



STUDENT VETERANS



A briefing on the
Office of Military and Veterans Affairs
WMU Board of Trustees, April 19, 2012
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Overview

- History of Office
- Student Veteran Data
 - Total Enrolled Veterans
 - New Veteran Students
- Military Friendly Practices
- Support Services Available
- National Recognition
- Statewide Involvement
- VetSuccess on Campus
- Student Veteran Testimony
- Questions



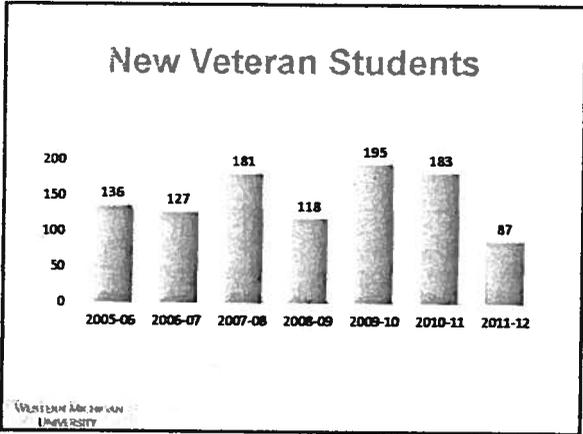
History of Office

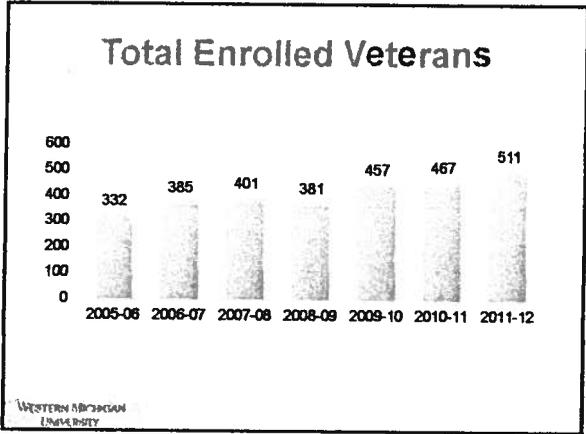
Advocacy Office for Transfer Students and Military Affairs, April 2007

- Geraldine Schma
- Post 9/11 GI Bill, August 2009

Renamed Office of Military and Veterans Affairs, September 2010

- Tracey Moon, Director/Advocate
- Stephanie Boltrick, Graduate Assistant
- Jonathan Jackson, Student Employee





- ### Military Friendly Practices
- Office of Military and Veterans Affairs
 - Certifying Official
 - Yellow Ribbon Program
 - In-state tuition for service members and dependents
 - Resiliency training course; FYE military transition course
 - Networking opportunities with faculty and staff
 - Student Veterans of America, WMU chapter
 - TriCare Insurance
 - Graduation Cords
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Support Services Available

- Military Oversight Committee
- Counseling Center
- Disability Services for Students
- Sindecuse Health Center
- Center for Academic Success Programs
- Career and Student Employment Services
- VA in Battle Creek
- Veterans Support, Kalamazoo County



National Recognition

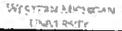
- Military Times Edge
- GI Jobs
- Military Advanced Education





Statewide Involvement/Consultation

- Legislative Work Group: VA Benefits and Higher Ed
- Testimony to Higher Ed and Veterans Legislative Committees
- Talent2025
- Michigan State Veterans Educators Consortium
- Battle Creek Chamber of Commerce Military Affairs Committee
- Michigan Association of Counties
- KVCC collaborations and presentation
- VA Medical Center, VFW



VetSuccess on Campus

- Announced by Rep. Fred Upton on April 10, 2012
- Consortium between WMU, KCC, and KVCC
- Veterans Affairs places a Vocational Rehabilitation Counselor on campus
- Provides outreach, support and assistance to ensure health, educational, and benefit needs are met

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Student Veteran Testimony

Shane Preston

- United States Marine Corps, 2006-2010
- Corporal
- Major: Political Science
- Minor: History
- Lee Honors College, GPA 3.6
- Graduation Date: December 2012



Questions

- Comments?
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- Thank you!