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Specific services offered by the VETS (Veteran Educational and Transition Services) Program:

- ▶ Mentoring Program
- ▶ New Student Experience Course for Veterans
- ▶ Veterans of Baylor Student Organization
- ▶ Career Development
- ▶ Counseling Support
- ▶ SALUTE Honor Society
- ▶ Baylor Challenge Coin



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Mission Statement

The mission of the Veteran Educational and Transition Services (VETS) Program is to promote the academic success of student veterans at Baylor University.



Kevin Davis, VETS Program Manager

As a Marine Corps veteran, former Veterans Service Representative with the Department of Veterans Affairs and a Baylor graduate, Kevin has experienced the unique challenges veterans face while transitioning from military service to higher education. He values the benefits of a thoughtful and supportive team, as well as the global perspective, leadership and heart for service our veterans bring to Baylor University.

Frequently Asked Questions

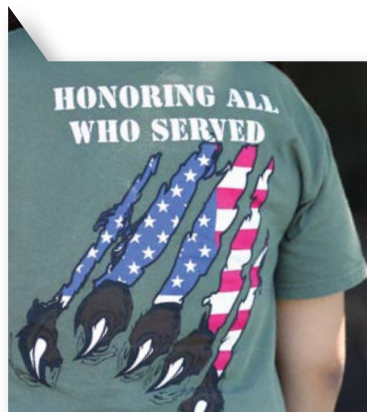
What is VETS?

- ▶ After researching the needs of student veterans on campus, Baylor created the Veteran Educational and Transition Services (VETS) Program in the fall of 2012 to support the academic success of student veterans attending Baylor. Our goal is to be a **military-embracing campus** where all student veterans are successful.

What services does VETS offer?

- ▶ **New Student Experience Course:** Fulfilling the New Student Experience (NSE) course requirement, VETS offers student veterans a one-hour, for-credit course designed specifically to assist them in their transition to college and Baylor. This class also gives student veterans an opportunity to connect on campus.
- ▶ **Mentors:** VETS provides a mentoring program to connect student veterans with faculty and staff members who have also served in the military.

- ▶ **Counseling Support:** VETS partners with the Baylor Counseling Center in order to ensure that we are equipped to support the transitional challenges of veterans as well as challenges specific to the military experience.
- ▶ **SALUTE Honor Society:** VETS partners with the SALUTE Honor Society in order to recognize our veterans who have demonstrated academic excellence. Students inducted into the SALUTE Honor Society will have their fees covered by VETS and a ceremony will be held during the year to recognize their achievement.



- ▶ **Baylor Challenge Coin:** Throughout the course of the year, Veterans of Baylor Challenge Coins are given out by student veterans to individuals who have shown above and beyond support for their academic journey.
- ▶ **Career Development:** The VETS Program partners with Career and Professional Development to help our student veterans take advantage of hiring opportunities.

Who works at VETS?

- ▶ A VETS Advisory Board, composed of key Baylor administrators and community leaders, meets regularly to guide and support the VETS program.
- ▶ The VoB Advisor is **Dr. Janet Bagby**.
- ▶ The VETS Program Manager is **Kevin Davis**.

Who is eligible for VETS services?

- ▶ Any undergraduate or graduate student veteran enrolled at Baylor, whether or not the student veteran is receiving financial assistance from the VA.

How do I contact VETS?

- ▶ Search for the VETS page on the Baylor website for current office hours and contact numbers. You may also contact Kevin Davis.

Are there other services for student veterans at Baylor?

- ▶ **VA Education Benefits Office:** The Veteran Services division of the Office of the Registrar assists student veterans with all certification needs for veteran educational benefits. Additional information is located on the Baylor website. You may also contact the VA Coordinator at (254) 710-8241.
- ▶ **Veterans of Baylor:** The Veterans of Baylor (VoB) student organization was chartered with the mission of providing a community for student veterans on campus. The VoB cooperates annually with other Baylor groups to organize activities such as a Veterans Day celebration on the Baylor campus.

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