



THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN MISSISSIPPI
CENTER FOR
**MILITARY VETERANS,
SERVICE MEMBERS
AND FAMILIES**



We Are a Veteran-Friendly Institution



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We are committed to serving those who serve others.

At The University of Southern Mississippi, we recognize the significant sacrifices and service of student-veterans. That's why we're dedicated to providing you the support you need to excel in the classroom and succeed in civilian life.



ABOUT THE CENTER

Our Center for Military Veterans, Service Members and Families is meeting the needs and academic interests of our veterans, active-duty service members, their families and survivors. The establishment of the Center means there is a place that student-veterans and their family members can call their own—a beacon of assistance on both of our campuses, where students can find support while they pursue the educational opportunities they earned as members of the Armed Services or as dependents alongside their family members. As one of the top educational institutions in the country working to ensure success of America's military service members, veterans and spouses, Southern Miss is proud to have been named a 2015 Top University by Military Advanced Education and designated by Victory Media as a 2015 Military Friendly® School.



The Center offers a comfortable environment with ample meeting space, a computer lab and a student lounge. Our hope is that it will be a place that you, our student-veterans, can visit to establish new friendships and reflect on the time-honored service you've provided to this great nation.



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CENTER FOR VETERANS, SERVICE MEMBERS AND FAMILIES PROVIDE THE FOLLOWING STUDENT SERVICES:

- Scholarships/internships/work study opportunities
- Modern computer lab for student use
- Membership to Student Veterans of America
- Certification of GI Bill benefits
- VA referral for counseling and medical benefits
- Green Zone contacts across the University Community
- World-class customer service
- Student-organized activities
- Job referral and placement assistance
- Community Engagement

From the Director

You are our veterans...our nation's credentials. You served so that all of us and our future generations can prosper in pursuit of dreams only achievable in a land such as ours. On behalf of the entire South Mississippi community, thank you for making a difference in each of our lives and in serving a grateful nation.

At The University of Southern Mississippi, we are compelled to meet our veterans' post-secondary education and future career needs and those of their respective family members. Our student-veterans possess core values derived from their time in the service, encompassing loyalty, duty, respect, selfless service, honor, integrity, courage and commitment. Military servicemen and women (and their families) have made significant sacrifices to protect our freedom. As they return from service, it is both our honor and duty to provide caring assistance as they transition back into civilian life.

Southern Miss is proud to have been recently designated as a "Military Friendly School" and a "Top Military Friendly University," and is committed to providing veterans, service members and their families every opportunity to succeed. Currently, more than 1,000 student-veterans and their family members are enrolled at Southern Miss, and we are making every effort to encourage other veterans like you to make us your "university home."

At the direction of our university president, Rodney Bennett, we recently created an on-campus, all-inclusive support program called the Center for Military Veterans, Service Members and Families to assist our military students in pursuit of their academic and professional career aspirations.

Our Center exists to care for our military students and, in doing so, fund scholarship opportunities for student-veterans, provide workshops and support services to help them and their families graduate and enter the workforce, recruit future veterans and their families, and promote the general overall interests of student-veterans.

We are in the business of making a difference for those who served to secure the freedoms afforded in higher education. And we respectfully ask that you "take a closer look" and consider making Southern Miss a part of your life.

For questions about the Center for Military Veterans, Service Members and Families, contact us by calling 601.264.4629, or visit www.usm.edu/military-veterans.

Respectfully,

Maj. Gen. (Retired) Jeff Hammond
Director, Center for Military Veterans, Service Members and Families

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