



# Minnesota State Commitment to Veterans, Service Members, and their Families

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# Partnership with the MN National Guard



- January 2003 – Memorandum of Understanding
- July 2003 – Guard Online



# Reintegration Events for the MN National Guard



- Pre-Deployment
- During Deployment



- Demobilization
- Post-Deployment

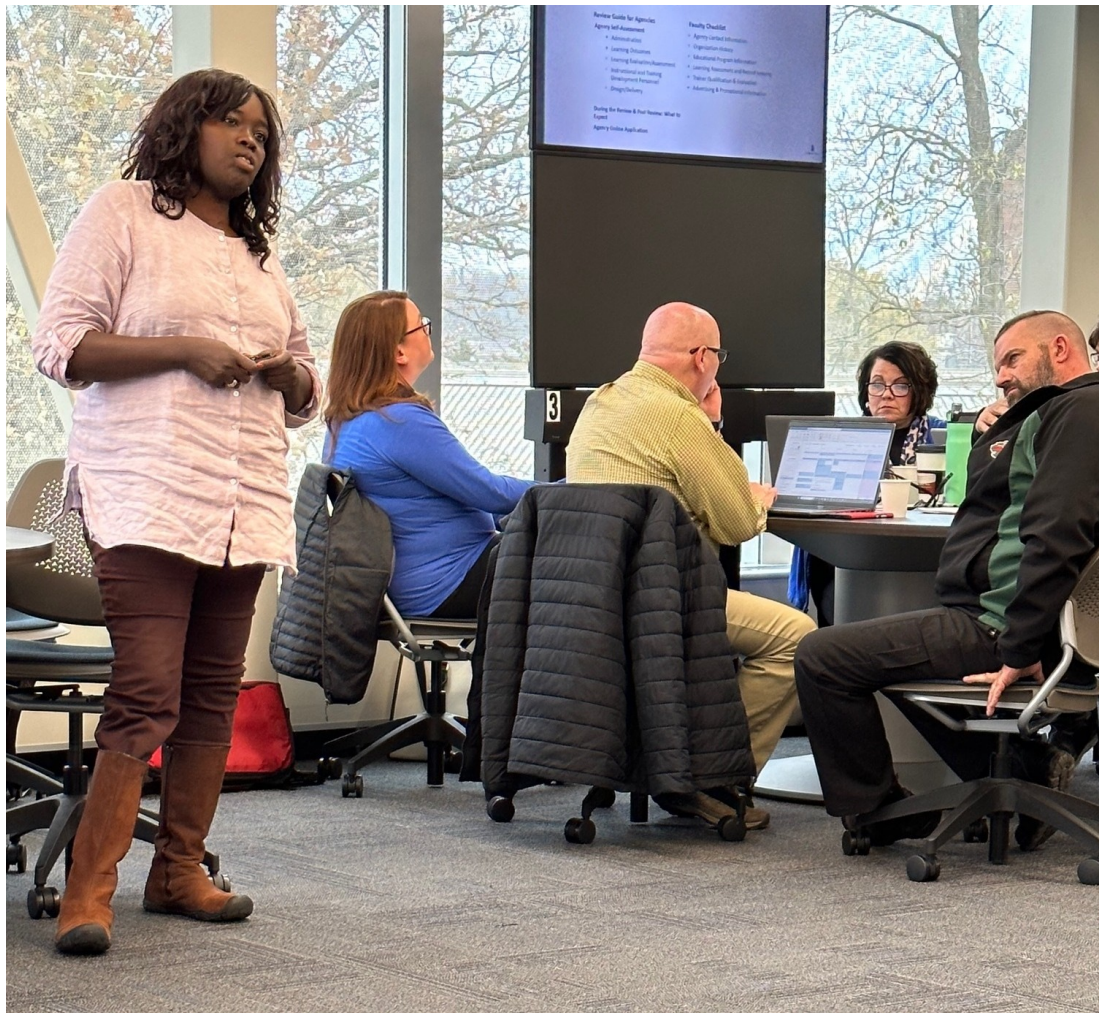
# Employment Resource Team (ERT)

- March 2012 - Kuwait
- Unemployment Rate – 19%



- After training in Kuwait and working with DEED Veteran Employment Representatives < 2% unemployment

# Credit for Prior Learning



- 2008 – concerted system effort
- Working with faculty
  - Four Army occupations
- 2012 – Flip the process upside down – review all military occupations
- Next steps – evaluate military courses

