



Military Resource Center

15 Things Veterans Want You to Know

Module 3



1. Not All Veterans “Look” Like Veterans

- Veterans represent all ages, genders, races, and backgrounds.
- Avoid assumptions based on appearance.





2. We Bring Valuable Skills to Campus

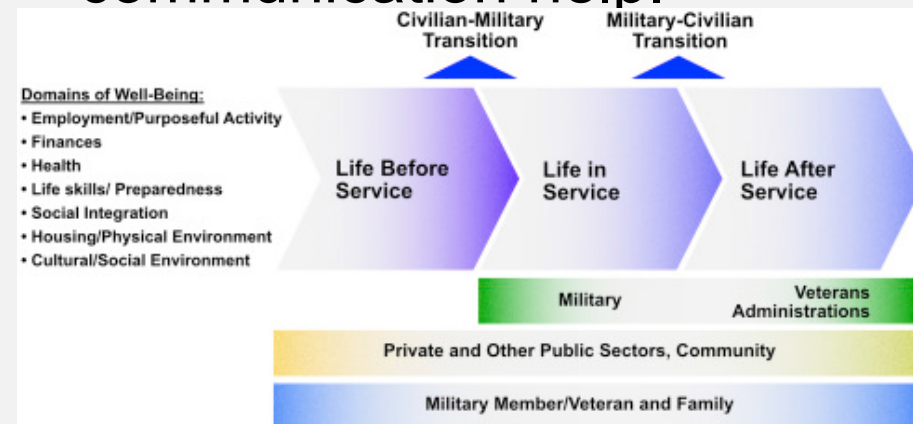
- Leadership, teamwork, time management.
- Mission focus and accountability.
- Experience working in diverse environments.





3. The Transition Can Be Challenging

- Moving from structured military life to flexible academic culture can feel disorienting.
- Clear expectations and communication help.



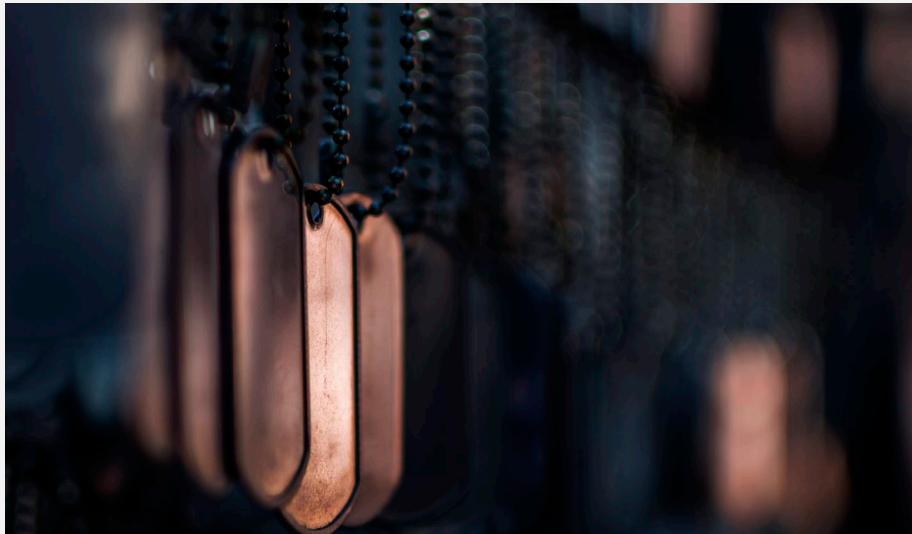
4. We May Be Older Than Our Classmates

- Some veterans have families, careers, or other responsibilities.
- Flexibility and understanding can make a big difference.

5. Military Culture Is Unique

- Direct communication is common.
- Respect for hierarchy and structure may influence classroom interactions.





