

# MILITARY-AFFILIATED STUDENT HUB



## MISSION

The [Military-Affiliated Student Hub](#) (MASH) advocates for student veterans and military-affiliated individuals by providing access to education benefits, peer mentorship, resources, and a welcoming community.

## LEARNING OUTCOMES

Military-Affiliated Student Hub staff aid the military community by providing camaraderie, mentorship, and knowledge about Veteran Affairs (VA), federal, and state education funding programs that assist with:

- Utilizing and navigating higher education and education benefit systems
- Creating a community of educated veterans
- Accessing veteran and military-affiliated resources

## PROGRAMS AND SERVICES

### Education Benefits and Academic Support

- **Military-Affiliated Orientation:** Updated online and in-person orientation specific to military-affiliated students that introduces MASH, the basics of VA education benefits, and other school and community military-affiliated resources.
- **Veteran Success Scholarship:** Qualifying military-affiliated students are eligible through academic achievement and individual need.
- **VA Work Study Program:** Helps work studies develop customer service skills, knowledge of VA benefits and resources, and opportunities for career growth.

### Wellness and Camaraderie

- **MIDAS Student Organization:** A new organization for Military Individuals, Dependents, and Spouses (MIDAS) was formed in March 2023 to foster community outside of the classroom.
- **VA VITAL Program:** A veteran-centered wellness program dedicated to aiding student veterans in achieving academic success.
- **Semester Wellness Checks:** Connecting students to resources and benefit programs through peer-to-peer engagement.

### Community Building

**Campus Support:** MASH provides a space for military-affiliated students to relax, study, and ask MASH employees questions about veteran student accounts and resources.

**Veterans Day Events:** MASH hosts a full week of events the week of Veterans Day to recognize and show support for the service and sacrifice of military-affiliated students, staff, and faculty.

# 2023-2024 Impact Data

- 834 student veterans
- 1,594 military-affiliated spouses and dependent students
- 98 scholarships awarded
- \$15,000 of scholarship funds awarded
- 2,015 veteran graduates
- 36,140 student visits
- 43,088 hours of VA work study experience
- 37,228 student and community engagements at events

## STUDENT STORIES: Madison Derheim



I'm so thankful for the UVU [Military-Affiliated Student Hub]. They have helped me navigate through all my options as a guardsman. Getting all your benefits together can be very difficult, but the staff have made it a smooth and easy process. They help you every step of the way. I have been especially impressed with how friendly and willing they have been to help me become a successful student here at UVU.