

SUPPORTING THOSE WHO HAVE SERVED

PLU is the closest university to Joint Base Lewis-McChord. We are proud to provide educational opportunities to military affiliated students and to support them in their academic and vocational pursuits.

WHO ARE OUR MILITARY AFFILIATED STUDENTS?

- » Veterans of any branch of the U.S. Armed Forces
- » Spouses of veterans or currently serving members
- » Children of veterans or currently serving members
- » ROTC cadets
- » Anyone currently using Veterans Administration Education Benefits

BRANCHES OF THE U.S. ARMED FORCES include Air Force, Army, Coast Guard, Marine Corps, and Navy. Our military affiliated students also include those who serve in the National Guard and Reserves.

MILITARY AFFILIATED STUDENTS are in nearly every academic major at PLU. Most common intended majors for these students:

- » Nursing
- » Psychology
- » Undecided
- » History
- » Business
- » Geosciences
- » Kinesiology
- » Communication
- » Biology

NOTABLE CURRENT VETERAN PLU STUDENTS:

- ★ **Sylvia May '18**, a doctoral student at Pacific Lutheran University, was one of just eight students in the country to be awarded the Armed Forces Health Professions Scholarship in 2015.
- ★ **Steve Shumaker '16**, received two distinguished combat medals: the U.S. Army Distinguished Flying Cross, and the Gold Cross of Honour, Germany's equivalent of the Medal of Honor. The Gold Cross medal is one of Germany's highest awards for valor, and only a few have ever been awarded—never before to someone from a foreign military.

NOTABLE VETERAN PLU ALUMNI:

- ★ **Ed Hrivnak '96**, author of "Wounded: A Legacy of Operation Iraqi Freedom"
- ★ **Darrel Bowman '87**, winner of the 2011 National SBA Veteran Small Business Champion Award
- ★ **Major General James Collins, '78**, Civilian Aide to the Secretary of the Army

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CURRENT PLU STUDENTS ARE MILITARY AFFILIATED

188 CURRENT STUDENT VETERANS

10 SPOUSES OF MILITARY

50 DEPENDENTS OF MILITARY

80 CURRENT ROTC CADETS



THE LUTE BATTALION OF ARMY ROTC HAS WON THE

MACARTHUR AWARD

(THE HIGHEST AWARD AVAILABLE)

THREE TIMES IN THE PAST FIVE YEARS



PLU HAS BEEN NAMED A **G.I. JOBS MILITARY FRIENDLY SCHOOL** EVERY YEAR FOR THE LAST **6 YEARS**



HOW PLU SUPPORTS **MILITARY AFFILIATED STUDENTS**

www.plu.edu/military

PLU is a
**WASHINGTON
STATE**



**DEPARTMENT OF
VETERANS
AFFAIRS PARTNER**

DR. THOMAS KRISE,
**PRESIDENT
OF PLU, IS AN
AIR FORCE
VETERAN**



PLU HAS AN ACTIVE
NATIONALLY
RECOGNIZED
CHAPTER OF
THE **STUDENT
VETERANS
ASSOCIATION**

MILITARY AFFILIATED
STUDENTS MAY
USE THEIR OTHER
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INCLUDING
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EMPLOYMENT
SERVICES**



PLU IS A YELLOW RIBBON SCHOOL

PLU offers an unlimited number of **full-tuition** Yellow Ribbon Scholarships for veterans (or their dependents) fully eligible for the Post-9/11 GI Bill.

www.plu.edu/yellowribbon

SERVICES PROVIDED TO VETERANS AT PLU:

- » Dedicated academic advising
- » Financial aid specialists experienced with veteran benefits programs
- » Orientation and on-boarding for new military students
- » Vet Corps representatives on campus
- » A community for veteran students in Kreidler Lounge



Our campus
hosts an annual
**VETERANS DAY
CELEBRATION,**
as well as a **Military Appreciation
football game** and **basketball game.**
These events welcome PLU students
and the greater community.

**PLU's Director of Military Outreach,
Mike Farnum** (Office of Admission),



works to support
current military
affiliated students,
recruit new students,
and outreach to
and network with
resources, including
federal, state,
municipal, and
private organizations.



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