



EKU

RANKED #1 NATIONALLY FOR
MILITARY FRIENDLY® SCHOOLS

EKU Serves Those Who Serve

- ECU is the No. 1 large public university in the nation for Military Friendly® Schools
- No. 1 Military Friendly® Spouse School
 - Only Kentucky institution to rank in the top 10
- More than 3,200 organizations participated in the Military Friendly® survey
- Consistently ranked among the top “Best for Vets” public institutions in Kentucky and Appalachia by Military Times
- A top veteran-friendly school by U.S. Veterans Magazine



A Military Community at ECU

- More than 1,950 veterans, active-duty service members, Reserve/National Guard members, military spouses and children
- Military-affiliated students represent approximately 14% of ECU's student body making them the largest affinity group
- ECU ranked #152 out of 17,916 VA approved schools for most GI Bill students in 2025



Support Beyond the Classroom

- ECU's Office of Military & Veterans Affairs (OMVA), helps military-connected students navigate college and beyond
- VETS Center, dedicated space for veterans and service members
- Green zone training for faculty and staff
- Veterans Upward Bound located in our OMVA office, providing wrap-around support services that support the Commonwealth
- 64% military-connected graduation rate, 10% higher than the national average
- VA benefits certified within 7 day, compared to the VA's 30-day standard



"The Office of Military and Veterans Affairs was incredibly helpful to me both pre- and post-deployment and made sure I was settling back into school properly, which I really appreciate since everything was difficult enough at the time."

**Makenzie Doyle, from Owensboro, KY
Junior, Criminal Justice Major**

EKU Honors Those Who Served

- Original Veterans Memorial was established in Powell Plaza in 2004
- Veterans Memorial was relocated to Carloftis Garden in 2023
- 83 names are engraved on the memorial wall and 22 dog tags hang from the fallen soldier sculpture to honor those who lost their lives through service or service-related injuries

“For ECU, there is no greater honor than serving those who have served our country.”

- ECU President David McFaddin



Where We're Going Next

- Simplify VA Benefits
 - Making the process easier and preventing delays in student benefits
- Expanding Military Training Credit
 - Awarding credit that recognizes military experience and helps shorten time to degree
- Strengthening Kentucky Partnerships
 - Building stronger connections with Kentucky military installations to help veterans remain in the Commonwealth after service



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