Rayleen Zegler: My name is “ “ , I am the veteran student center director, I've been with the university a little over four years, I’m a military spouse of 27 years, and I’m a mother of a soldier in the national guard in the cadet at Missou.

Nicole Dalton: My name is “ “ I am the school certifying specialist here at Missouri State University. I am an army mom, and I’ve been in this position for 1 year but have had background while I was in financial services for 7 years

Demarco Smith: My name is “ “, I am the office assistant here. I help Rayleen and Nicole with the everyday functions and help students with anything that they need: Extracurricular things or things that need to be fetched usually.

Jim Gallion: Well my name is “ “. I’ve spent 20 years in the service, 5 with the artillery battalion as a combat medic and 15 as a Law Enforcement Security with the Navy Reserve Command out in London, England. We were actually based most of us in Springfield, but our command, our duty station was London.

Frank: I’m “ “, I spent 5 years active duty in the marine core. Started out west in Camp Hambelton CA. Spent about a year overseas as an embassy guard, then finished out my contract over in Quantico. I was a Intelligence Analyst.

Sharice Walker: I was in the service for sixteen and a half years, um, I’m medically retired. I enjoyed my time. I was a drill Seargeant for 3. Deployed 3 times. Both Iraq and Afghanistan, I’ve been to Korea. My husband is in the service as well.

Megan Nicoles: I was a medic for the army. I am currently looking into transitioning back into the army

Sharice Walker: The lounge is actually a place where people can get together and discuss certain things, like sometimes you get soldiers or retirees or those that got out that have some type of issues that just wanna talk with someone to work them out.

Megan Nicoles: It gives us a place to study and be with like-minded people

Nicole Dalton: It's used by the students to talk and hang out and then we have our study area where they can be quiet, and they can just do exams or write papers.

Demarco Smith: Also gives information to veterans as far as job placement or tutoring of that nature. Also offers free printing. It’s just a great place for us all to come.

Frank: We’re just normal people for the most part. We have had our different experiences from the military and we’ll definitely see things from different perspectives, but most of us are here to get our degrees and move on just like anyone else. We do things a little differently, but we’re just friendly people.

Jim Gallion: I think there's a bigger population than a lot of people realize. They’re just like everybody else. They’re good kids, they’re good people, and let them know they’re appreciated.

Rayleen Zegler: The veterans love to tell their story. They love for people to sit and listen, so the Veteran Student Center is always open for anyone to stop by. We’re open Monday through Friday 8-5, and the veterans really love when people come by to stop and engage in conversation.