MISSION: The Military and Veterans Program (MVP) serves a diverse military-affiliated community, both on and off campus, through expansive support services. These are designed to foster student success, reduce barriers, and support inclusive ventures within the SDSU population, across the region, and at the national level.

DATA: We support over 4,500 students comprised of veterans, service members, and military family members. Military-connected students represent approximately 13% of SDSU’s student population and capture the diversity present throughout campus, studying in each of the 8 Schools and participating in nearly every student club and activity.

* 34% of our military-affiliated students are underrepresented minorities.
* Nearly 50% are student veterans are Pell Grant recipients.
* 39% of student veterans are first-generation college students.
* 90% are “adult learners” (age 25+).
* Sixty 60% use federal or state veteran education benefits.
* MVP students’ average GPA is 3.2, compared to the campus average GPA of 3.08.

We are eager to help advance research and/or projects that enhance our military-affiliated students’ engagement in campus and community activities. The MVP’s grant writer, Liz Reep, is available to support these efforts as well as proposal development efforts related to topics involving the military or veteran community on and off campus. Support includes identification of potential funders, grant strategy formation, generating applications, and narrative review. Liz can assist in identifying potential connections to priorities and provide information on the military and veteran population and its unique characteristics, exemplified below:

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| Research Topic | Potential Relevance for the Military Community |
| Student success initiatives | Ways to benefit our resident military-affiliated population, , while also promoting diversity among this protected group |
| Growing a diverse STEM workforce | Make students competitive for technical careers, including those in demand by the Department of Defense (DoD) |
| Community engagement  | Ally with non-profits, civic/government agencies, other stakeholders invested in military/veteran community |
| Research on/with students | Allow military-connected students to be part of the population studied or to directly participate in research |
| DoD Technology Interests | Artificial intelligence, directed energy, small satellites, microelectronics, hypersonics, 5G, virtual reality, robotics |

Initiatives that provide additional services to our student population and surrounding community are also of distinct interest to us.

MVP has provided support to various STEM-related initiatives, humanities projects, COVID-19 related impacts, substance abuse studies, and more. We work closely with the Department for Research Innovation and the SDSU Research Foundation to ensure strong proposal development and smooth grant submission.

Reach out to us today to explore how we may be able to work together!