



AUBURN
★★★ **VETERANS**
RESOURCE CENTER





AUBURN UNIVERSITY VETERANS RESOURCE CENTER

MISSION:

The Veterans Resource Center is a **service-driven** team committed to providing valuable resources, advocacy, & outreach to the military-affiliated community & Auburn family. We strongly support and promote a welcoming and inclusive environment for all.



Core Values:
Communication
Dedication
Integrity
Service & Care
Trust



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Administrative

- 9 full-time staff members
 - 5 part-time work study staff
- 6 Federal GI Bill® Education benefit programs
- 2 State benefit programs
- **1,900 (+)** students using Federal benefits for Fall 2024
 - **470 (+)** Student Veterans
 - **1450 (+)** Veteran Dependents

WHERE - 020 Foy Hall



Basement of Foy Hall

WHO WE SERVE / NONTRADITIONAL STUDENT



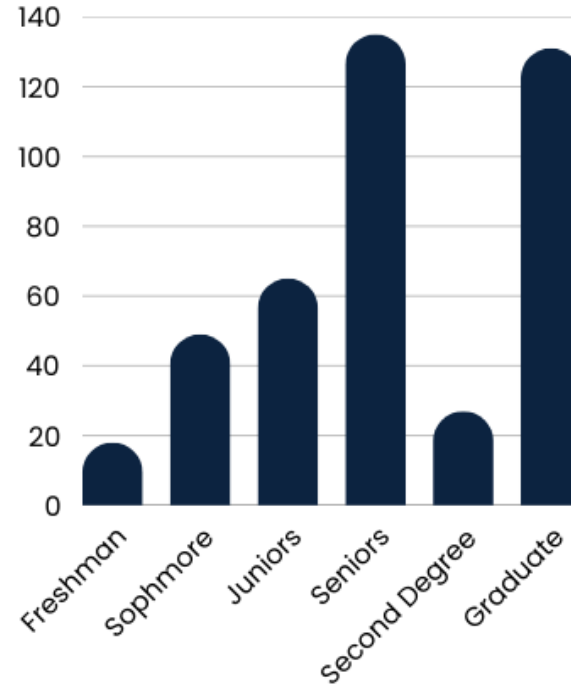
- Veterans
- Veteran Dependents
- Reservists
- National Guard
- Active Duty
- Inactive Reserve
- Air National Guard
- **Gold Star Students**
- They are older - typically, **27-34 years old**
- Nearly **1/2 are married**; many with children
- Most served 6 or more years with multiple **combat tours**
- About 1/3 will **exhaust their GI Bill benefits** before they graduate
- Over 1/2 work **one or more part time jobs** to make ends meet while they are in school
- Majority of our student veteran spouses work either full or part time



STUDENT VETERAN STATISTICS

Here is a snapshot of student veterans at Auburn University.

BREAKDOWN OF CLASSIFICATIONS



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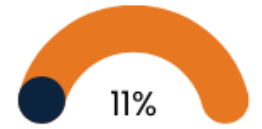
Auburn University's student veteran population hosts a diverse group of veterans and active duty personnel that continue to serve their nation on campus.



Male to
Female Ratio



Full-time
Students



With Full Tuition
Coverage

AVERAGE GPA:

3.53

VRC PROGRAMS / OUTREACH & SERVICES



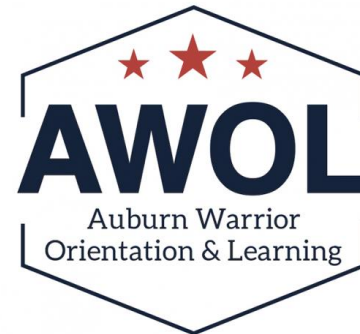
Veteran Scholarships



VA Work Study



**RUCKSACKS
TO
BACKPACKS**



OUTREACH & ENGAGEMENT

- “Ford” Gameday Hero recognition
- Student Veteran of the Game recognition
- Presentations made by First Lady – Tracy Roberts
- Gameday Flyover & Coordination – Football & Baseball
- Military Appreciation Week & Veterans Day Breakfast
- Military Appreciation Games – All Sports

Outcome:

- Bring together our Mil/Vet Community
- Enhance civil-military relationships
- Honor Auburns Military history & heritage



AUBURN STUDENT VETERANS' ASSOCIATION

A student organization that represents veterans transitioning from prior military service into higher education..



- Open to all students and centered on supporting student veterans and military family members to **succeed academically, professionally, and personally.**
- Provides a **welcoming community** that students can turn to and rely on in their time at Auburn and beyond

Major events:

- Annual Gala
- **Operation Iron Ruck**
- Vet Golf Classic Tournament
- Vet/Mil Tailgates
- Auburn Warrior Orientation & Learning

Resources for ASVA members:

- Professional Clothing Locker
- Textbook Library
- SGA Liaisons
- Rucksacks to Backpacks
- Veteran Success Program



AUBURN VETERANS EMPLOYEE NETWORK - VETNET



Veterans

Employee Network

- New Initiative / Identified Need
- Creates a robust **support network** for veterans, advocating for their unique needs at Auburn.
- Seeks to **raise awareness of veteran issues** within the university community, promoting a culture of understanding and respect.

