

The Veteran Resource Center

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Meet the newly elected executive board for the 2017/18 year!



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Anticipation grows for new vet center

Final preparations are underway for the opening of the new Veteran Resource Center (VRC) in Hodges Library. Located on the bottom floor, the VRC will share an area with OneStop, which is undergoing upgrades as well.

Student veterans and dependents will be welcomed with an array of amenities that are intended to provide a positive and unique experience to the veteran community on campus.

As students arrive, they will have the opportunity to meet one on one with veteran coordinators and will find areas for quiet study, a common room with microwave and refrigerator access, and a meeting area for veteran organizations.

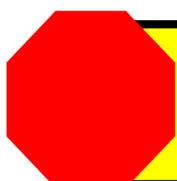
To make this possible, the VRC was awarded a \$4700.00 grant from Home Depot to purchase items for the Veterans Center. These items included furniture, a microwave, refrigerator, Keurig Coffee maker, supply of K pods, popcorn popper, SMART TV, and a DVD player.

The student group officers, along with the VA office and the UT Foundation office, were involved in many recent fundraising efforts. One of the most recent efforts included a \$10,000.00 donation from the Journey Home Project.

This money was given to the Veteran Resource Center to purchase new computer equipment for student veterans. For more information regarding the Journey Home Project please visit their website at <http://www.thejourneyhomeproject.org/>

As construction begins to wind down, the center looks to welcome veteran and dependent students throughout the Summer term and the beginning of the Fall semester.



 **Under Construction**

Veteran Spotlight

Name: Dan McGuffey

UT Affiliation: Human Resources



Branch of Service & (MOS, AFSC or Rate): U.S. Army 11A / 42H, Lieutenant Colonel

Years of Service: 20

What you love most about UT?: Nice people and the low stress environment

What advice would you give a student veteran on campus?: Be positive and perform a random act of kindness every day.



Have a Safe & Happy
Summer!!!



Classes Begin: Wednesday, August 23

Enrollment Forms for Fall Semester Due: Now!

