

Sun Devil Sentinel

See what's happening in September



Happy September, Sun Devils!

I hope you have settled into the rhythm of life at Arizona State University these past few weeks. I know it can be overwhelming at times — even just finding a parking spot is an adventure every day! I am encouraged to see so many of you walking around campus, and I want to set your semester up for success by making some promises to you.

Promise one — Customer service excellence: We at the Pat Tillman Veterans Center promise to do everything within our power to make sure your benefits are processed in a timely manner. We will work diligently with you and the VA to ensure the timely disbursement of your GI Bill® so you can take care of you and your family.

Promise two — Commitment to community: We promise to provide you opportunities to build your community here at ASU. Many of us are veterans ourselves, and we realize that you likely miss the camaraderie from your days in the service. We want to create spaces for you to meet other veterans and make lasting friendships during your time here at the university.

Promise three — Career readiness: We promise to work diligently in partnership with Career Services to give you pathways and connections into the career you want to be a part of. We will use our personal connections and professional networks to get you in front of employers in varying fields and will do all we can to prepare you in development of your personal brand, so that when the time is right, you will stand above the other applicants.

When I took the job as executive director, I promised myself to always help others around me shine, and I would like to take a moment to recognize the PTVC staff today. They give everything they have for all of you and deserve recognition for their tireless dedication to taking care of all of our military-connected learners here at ASU. So please join me in thanking them for all their hard work!

Onward to victory,



Shawn Banzhaf
Executive Director
Pat Tillman Veterans Center

[Watch PTVC's latest video](#)

Updates from the Pat Tillman Veterans Center

Apply for the Veteran Scholar Program

The Veteran Scholar Program is an opportunity to excel here at ASU among peers who want to personally and professionally push themselves. PTVC has partnered with ASU's Public Service Academy to create a program for motivated students to develop their leadership and networking skills, so they're prepared for the rigorous demands of an evolving job market.

VSP is all about the excellence mindset, and members are encouraged to develop their professional networks and invest in training to make themselves more valuable to potential employers. Also, members are challenged to envision how they can become better community leaders and to establish a plan maximizing their understanding of how to make impactful reforms in their local communities.



To learn more and review FAQs, please [visit our website](#).

The fall deadline to apply for this prestigious program is Sept. 8, 2023.

Treks for Vets application deadline

Every spring and fall semester the Pat Tillman Veterans Center, with help from our partners at the Office for Veteran and Military Academic Engagement, sends a small group of students into the wilderness of northern Arizona to reconnect with themselves through nature.

This is an opportunity to get away from the stress of college and invest in your own well-being while learning tools to help ground yourself when things get hectic. This is also a great chance to see the beauty of Arizona in a welcoming environment surrounded by peers.



Our next trip is happening Oct. 6–9. **The application deadline is Sept. 8, 2023.**

To learn more, or to apply, please email mloposky@asu.edu.

Tillman TIME with the FBI

We understand that many from our community are here at school on a mission to earn the necessary credentials for their dream job. That's why one of our promises to the ASU military-connected community is professional development and career placement opportunities.

We're inviting recruiters from the Federal Bureau of Investigation for a recruiting and information session to speak with students interested in careers in public service after graduation. Learn about which skills are most valuable for agents in today's world and what steps you can take today to prepare yourself.

Keep an eye on your ASU email for more details coming soon.

Aug. 16 is officially "Pat Tillman Veterans Center Day"!

The PTVC recently celebrated our 12th anniversary, and during an exclusive celebration, several Arizona state representatives officially declared Aug. 16 "Pat Tillman Veterans Center Day." This incredible honor is shared by more than 15,000 current military-connected learners at ASU and thousands of alumni who've relied on PTVC for support, guidance and community for more than a decade.

Please check out this excellent article from [ASU News](#) about the event, and don't forget to [check out our website](#) for ways to help us support one of the largest military communities in the entire country.

VetSuccess on Campus Maximize Your Benefits Workshops

Troy Rundle is our VetSuccess on Campus counselor and works for the VA. His vast experience and in-depth knowledge of military education benefits is a huge benefit to our students, and this month he'll be traveling around ASU to help everyone understand more about all the various chapters of the GI Bill®.

