

## **Military Focus Committee**

Chair: Kelsi Broadway

Description: The Military Focus Committee has a mission of improving the military connected student experience at FHSU. The committee seeks out new ways to support this population of our students which may have specialized needs. In all aspects of student life, from financial support services to counseling and mentoring, the Military Focus Committee strives to enrich the student experience for the FHSU military veteran population.

### **Key (Academic Year) Accomplishments**

- 20 Boots display showcased in Forsyth Library in September (as part of National Suicide Prevention Month)
- Partnered with the Military-Connected Student Services office for coordination of the Military Recognition Week in November
- Facilitated the Stars Banner during Military Recognition Week
- Red, White, and Blue Christmas Tree displayed in MU after Fall Break
- 3 committee members made up the Military & Veterans Scholarship Committee for AY 2023-2024 and awarded \$3,200 across 8 scholarships to qualified students
- Facilitated two Giving Day projects with the MCSS office to raise funds for the Military & Veterans Scholarship and to start a Military Spouse & Dependents Scholarship fund. Funds raised include:
  - Military & Veterans Scholarship - \$2,730
  - Military Spouse & Dependents Scholarship - \$110
- Built a pilot Military Success Module in Blackboard that encompassed the following modules and information for military-connected students:
  - Orientation to FHSU
  - Technology for Tigers
  - Understanding your Degree and Academic Advising
  - Academic & Student Success
- Conducted an informal post-survey of students who utilized the Military Success Module to better gauge their information and retention needs.
- Distributed 30 military graduate cords to graduating military and veteran students between the Fall 2022 and Spring 2023 graduation ceremonies.

### **Committee Members:**

- Kelsi Broadway
- Randall Adkins
- Seth Kastle
- Dennis King
- Mary Elizabeth Downing-Turner
- Carol Solko-Oliff
- Clayton Howard
- Debbie Staab
- Joseph Chretien
- Kenton Oliff
- Morgan Steele
- Phillip Olt
- Scott Cason
- Robyn Brungardt