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# VETERAN AGGIE LEADERS FOR OUTREACH AND RESOURCES (VALOR)

*"Serve well those who have served."*

Our motto at the Don & Ellie Knauss Veteran Resource and Support Center (VRSC) underscores all we do. Unique to Texas A&M University, Veteran Aggie Leaders for Outreach and Resources (VALOR) is a formally structured peer-led outreach and empowerment program that connects incoming and current student veterans on campus. The program consists of trained and certified student veteran peer leaders who create personalized cohorts focused on personal, academic, financial and professional development. As the newest program in the VRSC, VALOR focuses on four pillars: academic, financial, social/well-being and career.

VALOR is a process, not an event, that can last a student's entire academic lifespan. Early and continued engagement is a critical component of their educational success. By alleviating initial isolation, increasing student involvement and providing the critical connections that bridge the gap between institutional services, community support systems and career readiness opportunities, our peer advisors help new student veterans define sound educational plans that are consistent with their personal and professional goals.



## Don & Ellie Knauss VRSC

The VRSC provides caring and personalized support to Aggie undergraduate and graduate student veterans. The center helps veterans reenter civilian life and navigate their academic career by providing a welcoming space, peer leadership and tools to succeed both academically and personally. Other VRSC services include:

- Referrals to helpful resources on campus and in the community
- Help in navigating campus
- Academic and career support
- Workshops and networking opportunities with other veterans

# VALOR Objectives



## ACADEMIC

- Proactively identify and assist student veterans who may be (or are currently) at risk of not completing their academic program successfully
- Provide support and resources that help student veterans adjust academically to the campus community through partnerships with the academic colleges/departments and the Academic Success Center



## FINANCIAL

- Partner with SFAID to identify and assist student veterans with usage of their VA/Hazlewood educational benefits to ensure they are leveraging these assets in the best possible way
- Help student veterans make the most return on investment with one-on-one advising and instruction on money education through partnerships with the Money Education Center



## SOCIAL/WELL-BEING

- Provide assistance and direction to incoming first-year student veterans by introducing them to Texas A&M and Bryan/College Station resources
- Participate in a series of programs and networking activities that are designed to assist students with their adjustment to college life at Texas A&M



## CAREER/PROFESSIONAL

- Assist student veterans in developing their "career readiness" and increase positive post-graduation career and placement outcomes through partnerships with the Career Center, academic college career offices, and corporations that provide resume and interview workshops and networking
- Link interests and professional futures through the exploration of academic majors and provide resume writing and job shadowing through partnerships with employers and the Career Center

# LEAD BY EXAMPLE



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