

SUNY ORANGE VETERANS CLUB

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MISSION

We are a club on campus that has a unique niche. We are a club founded by veterans who want to create awareness to all on campus, to include other veterans (all generations), current military, and anyone who supports our military past, present, and future.

The club and SUNY Orange are working together to enhance the school's "Veteran Friendly" status for its nontraditional student body population.



GOODBYE FALL SEMESTER

Hello all! This semester is coming to a close, and it has been a productive one for the Veterans Club and for SUNY Orange. The school is working with student veterans and school faculty to enhance their programs and resources provided on campus for veterans, and it's looking like spring semester of 2015 will be the year of the non-traditional student here at SUNY Orange. The college is dedicated to making themselves available to the veterans, military, and dependents in a way that can only be described as very beneficial to our unique student body population.

What's in the works for our veterans on campus?

SUNY Orange has implemented a Veterans Task Force which includes three college faculty and four student veterans to come up with ideas on how the college can benefit our non-traditional student body, and then figure out how to get those ideas implemented. Dr. Paul Broadie, II, Vice President of Student Affairs; Mary Roth, Coordinator of Alumni Relations; and Russell Hammond, Associate VP for Resource Development; are working together with members of the Veterans Club to research logistics and paths to having a Veterans Resource Center and Lounge put on campus, as well as getting resources from the Veterans Affairs (VA) to be on campus on a regular schedule.

Q: How can you help us?

A: The first thing to do is to communicate with us. We need your ideas and inputs so we can get a wide range of issues that all of our student population is facing here on campus. Secondly, if at all possible, come to our meetings so you can see your ideas in action. We meet every Tuesday from 1100-1200 in the upstairs of the Library, in Room 221. If you're a night student, please give us your contact information so we can get the meeting briefs to you, so you can stay informed.

Q: How do you contact us?

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



Rib Rally at Texas Roadhouse, Middletown, NY

Contact Us

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"I have not yet begun to fight." – Captain John Paul Jones

SPRING SEMESTER HAPPENINGS

In Spring semester of the 2014-2015 Academic year, the club and the college has big plans for the non-traditional student body, which veterans, current military, and dependents fall into. Some of the upcoming events to look forward to are:

• **"Stand Up" Event** – April 2015. College to host a two day event to include resources and activities centered for veterans and families of the community.

• Veterans Resource Center & Lounge – Spring 2015

• **VA Representative** – Spring 2015. Wellness Center to host tele-communications resource for veteran's VA appointments

• Veterans Club Meetings – all semester long. Meets every Tuesday from 1100-1200 in the library, room 221

HOLIDAY SEASON IS UPON US

We all know that the holidays can be somewhat overwhelming for some veterans. It's a time of family and friends, but it's also the time of stress and chaos. If you or someone you know needs a friendly ear to talk to, just email the club or email and member listed to the left. We all know what you are

going through, and we are not just a school club, we are veterans. If you don't want to email one of us, below are some resources if you or somone you know needs a helping hand this time of year. There's no shame in just wanting to talk to someone. We always will stick by one another.

- **Veterans Crisis Line** <u>Call</u> 800-273-8255 or <u>Text</u> to 838255
- Vet2Vet 877Vet2Vet or Carl Clark 845-796-6039 (Middletown)

ENJOY THE BREAK

We are looking forward to seeing everyone back on campus come 20 January for the new semester. Please don't hesitate to contact us if you have any questions about the college, registering for classes, your benefits, or just general questions about the club. Have a great break!

FOR VETS, BY VETS....

We are a work in progress, both the club and the college. But with everyone lending a hand, an idea, or just a presence, we can take this college to the level we all hope it to be, and create a satisfying experience for all us "non-traditional" students.

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