LEADERS:

- Chair – BJ DeBardleben
- Vice Chair – Paige Wetzel
- Secretary– Curtis Pippin



VETERANS RESOURCE CENTER IMPACT



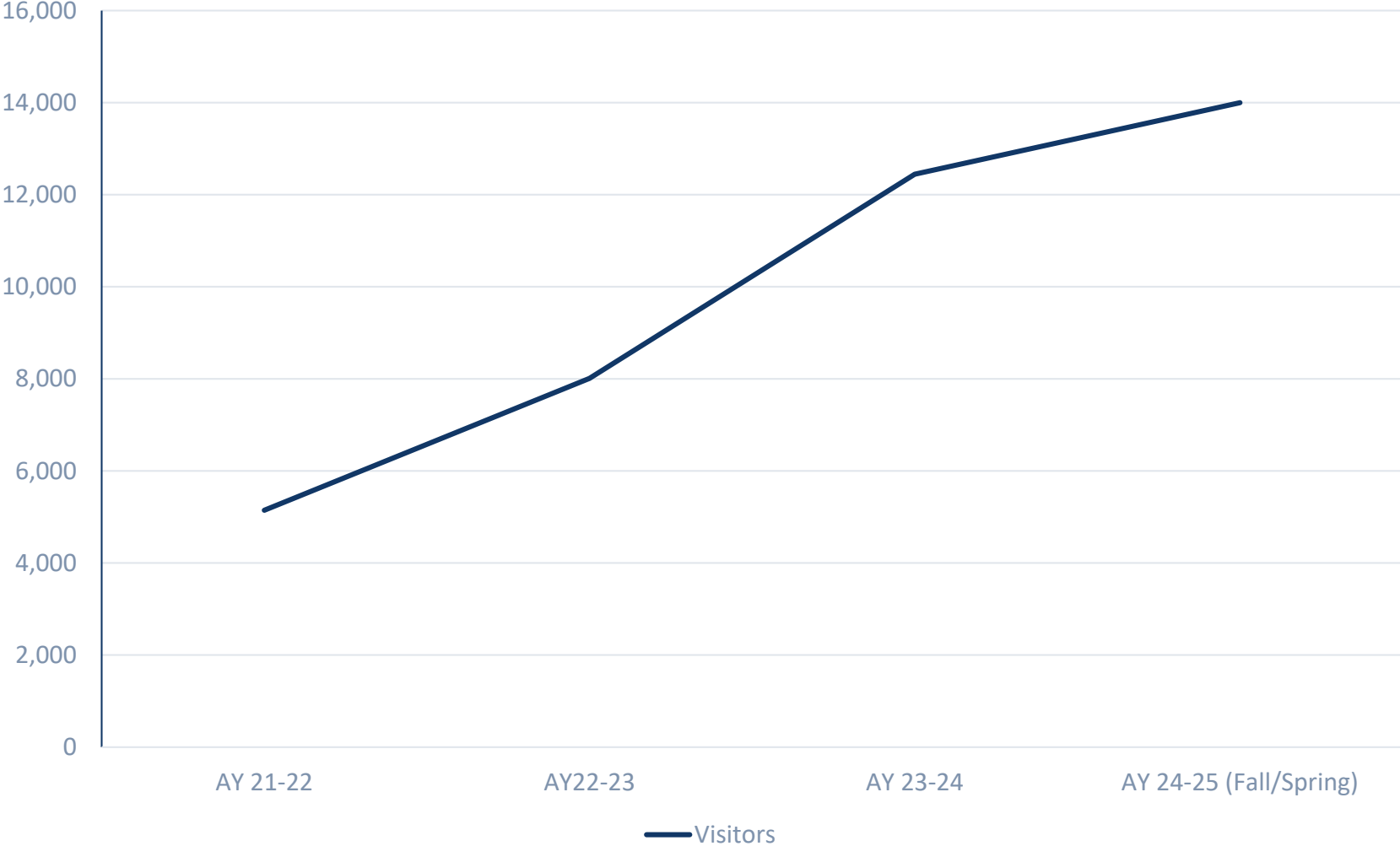
Over the academic years 2021-2025, Auburn University's Veterans Resource Center made a profound impact:

- Served at VRC: 36,149 military-affiliated students
- Numbers Certified: 13,522 federal and state benefits
- Dollars Contributed: \$163,525,200 to Auburn and local community

Our commitment to veterans **extends beyond the classroom**, creating a positive ripple effect that enriches Auburn University and the Auburn community.

AY 21-25 TRAJECTORY

Visitors



WAY AHEAD



Over the past 4 years - VRC numbers below have more than **Tripled**.

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Challenges - how do we position the VRC to support continued growth at this rate?

How to Help -

- Increase VRC awareness on campus – **“One Stop Shop”** for military-affiliated students!
 - *Mental Health / Auburn Cares / Food Pantry / Career Services / Veteran Services Officer*
- Green Zone Training – become an ally! Request and attend training - inform others.
- Third Friday Connections – Career connections for student veterans – they hire Veterans.
- Veterans Success Program (VSP) – recruit/recommend Mentors for student veteran success.
- Rucksacks to Backpacks – helps meet the technological needs of military-affiliated students.

QUESTIONS



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