Please [check out this flier](#) for more details about when Troy is visiting your campus, or when you'll be able to join him virtually to ask questions and get answers about your benefits.

Marine Corps Scholarship Foundation — Helping Devil Dogs go to college

The Marine Corps Scholarship Foundation has given more than \$200 million in scholarships to help fund higher education goals for Marines. Prior applicants come from all 50 states, and more than 18 countries and territories all around the world.

Since 1995, this scholarship has delivered more than \$1.4 million to military-connected Sun Devils, and they hope to significantly grow those numbers. Please [check out their website](#) to learn more about eligibility.

[Check out this video](#) if you're interested in applying.

Merging Vets and Players community workout during ASU Family Weekend

PTVC is excited to be partnering with OVMAE and Merging Vets and Players' Phoenix chapter to bring military-connected Sun Devils an opportunity to find friends through fitness!

MVP's mission involves providing community workouts for former professional athletes and military veterans in order to simulate the camaraderie both populations miss after their respective careers are over.

MVP's next event for our community is during [ASU's Family Weekend](#) (Sept. 23) from 1–2:30 p.m., inside the Polytechnic campus Sun Devil Fitness Complex.

And if you can't wait until then to get back in the gym, [email us](#) about their weekly Wednesday workouts at [Liberty Performance](#) in Phoenix.

Upcoming events from our friends at OVMAE

Upcoming events from the Office of Veteran and Military Academic Engagement

The Office of Veteran and Military Academic Engagement is hosting several events this semester.

They are hosting a Fall 2023 Poetry Workshop featuring Dr. Rosemarie Dombrowski on Sept. 27, from 5 to 6 p.m.

In this workshop, they'll discuss reasons why poetry is often seen as a healing force, and will attempt to simulate this rejuvenating experience by reading and discussing poems by veterans.

[Register](#)

[Zoom link](#)

University Academic Success Programs is now the Academic Support Network

Struggling to find your rhythm so far this semester? Looking for support to keep that GPA right where you want it? Then get connected with our partners over at the ASNI

The [Academic Support Network](#) is here to support your learning! You can work with tutors in math, science, business and writing (either in person across ASU's four Phoenix-area campuses, or live online through Zoom).

Check out the [Online Study Hub](#) for additional resources and peer conversations.

[Visit tutoring.asu.edu](#) for more information or call 480-965-9072.

PTVC trivia question:

Before leaving the NFL to join the Army Rangers, Pat Tillman led the Arizona Cardinals in tackles, setting a team record that still stands today...

How many tackles did Tillman record during his record breaking 2000 NFL season?

Email ptvcadvocate@asu.edu with your submissions for a chance to win a PTVC swag bag!

Updates from the PTVC School Certifying Official team

Financial aid disbursements for Post-9/11 GI Bill® (Chapter 33)

Chapter 33 students, instead of waiting for the VA to pay tuition and fees, you can request to have your financial aid funds disbursed to you sooner than later. ASU Student Business Services will place an Anticipated VA Payment on your student account as long as your EAF has been submitted. To request one, please complete the [Anticipated Payment Request Form](#). Questions? Email Chapter33Billing@asu.edu.

Tuition and fees 100% refund deadline

Prior to and including each session's refund deadline date, tuition and certain registration fees are subject to a 100% refund. [ASU's Academic Calendar](#):

- Session A 100% refund deadline: Aug. 23, 2023.
- Session C 100% refund deadline: Aug. 30, 2023.
- Session B 100% refund deadline: Oct. 17, 2023.

After this date, tuition and fees are nonrefundable and students are required to pay that session's class charges, despite any withdrawals. For additional information, please see ASU's [Tuition Refund Policy](#).

Name change?

Please update the change of your legal name to both the [VA](#) and [ASU](#). The mismatch of names between the two will cause delays in the reporting of your enrollment.

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

Curious what career paths align with your Military Occupation Code (MOC)? Or are you interested in exploring careers that match your interests, values and working preferences? Check out our new platform, [PathwayU](#).

This free digital resource is designed to help you with self-discovery, career exploration and connection to education pathways and jobs. This platform also has a function where you can input your MOC from your time in service and see what careers align with that occupation. Try it today!



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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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