

## EAGLE OPS

*Happy  
Holidays*

### A Message from Dean McLamb

#### A Final Salute to the Semester

As Fall 2025 comes to a close, we celebrate your hard work and resilience—whether you're completing your first term or preparing for graduation. As you move into new chapters, take pride in your journey and the community that supported you. Wishing you a restful winter break and Happy Holidays from Wake Tech Military & Veteran Services.

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# Meet The Military & Veterans Services Team



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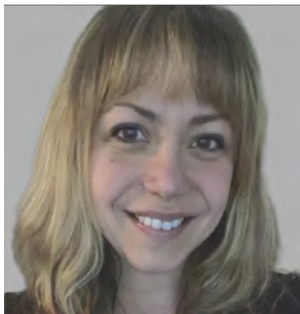
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## Meet Our Veteran Care Team

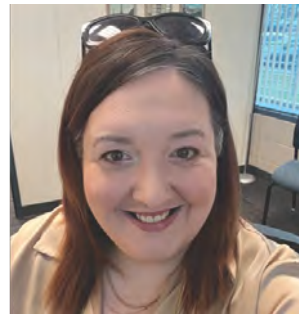
"The team has been created to provide specialized advising and coaching support for military-connected students - veterans, spouses of veterans, or dependents of veterans - who plan to enroll or are currently enrolled at Wake Tech."



**Blair Turpin**  
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To Schedule a Virtual Appointment Scan the QR Code or Click The Link Below:



[Click Here to Make a Virtual Appointment with a Member of the Care Team](#)



# Veteran Student Resources

Wake Tech provides Veterans Zones on four campuses - dedicated areas where student veterans and their family members can connect in a safe environment and interact in a unique academic and social setting.

## Veterans Zone Locations:

- Southern Wake Campus: Building L, Room 133
- Scott Northern Wake Campus: Building C, Room 206
- RTP Campus: Building 2, Room 101D
- Wake Tech East: Building C, Room 148
- Hours: Monday - Friday, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. (all locations)



**Green Zone Program:** Look for the Green Zone symbol in Wake Tech offices and on course syllabi - this identifies trained advocates who understand the unique challenges veterans face and are ready to assist with a sympathetic ear. For more information, contact Veterans Services or visit any Veterans Zone location.



**For updates, join Discord our and follow our social media pages:**



@wearewakevets  
Wake Tech Veterans Services

# Updates & Events

## Chapter 35 (DEA) Monthly Enrollment Verification

Beginning at the end of January 2026, Chapter 35 beneficiaries must verify their enrollment each month to receive VA benefit payments. The VA cannot process payments until verification is complete. Once verified, payments typically take 5–7 calendar days, depending on your bank.

### December 2025 Update

All December enrollments have been automatically verified. Payments are expected by the end of the first week of January.

### How to Verify Enrollment (Monthly):

- Text (fastest): Opt in when you begin using your benefits to receive monthly VA text verifications.
- Email: Monthly verification messages are sent if you don't opt into texts.
- Online: Verify through the VA's [online](#) tool.
- Ask VA: Submit enrollment dates for manual review; payment is processed 5–7 days after VA reviews the request.

**To avoid payment delays, students are encouraged to use text or email verification.**

**Click Link: Veterans Education Benefits**

GI Bill® Website: <https://gibill.va.gov>  
VA Education Call Center: 1.888.442.4551  
Request Join Service Transcripts: <https://jst.doded.mil>  
Request CCAF Transcripts: <https://www.airuniversity.af.edu/barnes/CCAF/>

# Updates & Events

Dear Veteran Students,

As we approach the end of the semester, we wanted to let you know that our college will be closing for the holiday season to give our faculty and staff time to rest and celebrate with their loved ones.

Our offices will close at **5:00 PM on Tuesday, December 23rd**, and the college will remain closed through **Sunday, January 4th**. We'll reopen on **Monday, January 5th, 2026**, and classes will resume on Wednesday, January 7th.

We know this time of year can bring a mix of emotions and experiences for everyone. Whether you're celebrating with family, connecting with fellow veterans, taking some well-deserved time for yourself, or simply looking forward to the new semester, we hope these weeks bring you peace and rest.

Please take time to address any questions or concerns you may have before we close on **December 23rd**. We want to make sure you have everything you need for a smooth break and successful start to the spring semester.

Thank you for your continued dedication to your education, and we look forward to seeing you in the new year. Wishing you and yours a safe and peaceful holiday season.

Warm Regards,



# A Look Back at 2025: Moments That Made the Year





# GRADUATE SHOUT-OUT

Congratulations to the Following **December 2025** Veteran and  
Dependant Graduates! We We Wish You the Best!

Joseph Alicea  
Kacey Barcliff  
Samuel Blue  
Craig Boston  
Grant Brandenburg  
Aaron Cameron  
David-Michael Cameron  
Ethan Cartwright  
Mary Cobbs  
Lauren Coker  
Tyler Dalisky  
Kyla Daniel  
Maseba Daniels  
Vanetta Daye  
Asia Dean  
Brendan Dibernard  
Jack Dockus  
Nicholas Drumheller  
Nathan Espada  
Tyler Garrett  
Cameron Gayles  
Tamyia Gerald  
Orlanzo Hall  
Bianca Harris  
Anysa Haynes  
Benjamin Heath  
Ty'Keria Henley  
Amber Hensley  
Alycia Hoots  
Christopher Johnson  
Jermain Johnson

Jordan King  
Kento Lash  
Shawn Laucks  
Connor Laws  
Torrian Lynch  
Pablo Munevargonzalez  
Christopher Mylar  
Antoinette Norton  
Samantha Octaviano  
Christina Olivares  
Jared Ortega  
Alyxandra Parker  
James Penny  
Renee Pickard  
Pat Powers  
Carmen Reyes-Gutierrez  
Sam Ridley  
Gabrielle Roireau  
Elijah Rosier  
Valerie Royal  
Fiorella Ruiz  
Tyler Scholl  
Miguel Soto-Vazquez  
Kamar Thompson  
John Vick  
Valentina Villada  
Rebecca Weiant  
Thomas Wilkie  
Caroline Williams  
Dominique Williams  
Crystal Winston  
Rhett Wood





**To our Military, Veteran, and Dependent Students: Happy Holidays!**

**Thank you for choosing Wake Tech for your educational journey. We hope this break offers you a well-deserved opportunity to recharge and connect with loved ones. We look forward to seeing you back on campus for the Spring semester!**

