

MILITARY & VETERANS PROGRAMS

I joined the Army as a Military Police in 1982 and retired in October of 2023. While I was in, I decided to get my Associate Degree. I finished and then went on to complete my Bachelor's and Master's degrees prior to retiring. After retiring, I saw the importance of having a degree to get into the workforce. I wanted to get into the teaching world prior to retiring. I taught a class part time at Fayetteville Technical Community College at night on Fort Bragg. I applied for a full-time position within the Criminal Justice Department and have been here for 21 years. I currently am the Division Chair for Public Safety, which covers Criminal Justice, Forensic Science, Fire Protection, Emergency Management, Public Safety Administration and Basic Law Enforcement Training.

Working with military students is important to me because of my deep connection to both the military and education. Having retired from the U.S. Army, I understand the unique challenges service members, veterans, and their families face as they transition to civilian life or balance their military duties with education. My experience allows me to provide meaningful support, guidance, and encouragement to these students, helping them navigate their academic journeys.

At the college, I see firsthand how military students bring discipline, resilience, and leadership skills into the classroom. However, I also recognize the struggles they may face—whether it's adjusting to a different learning environment, coping with deployment schedules, or accessing military education benefits. By working closely with them, I can serve as a mentor and advocate, ensuring they receive the resources, support, and respect they deserve.

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