

MILITARY AND VETERAN SERVICES

The University of Alaska Fairbanks is home to a robust and growing military and veteran student community. As a military-friendly school, we are dedicated to providing academic opportunities in a supportive learning environment that serves the unique needs of our active service members, veterans and their families. UAF offers in-state/resident tuition, credits for military training, flexible online degree programs, Veterans Administration and Tuition Assistance educational benefits advising and much more to our veterans, active service members and their dependents. We are also ranked as one of America's Best Military Friendly Online Colleges.

The UAF Department of Military and Veteran Services (DMVS) wants to meet students where they are. DMVS has locations on the Troth Yeddha' Campus in Fairbanks, Fort Wainwright, Eielson Air Force Base, Fort Greely/Delta Junction and Clear Air Station. UAF has been designated a Military Friendly Institution since 2008, and, in addition to providing student services, UAF offers university classes on Fort Wainwright and Eielson Air Force Base.

Offices at Fort Wainwright, Eielson Air Force Base and the Troth Yeddha' Campus actively support the Wounded Warrior Transition Unit through services that include academic and financial aid advising, future career preparation and registering for classes. Testing services are also available for writing and math (ACCUPLACER and ALEKS), awarding college credit (CLEP and DANTES) and industry certification exams available through Pearson VUE.

The DMVS dedicates itself to providing comprehensive support to veterans, active service members and their dependents in an atmosphere of respect for their service to our nation. They endeavor to assist students in maximizing their VA educational benefits, Tuition Assistance and MyCAA grants to meet the student's educational goals, while striving to build a community for past, present and future military-affiliated students.

- The Post-9/11 GI Bill® (Chapter 33 (<https://www.va.gov/education/about-gi-bill-benefits/post-9-11/>)) pays tuition and fees for up to 36 months. This benefit is available for individuals with at least 90 days of aggregate service on or after September 11, 2001, individuals discharged with a service-connected disability after 30 days, dependent children and spouses using benefits whose qualifying veteran or servicemember has transferred portions or all of their Post-9/11 benefits and Purple Heart recipients who were honorably discharged after September 11, 2001, with any amount of service.
- The Montgomery GI Bill® (MGIB) is another VA education benefit available to eligible servicemembers or veterans to help with tuition and training costs. UAF is authorized to certify both MGIB variants: MGIB-Active Duty® (Chapter 30 (<https://www.va.gov/education/about-gi-bill-benefits/montgomery-active-duty/>)) and MGIB-Selected Reserve® (Chapter 1606 (<https://www.va.gov/education/about-gi-bill-benefits/montgomery-selected-reserve/>)).
- Veteran Readiness and Employment (Chapter 31 (<https://www.va.gov/careers-employment/vocational-rehabilitation/>)), also called VR&E, helps to connect veterans with a service-connected disability of 10% or greater with a VR&E counselor. Together, they develop a plan, often including additional education, for our nation's

wounded heroes who aspire to open careers and advancement opportunities.

- Spouses and children of veterans or active service members who sacrificed everything in the line of duty, were captured or missing, or have a VA-rated permanent or total service-connected disability, may qualify for help to pay for college or professional training. They may qualify and use the Dependents' Educational Assistance (Chapter 35 (<https://www.va.gov/education/survivor-dependent-benefits/dependents-education-assistance/>)) program or The Marine Gunnery Sergeant John David Fry Scholarship (Fry Scholarship (<https://www.va.gov/education/survivor-dependent-benefits/fry-scholarship/>)) for tuition and training costs.

Tuition Assistance is available to many Active Duty, Reserve, and National Guard service members. The DMVS can help to navigate the process, apply for TA and use this benefit to grow both in and out of their service commitments.

For more information, contact the Department of Military and Veteran Services at UAF-VA@alaska.edu or visit the DMVS website (<https://www.uaf.edu/veterans/>). Walk-ins are welcome at one of their respective locations:

- the Troth Yeddha' Campus, 1732 Tanana Loop, Rasmuson Library Room 404, 907-474-7400;
- Eielson Air Force Base, 2631 Wabash Ave., Room 204, 907-377-1396; or
- Fort Wainwright, 4391 Neely Rd., Room 137, 907-356-3826.

GI Bill® is a registered trademark of the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA). More information about education benefits offered by VA is available at the official U.S. government website (<https://www.benefits.va.gov/gibill/>).