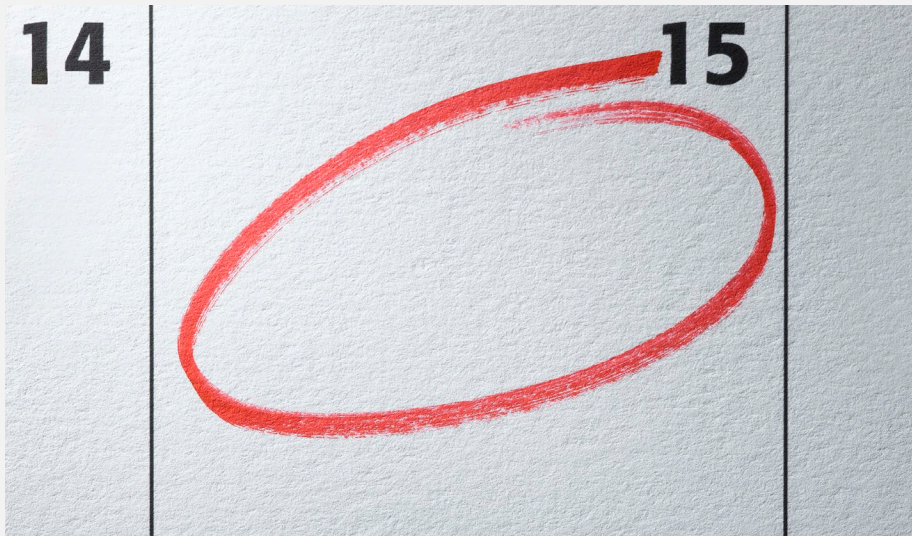
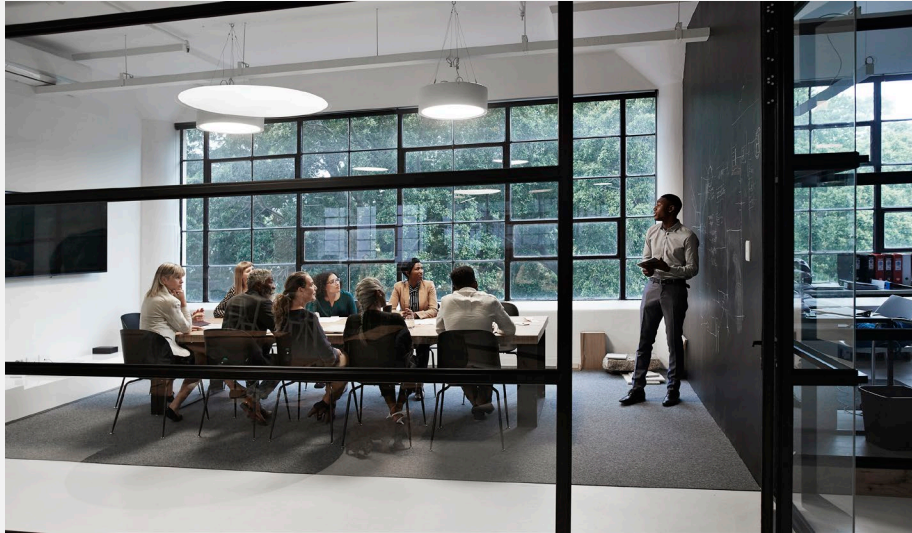
6. Not All Veterans Have Seen Combat

- Avoid asking intrusive questions about deployment or combat experiences.
- Let veterans choose what they share.



7. We May Be Managing Visible or Invisible Injuries

- PTSD, TBI, chronic pain, anxiety, hearing loss, mobility challenges.
- Some use accommodations through disability services.



8. Structure and Clear Instructions Help

- Provide written instructions and clear rubrics.
- Outline deadlines and expectations early.



9. We Value Purpose

- Connecting coursework to real-world impact increases engagement.
- Many veterans are goal-oriented and mission-driven.



10. Group Work Can Be an Adjustment

- Veterans may naturally take leadership roles.
- Encourage collaborative balances among students.





11. Benefits and Paperwork Matter

- GI Bill benefits have enrollment and attendance requirements.
- Delays or errors can affect housing stipends and tuition payments.



12. We Might Be Guard or Reserve Members

- Training or deployment obligations can arise during the semester.
- Flexibility during military duty is appreciated.



13. We Don't Want Special Treatment

- Fairness, respect, and understanding go further than sympathy.

14. Peer Connection Is Important

- Many campuses have Student Veterans Organizations (SVOs).
- Referrals to veteran resource centers can help with belonging.



15. A Simple “Thank You for Your Service” Is Optional

- Some appreciate it.
- Others prefer simply being recognized as students.



QUESTIONS

Military Resource Center & Veteran Services POC

Mr. Andre Clayton: Director, Military Resource Center (MRC)

Mr. Jardea Jenkins: Veteran Benefits Administrator

Mrs. Tiara Usog: Administrative Assistant

Contact Email: militarybenefits@bowiestate.edu

Phone: 301-860-5109



A photograph of a university campus during autumn. In the foreground, a paved walkway curves through a green lawn. Several students are walking along the path; one student in a yellow jacket and red hoodie is looking at a phone, while others are walking in various directions. To the left, a student is sitting on a bench, working on a laptop. The background is filled with trees whose leaves are turning bright yellow and orange. Black lampposts are spaced along the path. A large brick building with many windows is visible in the distance. Overlaid in the center of the image is the text "THANK YOU" in a large, bold, yellow, sans-serif font.

THANK YOU