

Teaming Up

This year the ASU VETS Center has the opportunity to team up with three other campus organizations.

The VETS Center and UREC Outdoor Adventures joined together in August to provide a "Veterans Only" outdoor experience. The students went white water rafting in the mountains of Colorado. Trips like these are a way to help ease the transition

from their highly structured lives back to civilian life. On



Students on this year's trip!

Nov. 11, the VETS Center and the Multicultural Center will co-host the annual Veterans Day event. This event will feature food, speakers, and patriotic events.

Lastly, on Nov. 20 the VETS Center will partner with the ASU Strings Orchestra for a concert featuring "Americana." The concert will be held in the University Theatre.

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Come see us in the VETS Center
in the University Center, Room 113!

ASU Student Veterans Organization

The Student Veterans Organization (SVO) is a group of college-based military veterans and friends dedicated to supporting veterans, their families and their communities. Goals of the organization include:

- Assisting in the transition from service member to civilian to student
- Promoting healthy interactions with fellow veter-

ans and students

- Providing special services to assist disabled veterans
- Planning outreach activities to provide direct services to veterans' families
- Educating the ASU and San Angelo communities about veterans and their distinct experiences and needs

The SVO will be holding a membership drive at the beginning of the fall semester. If you are interested, contact the VETS Center for more information.

Check us out of Facebook!
www.facebook.com/groups/ASUVETS/



Join the Student
Veterans Organization!

Salute to a Student: Ivan Chavez

*"...love the environment and atmosphere."
- Ivan Chavez*

Ivan Chavez is from Iraan, a small West Texas town. He served eight years in the Marine Corps as an infantryman and served



Chavez on active duty.

three tours in the Middle East. He is currently studying border security with a specialization in terrorism and counterterrorism. He

was also named Student of the Year by the Department of Security Studies and Criminal Justice last year.

When asked why he chose ASU, Ivan replied, "I chose to attend ASU due to the fact that the ma-

majority of the students are West Texas people and also love the environment and atmosphere."

After he has acquired his masters Degree in homeland security, Ivan plans on seeking employment with a federal agency such as Immigration and Customs Enforcement (I.C.E.) or U.S. Customs and Border Protection. If he is unable to join those agencies, he would also be interested in becoming a Texas State Trooper.



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College Credit for Heroes Grant



COLLEGE CREDIT FOR HEROES

Angelo State University has been awarded a \$110,810 grant by the Texas Workforce Commission (TWC) through its College Credit for Heroes (CCH) workforce development program.

ASU is one of six new and four existing CCH partner schools that will split a total of \$1.5 million in TWC funding and is the only four-year university in the program. CCH is designed to recognize the knowledge and skills gained by military service

members and to award college credit for military experience, enabling veterans to more easily re-enter the workforce.

ASU's grant funding will be used to establish five new articulation agreements with select community colleges, allowing students to more easily transfer their academic and military credits to ASU programs in border security, cybersecurity, intelligence, and security studies and analysis. Those programs are promoted

through ASU's Center for Security Studies, and each includes bachelor's degrees, master's degrees and certificate programs. ASU previously signed an articulation agreement with Central Texas College, and with the grant funding, is already working toward new agreements with Howard College, Weatherford College and Cisco College.

Additionally, the grant will allow ASU's Veterans Educational and Transitional Services (VETS) Center to help veterans and service members transition to the campus by providing academic, social and financial aid support.

Green Zone Coming to ASU

The Green Zone Advocacy Training is offered by the Angelo State University VETS (Veterans Educational and Transitional Services) Center in an effort to train ASU faculty staff about issues important to student veterans. As our servicemembers transition from active duty service to college student life, they are met with many challenges. It is the goal of the VETS Center to assist these students with this transition to ensure that they have a positive student experience. The ASU community can assist in this transition by learning about the issues that affect

our student veterans, the strengths that student veterans bring to campus and the classroom, and understanding how they can help.

