Connie Moses is the heart and soul of Air Force ROTC program

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There is no stronger compliment than Montgomery’s words when talking about Connie Moses, a program support technician at Virginia Tech. Montgomery describes how Connie has gone above and beyond her job responsibilities to run the program, and assists with the uniform closet. She works with more than 250 cadets and their families, coordinates events for cadets and the staff, handles all of the fiscal and administrative tasks necessary to run the program, and assists with the uniform closet.

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“We are just so blessed,” says Montgomery of the department. “There is no substitute for Connie.”

As the only civilian in an otherwise all military team, Connie could be viewed as an outsider, but she is an integral part of the team, said Geffrey Moy, assistant professor of aerospace studies. “The Air Force has a saying, ‘Mission First, People Always,’ and without trying, Connie lives it.”

Moses has gone above and beyond her job responsibilities including serving as the liaison between the Air Force ROTC program and the university. She is the only employee in the program who works for Virginia Tech. The other work for the federal government.

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Travels far from home as a member of the Military Building, where she mentors a group of about 10-15 local teenagers who have fallen on hard times. The feeling is mutual.

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She recently spent countless hours making pennants for the cadets, saving money for her family than buying new clothing. Moses is the youngest of six children, three girls, three boys.

It’s not all work all the time in the Military Building. Moses (second from left) enjoys spending time with her colleagues who go off from time to time.

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“When she’s able, Moses enjoys fast paced walks and she likes to read Christian novels. She’s also hoping to earn a bachelor’s degree from Revelation Message Bible College.

“I’ve always wanted to do it, but I’m going to make the time for it now,” said Moses.

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