We see veterans’ success as an area where we can grow...

...both in enrollment and student success.

Our goal is to:

- Ensure we are veteran friendly.
- Ensure veterans succeed at a rate similar to or better than the entire student population.

Kayla Ward, significant other, U.S. Marine Corps.

“When a family member deploys, having a support group is crucial. The VMX is a ray of sunshine when things get tough.”
Measuring success.

Completions

- AY 2004: 166
- AY 2014: 294

Graduation and Retention (%)

- BA Graduation Rate: 30% (AY 2004), 52% (AY 2014)
- First-Year Full-Time Retention: 51% (AY 2004), 66% (AY 2014)

Support

Tim Simpson, veteran, U.S. Marine Corps.

“Like in the military, support here at Montana Western is about helping the person on your left and on your right.”
Montana Western’s Veterans and Military Exchange (VMX).

Bobby Barnes, veteran, U.S. Marine Corps.

“Being part of the VMX community means you can take advantage of advice and experience from those who have gone before.”
Budgetary contributions and impact.

**DIRECT SUPPORT**
- Mandatory Waivers
- Yellow Ribbon Waivers
- Scholarships
- WUE
- Department of Defense Benefits Programs
  - GI Bill Programs
  - VA Vocational Rehabilitation
  - Active Duty Reservist Programs
- VMX
  - Veterans Space and Services Grant
  - VISTA Volunteer Grant

**FUTURE BUDGETARY IMPACT**
- Veterans Access Choice and Accountability Act
  - Effectively does away with Yellow Ribbon Program
  - Reduces waiver expense to campuses
  - Will reduce revenue collected from DoD for non-resident veteran students

*SERVICE*
Danielle Figarelle, veteran, U.S. Army

“UMW provides a great service to the campus and community in supporting military members and veterans.”