“Our student veterans come to UT with unique strengths and concerns,” said Thomas Cruise, Green Zone training leader and one of the coordinators and school certifying officials in the VRC. “We thought it would be helpful for the campus community to hear directly from student veterans, learn about some of the administrative obstacles they must maneuver, and gain an understanding of what they’re going through as they transition from military to college life.”

During the two-hour workshops, VRC staff discuss common terms used when talking about student veterans and their educational benefits. They discuss student veterans’ strengths and challenges, the culture shock of leaving the military and coming to college, and specific issues such as post-traumatic stress disorder and traumatic brain injury that afflict some veterans.

A panel of student veterans is on hand to join in the discussion.