AGENDA

• USG overview & inside the numbers
• Why USG
• Campus initiatives & Best Practices
• Questions

USG: SERVING OUR MILITARY, VETERANS, & THEIR FAMILIES
# USG Inside The Numbers

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<td>Veterans graduating Spring 17</td>
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| 8     | Schools ranked by *Military Times: Best Colleges 2018*  
*Only 140 nationwide (USG has 2 in Top 10, 6 in Top 100)* |
| 2     | USG institutions in *Military Times* “TOP 10 Cyber programs” |
| 0     | State with more public IHL in Best for Vets Top 10 |
Inside The Numbers

- Over 750,000 veterans
- 5th largest active duty population
- In GA, approx 750 a MONTH separate/retire from military
- Approx 9% of Georgians have worn the uniform
- Georgia is often seen as a leader in serving veterans
Inside the Numbers & Student Veterans

Items to Consider:

- 85% are 24 or older (SVA)
- 79% are enrolled in public institutions (VA)
- 47% have a family (SVA)
- 29% of 18-24 year olds are elig for military
- 27% of enrolled vets are female (SVA)
- 200K leave the service each year (DOD)

BONUS:
volunteerism, civic engagement, & leadership
USG Promotes Best Practices

- Orientation
  - Adult Learner or Vet specific
  - Slightly different focus
- Peer Mentor Programs
  - Got Your 6
  - ACP
- Veterans Day observations
- Awareness Programs
  - OCP Sponsorship
  - Green Zone
USG Initiatives

• Fees waived for military using tuition assistance
• Veteran/Military Centers (100% USG schools have a dedicated space/office on campus...in 2014 was 33%)
• Priority Registration for student vets using GI Bill (100% of USG schools - 25% back in 2015)
• Graduation recognition (85% schools)
• Recent Policy Revisions:
  • Details on next slide ... GA leads the way
• Collaboration among USG and TCSG
  • Core articulation (27 courses)
• 100% President’s Principles of Excellence
USG Initiatives/Policies

• Fees waived for military using DOD tuition assistance
• Out of State Waivers for
  • Military stationed in GA (and family)
  • Recently separated military and family (within 36 months of mil retirement/separation)
  • Recently separated military and family (within 120 months of mil retirement/separation if using VA benefits)
  • Any student using transferred GI Bill benefits from a currently serving military member
  • Child of currently serving military member previously assigned in GA in last 5 years or child completed 1 year of HS in GA *


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- Student Veteran Organization
- Priority Registration
- Veterans Resource/Outreach Center
- Graduation recognition
Campus Initiatives

- Orientation
  - Adult Learner or Vet specific
  - Slightly different focus
  - Navigating higher ed ... provide them tools!
- Peer Mentor Programs
- Student veteran/military centers
- Veterans Day observations
- Awareness Programs
Campus Veteran Centers
Over 1200 student veterans graduated Spring 2017!

From VA:
Grad rate almost identical nationally compared to non-veteran (2002-13)
Business Administration (19%) and Liberal Arts (31%) are most preferred degree fields
Post 9/11 GI Bill students are predominantly FT (6X PT rate)
QUESTIONS?

Dr David R Snow (USN Ret)
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GCSU is our most recent addition – Well Done!