

LOU ORTIZ -- BIOGRAPHY

Lou Ortiz, Colonel, USAF Retired, is Director, Military & Veterans Programs (MVP) at Texas Tech University in Lubbock, Texas. He serves as team leader for 6 full-time staff and 10 Veterans Affairs work study student employees who are dedicated to helping 2,200+ military and veteran students and their families succeed as they transition to campus to pursue their education goals. His office is the focal point for all military and veteran related matters including federal and state veterans benefits processing, resource referrals on campus and in the local community, outreach, recruiting, recognition events, and scholarships.

Lou served an Air Force career spanning 30 years as an enlisted airman, aircraft logistics and maintenance officer, staff officer, and legislative liaison. He previously served TTU as Research Associate, Assistant Vice President for Research, and Special Assistant to the President.

His education background includes a BS from Black Hills State University, MPA from Troy State, JD from the Texas Tech School of Law, and post-graduate national security fellowship at Harvard's Kennedy School of Government.