

# STUDENT VETERANS CENTER

*at Florida State University*

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The Student Veterans Center is the hub for FSU's veteran support and success initiatives. The transition from military service to campus life is eased through veteran specific orientation sessions, a veteran-success course, and assistance with the array of military and Veteran Affairs educational benefits. Central to the SVC's mission is the integrating of military/veteran students into the general population and the leveraging of experience. In addition, activities for Florida State student veterans are designed to initiate, cultivate and sustain relationships.

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## WHY FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY

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Florida State empowers student veterans' integration into the general student population and local community.



The FSU president awards graduating veterans and ROTC cadets with honor cords and commemorative coins at a special, invitation-only graduation event.



Florida State actively fosters understanding of the veteran experience among the university community.



Strozier Library has a study room exclusively for veterans (on the bottom floor), and Dirac Library provides veterans with priority reservations for its study rooms.



An on-campus Veterans Affairs counselor is available to provide information and assistance with federal VA issues.



The Academic Center of Excellence - <http://ace.fsu.edu> - offers **free** workshops to help students improve their academic performance.



Leach Recreation Center offers three *free* personal-fitness sessions, and the University Health and Wellness Center offers clinics in strength and cardio training.



Campus-governance opportunities are available to FSU student veterans through the Veterans Student Union and the Congress of Graduate Students.

## VETERAN HISTORY AT FSU

From 1851-1947, Florida State College for Woman - as its name suggests - was only open to females while men often attended the University of Florida in Gainesville. After the end of World War II, the abundance of veterans returning to the United States in search of a higher-education degree was more than the University of Florida could bare. Therefore, the then Florida State College for Women in Tallahassee became coeducational to serve the needs of the growing population in search of a degree.



Football team, 1947



Cheerleaders. 1950

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# VETERAN SUCCESS AT FSU

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## Building Relationships

Initiating, cultivating and sustaining relationships between veterans and the FSU community through the Student Veteran Center.



## Resources

Providing tangible resources and activities designed to foster these veterans' sense of connectedness to the university.



## Raising Awareness

Raising awareness among the university community of the student veteran experience, and the positives veterans brings to the campus.



The Veterans Alliance is the proud symbol of our commitment to student-veterans success.

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## RECURRING EVENTS

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FSU Athletics graciously hosts numerous Military Appreciation events throughout the year.



The Fall Kickoff Party is one of the SVC's premier events as this is a way of initiating relationships with new student veterans.



The SVC covers the cost associated with these trips for any student veteran who would like to attend.



The Veterans Film Festival showcases a veteran or military focused documentary that is featured for the public in Ruby Diamond Concert Hall.



Every semester, President Thrasher invites graduating student veterans and ROTC cadets to his home to award them with their graduation cord and commemorative "Challenge" coin.



# STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS



## Collegiate Veterans Association

Connecting FSU Student Veterans with the campus and local community.

## Veterans Student Union

The agency for veterans' interest within Student Government.



## STEM Veterans at Florida State

Connecting veterans in STEM with opportunity through internship, scholarship, research and networking.

## Student for America's Military

Florida State students actively expressing appreciation to U.S. armed services personnel.



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