthly veteran meetings featuring special guest speakers.

Meet a panel of veterans who work for Battle Tested Security, hear their stories and learn about what great opportunities and benefits are available!

Date: Tuesday, Nov. 7

Time: 8–9 a.m. (Arizona time)

[Register](#) in advance for this webinar (Zoom only)

If you have questions, please contact ptvcadvocate@asu.edu.

ASU Academic Support Network searching for student workers

The Academic Support Network is currently hiring for many undergraduate and graduate student positions. ASN student staff work in a peer-to-peer model to support ASU students' learning. Visit the [ASU Student Employment website](#) to apply for student staff positions at ASN.

ASN's Hiring Open House

Thursday, Nov. 2, at 4 p.m. ([Arizona time](#)) via Zoom.

[Register](#)

OVMAE November events

Salute to Service: Caregiver panel discussion at ASU's Polytechnic campus

The caregiver panel hosted by the Office for Veteran and Military Academic Engagement at ASU is an event where experienced caregivers who have provided support to veterans share their insights and experiences.

It aims to provide valuable information on caregiving, challenges faced, coping strategies and resources available to support caregivers in their vital role. Attendees can gain valuable knowledge and connect with others who understand the unique aspects of caring for veterans.

Date: Wednesday, Nov. 15

Time: 4:30–6 p.m. ([Arizona time](#))

Location: Polytechnic Student Union, Cooley Ballroom B

Please [register](#) in advance for this discussion.

If you have questions, please contact sdeastwo@asu.edu.

Veterans Voices: Extending beyond GI Bill benefits

In this webinar, we're diving into key topics with three seasoned panelists. They'll share insights on optimizing your GI Bill benefits to span your entire journey through higher education. We'll explore the advantages of the Veteran Readiness and Employment (VRE/Ch. 31) program, and discuss strategies if your GI Bill falls short of covering tuition and fees — addressing the necessity of loans and the postgraduation implications.

Discover additional programs designed to support your educational goals and gain valuable insights on navigating the university system effectively.

Date: Thursday, Nov. 30

Time: 5–6 p.m. (**Arizona time**)

Location: Polytechnic Student Union, Cooley Ballroom B
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Updates from the PTVC School Certifying Official team

Enrolled in spring 2024 yet?

Remember to submit your Enrollment Activity Form. The link will populate as a Priority Task in My ASU once you are enrolled in spring classes. You can also find the link to [submit the EAF on our website](#).

Nominate someone for the Honor Roll

If you know someone who deserves recognition for their commitment to supporting the military-connected community here at ASU, [submit an Honor Roll nomination](#). We encourage veteran, military and dependent students, as well as Pat Tillman Veterans Center employees, to nominate any ASU employee, student or community member whom they believe deserves special recognition. Nominees will be recognized during ASU's Salute to Service.

Career and professional development opportunities Dakota's Career Desk

Are you interested in learning more about a service-oriented career such as law enforcement, nursing or social work? [Please join us](#) on Nov. 7 from 4 to 6 p.m. at the AE England Lobby on the Downtown Phoenix campus to meet with professionals in industries related to service. Meet with other veterans or still-serving military members who have been able to find and navigate careers that provide them purpose.

This event is "come and go" as needed and there will be light food and beverages provided. Find your community here at ASU. Still have questions? Contact us at cpdsptvc@asu.edu.



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Resources and support



Benefit questions
Troy Rundle
VA Vet Success on Campus Counselor

Virtual office hours
Mondays and Tuesdays: 9–10 a.m. and 3–4 p.m.
Thursdays: 1–2 p.m. and 4–5 p.m.

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As a current ASU student, you will receive updates through your university email address.

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