

SUNY ORANGE VETERANS ASSOCIATION



May 2016

MISSION

The Veterans Association was originally formed to create an environment of comradery across campus with all fellow students. Just like being brothers and sisters at arms, our goal is to maintain unity and support each other in pursuing our goals both on and off campus.

The Association and SUNY Orange are working together to enhance the school's "Military Friendly" status for its non-traditional student body population.

WELCOME

SUNY Orange has been home to generations of veterans and military-connected students. The Office of Veteran and Military Services has been established to continue Orange County Community College's enduring commitment to the veteran and military student population. Veterans, active military, and dependents are considered non-traditional students here at SUNY Orange and this newsletter intended for us, by us, to get information out for our student population type.

NEWS

Congratulations to SUNY Orange Veterans Association new officers!

President – Nikaiya Steele (National Guard)
Vice President – Ricky Maldonado (Marines)
Secretary – Wesley Bollenbach (Navy)
Treasurer – TBD

Congratulations to Wesley Bollenbach, Navy Veteran, for winning the Earth Day raffle.

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OF OUR GRADUATING VETERANS!! Best of luck on your new endeavors!

If you are continuing your education at a four-year school, and need assistance transferring your benefits, or need contact info for your new school, please contact Kelly Jonigan at kelly.jonigan@sunyorange.edu or 845-341-4071.

Summer Registration – For those students interested in attending summer classes, in order to be considered Full-time, you must be registered for **4 credits per session**. Also, be advised that the online/on-campus rule applies for each summer session. For more information, please contact Kelly Jonigan at kelly.jonigan@sunyorange.edu or 845-341-4071.

Dental Hygiene Clinic – The SUNY Orange Dental Hygiene Clinic offers veterans one-half the regular fee for services performed by students for teaching purposes. For more information on services and fees [click here](#)

UPCOMING EVENTS

VETERANS COALITION PICNIC AND RESOURCE FAIR

Date: May 7, 2016, 11am – 3 pm
Where: Day Camp Pavilion at Thomas Bull Park
For more information [click here](#)



MEMORIAL DAY WREATH LAYING CEREMONY

Date: May 26, 2016, 11am – 12pm

Where: Morrison Hall front lawn, South St.

Rain Location: George Shepard Student Center, Fireplace Lounge

Additional information will follow at www.sunyorange.edu/veterans

DATES TO REMEMBER

National Military Spouse Appreciation Day
First Friday before Mother's Day in May

Armed Forces Day - May 21st

Memorial Day - May 30th (Fly Flag at half-staff until noon)



Rib Rally at Texas Roadhouse, Middletown, NY

Contact Us

SUNY Orange Veterans Association

Email:

veteransclub.sunyorange@gmail.com

Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/sunyovc/>

Amandalee Gladkowski – President

Lawrence Preedom – Vice President

Position Open – Treasurer

Christopher Frye – Secretary

Kelly Jonigan – VA Certifying

Official/Club Advisor

Jaime Morales – Coordinator of Veteran
Services/Club Advisor

VETERAN RESOURCE CENTER & LOUNGE

We have been given a room to use as a central hub for veterans to be able to come together and have as a space to find information, other veterans to talk

“Perpetual optimism is a force multiplier.”

- Colin Powell

to if needed, and a quiet place to do some homework or studying. It’s still in the process of being stocked up completely, but we have a couch, coffee machine, desk, and veterans are bringing in books and such to stock the room for other veterans. It is located on the ground floor of the Shepard Student Center building, just off of the cafeteria dining area. It has signs posted on the doors, so feel free to stop by and meet other veterans or just escape the hustle and bustle of college campus life. For access to the Resource Center, please fill out an [Acceptable Use Policy](#) and return to the Office of Veteran and Military Services (3rd Floor, Shepard Center) or email jaime.morales@sunyorange.edu.

WORK STUDY

The Office of Veteran and Military Services is currently accepting applications for a work study position through the VA. You are eligible to apply if you are attending at least 3/4 time. This is a part-time position (up to 25 hours per week) with flexible hours paid at the NYS Minimum Wage rate. This will not affect any other VA benefits. If interested, please fill out an [application](#) and return to jaime.morales@sunyorange.edu.

RESOURCES

[Legal Services of the Hudson Valley](#)

[VA Bus Schedule](#)

[NYSID Veterans Contact Directory](#)

[Veterans Crisis Line](#)

[Orange County Veterans Service Agency](#)

[Vettix](#)

[TRiO](#)

[WESTCOP](#)

VA LIAISON TO BE ON CAMPUS WEEKLY

Mary Mantilla, the VA Liaison, is working in the Wellness Center once a week. The purpose is so we can avoid the long haul to Castle Point VA for some basic appointments. She will also be able to assist with registering with the VA Health System, help with filing a claim, and mental health services. The schedule as it stands now is: first three Wednesdays of the month on the Middletown campus, and the last Wednesday of the month on the Newburgh campus; both campuses from 0900-1530 on their days. It's going to be an amazing resource to have at our fingertips, but, we need to all use it.

Supply meets demand.

OFFICE OF ACCESSIBILITY SERVICES

The mission of this office is to serve students with documented physical/medical, visual, learning, emotional, or hearing disabilities who have been accepted at SUNY Orange. They provide students with resources and support to gain confidence, become independent, develop learning strategies and skills, and capitalize on their strengths. To learn more about how this office can help you, contact Melanie Bukovsky at the Middletown campus at

melanie.bukovsky@sunyorange.edu or 845-341-4077, or Jennifer Clayton at the Newburgh campus at jennifer.clayton@sunyorange.edu, or 845-341-9034.

Q: How do you contact us?

A: Easy, you can email us at: veteransclub.sunyorange@gmail.com or come to a meeting and introduce yourself.