The training will include information about our student veteran demographic, the basics of federal and state education benefits, disabilities facing our student veterans, and the struggle from transitioning from the military to college.

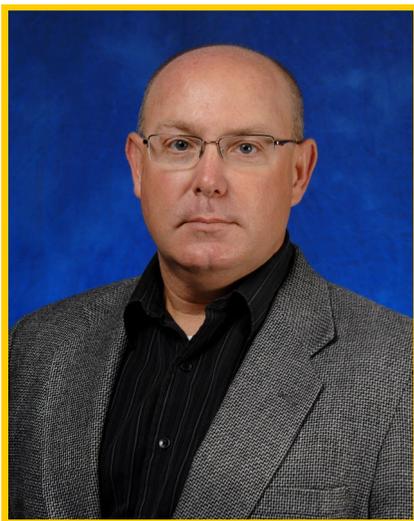
Participants will receive a decal to display outside of their office signifying that it is a military friendly area of operation. Student veterans will be encouraged to look

for this symbol and to be assured that is an area where they can feel understood and accepted.



Faculty & Staff Veteran Spotlight

Dr. Maurice Kelley is currently the director of the new Angelo State University Orchestra and teaches applied strings, music theory, and aural skills. He also plays in the San Angelo Community Band and Big Spring Symphony.



Before relocating to Texas, he served as a Strings Specialist in the Kansas City, Kan., school district and taught orchestra and humanities at Sumner Academy of Arts and Science in Kansas City. He has been an Instructional Systems Specialist for the Army's School of Music (ASOM) and served on the faculties of Concordia University and Union College in Nebraska.

While deployed to Iraq as a member of the 36th Infantry Division Band he served as the non-commissioned officer in charge (NCOIC) of the Jazz Combo and Rhythm and Blues Band as well as bassist for the 36th ID Rock and Latin bands. He was also heavily involved in a partnership with Basra University where he presented a lecture series on Western Music, taught classes in string pedagogy,

assisted in curriculum development, and performed in a cultural exchange recital.

His nonmusical duties included being the Sergeant of the Guard for an entry control point and a Counter Radio Controlled Improvised Explosive Device Electronic Warfare Specialist.

Dr. Kelley is active as a judge and clinician and recently gave presentations at the 2012 American String Teacher's Association National Conference and the Kansas Music Educators Association conference. He holds a Doctor of Musical Arts from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, where he was a recipient of the prestigious Othmer Graduate Fellowship; a Master of Music from Louisiana State University; and a Bachelor of Science in Education from Missouri State University.

Got Your 6 Pledge

As of June 2013, Angelo State has now joined forces with the Got Your 6 campaign to help veterans in their pursuit of a higher education.

In military terms, “Got your 6” means “I have your back”. That is exactly what this organization does. The Got Your 6 campaign aids soldiers in their transition to civilian life. Part of the organiza-

tion’s goal is also to make communities aware of the value of veterans and their leadership abilities.

The Got Your 6 campaign focuses on six key pillars of veteran reintegration. These six pillars are education, family, health, jobs, housing and leadership. ASU has pledged to follow the goals of the Got Your 6 initiative.

For more information, check out the Got Your 6 website:

<http://www.gotyour6.org/>



GOT YOUR SIX

Important Dates

Sept. 5-26:

Veterans
Information Program (VIP)

Sept. 17:

Boots to Business event

Oct. 31:

Last day to drop a class or withdraw from ASU (16-wk courses)

Nov. 11:

Veterans Day event

Nov. 20:

ASU Strings Orchestra
“Americana” concert

Nov. 28 & 29:

Thanksgiving/ University Holiday

Dec. 9:

Finals week begins

Dec. 13:

Last day of fall semester

Dec. 14:

Commencement



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ASU’s Veterans Educational and Transitional Services (VETS) Center serves active duty service members, reservists, National Guard members, veterans and their families. We help students transition to campus by providing academic, social and financial aid support.