# Support for Colleges and Universities



- 6,506 veterans and servicemembers (FY 2023 - estimated headcount)
  - 3.1% of student population
- Department of Defense and U.S. Veterans Affairs
- Military Transcripts

# State-Level Partnerships

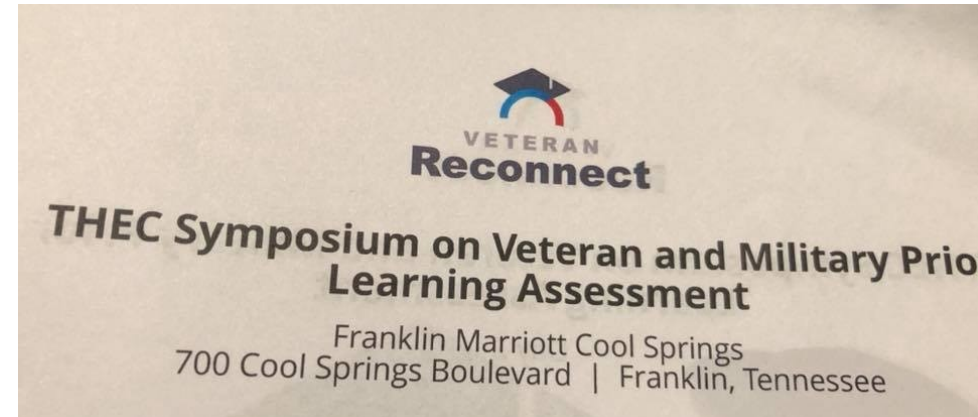
- Education
  - MN National Guard
  - MN Department of Veterans Affairs
  - Minnesota State
- Employment and Education
  - MN Department of Employment and Economic Development
  - Minneapolis VA – Vocational Rehabilitation





# Nationwide Training and Technical Assistance

- Twenty-five+ states
- 100+ colleges, universities, and systems
- In-Person
  - Iowa, Kansas, Michigan, North Dakota, Rhode Island, Tennessee
- South Carolina Commission on Higher Education



## Minnesota State Model

- Military Transfer Credit Model
  - Find key stakeholders at the institutional level
  - Convene at different campus levels (vice presidents, provosts, deans, registrars, veterans support, faculty, student service members, etc.)

**Resources For Veterans and Service Members**  
<https://www.minnstate.edu/military/index.html>

Welcome to VETS\*, the Veterans Education Transfer System. Created by the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities, VETS is an online application that helps past, present and future servicemen and servicewomen determine how their military training can count for credit at the colleges and universities of Minnesota State. VETS is a product of the Veterans Re-Entry Education Program. Funds for the Veterans Re-Entry Education Program were provided from a 2008 (P116Z080299) and a 2009 (P116Z090310) congressionally-directed grant award.  
<https://services.minnstate.edu/college-search/publik/military/>

- **Other Models (Purdue Global University)**  
[MilitaryDT.PurdueGlobal.edu](http://MilitaryDT.PurdueGlobal.edu) – Earn Credit for Military Training

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# Partnership with the American Council on Education (ACE)

- Pilot the Modernized ACE Military Guide
- Data sharing partnership

“Minnesota State as a great candidate for data partnership based on your involvement with the project to this point, as well as your historical efforts to establish credit articulations with military learning.”

4. American Council on Education (ACE)

Michele Spires, Assistant Vice President  
Learning Evaluations  
American Council on Education

Joint Services Transcript (JST) Demonstration

Shay Goodwin, Assistant Director  
Transfer & Nontraditional Admissions  
Coastal Carolina University

Student Servicemember

Ian Marrone, Intelligence & Security Studies Bachelor  
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5. Academy One- SC Trac

Karen Todd, VP and General Manager  
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6. Key Stakeholders and Collaboration

Models in Other States  
Indiana

Jayson Jarrett, Assistant Director, Office of  
Financial Aid and Scholarships/SCO  
Ball State University

Allegra Fowler, Executive Director  
Center for Prior Learning Recognition  
Purdue Global University

Minnesota

Gina Sobania, Director  
Military, Veteran, & Adult Learner Services  
Minnesota State

7. Next Steps: Action Items (Homebound)

# Beyond the Yellow Ribbon Organizations



- 18 colleges and universities designated
- Minnesota State system office
- Supporting employees
- Supporting students

# The 4 Ps:

- Person-Centered
- Partnerships
- Purpose
- Passion



# Thank you.



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