Cornell University Welcomes Veterans

Military Tradition
Cornell University has a deep and rich military history and its sons and daughters have served this nation proudly in all the battles of America since the civil war. In fact, it is an institution born out of the Civil War whose tradition of answering her nation’s call with courage, honor, and dignity continues to this day. During WWI, Cornell commissioned almost 5,000 officers, more than any other institution in the United States, including the military academies. During WWII, more than 20,000 Cornellians served in every theater of the war. As the only Ivy League University to host Army, Navy, Air Force and Marine ROTC programs, Cornell is one of three that offered continuous ROTC studies throughout the Vietnam era to today.
WELCOME TO CORNELL!

Cornell Today
Cornell University hosts an active veteran and military community of undergraduate students, graduate students, staff, faculty, alumni and allies. Cornell is a supporter of the Yellow Ribbon Program and a variety of on campus groups work to support veteran and military related events and resources across campus.

Cornell University consists of seven undergraduate colleges, four graduate and professional schools in Ithaca, two medical graduate and professional units in New York City and one in Doha, Qatar. The Cornell Tech campus in New York City is the latest addition.

- Undergraduate students: 14,393
  - Graduate students: 5,023
  - Professional students: 2,177
  - Faculty members: 1,628 regular full time and part time
- Staff: 8,103 - includes instruction, research, extension and library academic staff and nonacademic employees
- Undergraduate majors/interdisciplinary programs offered: More than 100
- Course offered: more than 4,000

Programs supported include:
- Montgomery GI Bill – Chapter 30
- Post 9/11 GI Bill - Chapter 33
- Survivors and Dependents Program – Chapter 35
- Montgomery GI Bill – Selected Reserves – Chapter 1606
- Montgomery GI Bill – Reserves Educational Assistance Program – Chapter 1607
- Reserve Educational Assistance Program (REAP)
- Veteran Educational Assistance Program (VEAP)
- Dependents Education Assistance Program (DEA)
- Vocational Rehabilitation & Employment Program (VR&E)
- NYS Veterans Benefits

Did You Know?

You can check the status of your veteran’s education benefits (when your check was issued, months of entitlement remaining, etc.) by calling 1-888-442-4551

Veterans resources on campus:
Access Cornell's Military Community page for veteran specific resources.

Visit the NYS Veterans' Affairs Counselor, Kevin Justian. Details at http://vcng.cornell.edu/nys-val/

Transition to college smoothly with the Warrior Scholar Project hosted at Cornell annually: http://www.warrior-scholar.org/index.html

Discover resources for undergraduate, graduate students and students with families: Cornell Undergraduate Veterans Association: https://www.facebook.com/cornellundergradvets?fref=ts
Veterans at Johnson: https://www.johnson.cornell.edu/About/Veterans-at-Johnson
Johnson’s Association of Veterans: https://www.johnson.cornell.edu/About/Veterans-at-Johnson/Association-of-Veterans
Office of Academic Diversity Initiatives/Trailblazers listserv: nontrad-l-request@cornell.edu
Veterans with families: http://gradschool.cornell.edu/life-cornell/partners-and-families

Join the listserv to hear about veteran related events on campus and in the region. Request to join at veterans@cornell.edu.

Develop mentoring relationships with veteran staff and faculty through the Cornell Veterans Colleague Network Group: http://vcng.cornell.edu/

Sweat with a Vet! Join our Team Red White and Blue – Ithaca Community for updates on weekly exercise opportunities and monthly athletic/networking events.

The WWII Memorial at Anabel Taylor Hall, dedicated in 1953, records over 500 casualties suffered by Cornell in that war.
Post-9/11 GI Bill and the Yellow Ribbon Program

Veterans’ Educational Benefit Summary
The amount received for educational support is based on the length of active duty service and coverage includes a percentage of tuition and fees, a stipend for books and supplies, and, in some cases, a housing allowance. In some cases, benefits may be transferred to family members. Financial aid may be available to help with costs that are not covered by the benefit.

The Post-9/ 11 GI Bill will pay you:
• All resident tuition & fees for a public school
• The lower of the actual tuition & fees or the national maximum per academic year for a private school.

You may be eligible if you fit the following circumstances:
• You served an aggregate period of 36 months in active duty after September 10, 2001.
• You were honorably discharged from active duty for a service-connected disability and you served 30 continuous days after September 10, 2001.

A full description of the Post 9/11 GI Bill, eligibility tiers, tuition, housing and other rates, and national maximums can be found below or by calling the VA at 1-888-GIBill (1-888-442-4551): http://www.benefits.va.gov/gibill/post911_gibill.asp

Housing Allowances and Books/Supplies Stipend
The Post-9/11 GI Bill provides a monthly housing allowance (MHA), subject to eligibility tiers, equivalent to the BAH of an "E5 with dependents" within the institution's area code. Active duty students and their spouses cannot receive the MHA.

In State Tuition Assessment
In August 2014, Governor Cuomo signed NYS law S.6887-A/A.9216-A, which will give in-state tuition rates to students enrolled in an institution or educational unit of New York State colleges and universities who are approved and receiving benefits under the GI Bill. Beginning in Spring 2015, any student receiving Veterans Educational Benefits and enrolled in one of the four contract colleges (Agriculture and Life Sciences, Human Ecology, Industrial and Labor Relations or Veterinary Medicine) at Cornell University will be assessed in-state tuition.

Establishing Eligibility
In order to process your educational benefit certification, you must apply for educational benefits through the Dept. of Veterans Affairs: http://www.benefits.va.gov/gibill/apply.asp.

The Yellow Ribbon Program
The Yellow Ribbon Program is a provision of the Post-9/11 GI Bill which allows higher-cost institutions to enter into an agreement with the Dept. of Veterans Affairs (VA) to cover tuition and mandatory fee costs above those covered by the basic Post-9/11 GI Bill. Under the Yellow Ribbon Program, Cornell University pays half of uncovered costs (the VA pays the other half), resulting in no tuition obligation for individuals covered by the Yellow Ribbon Enhancement provision of the Post-9/11 GI Bill. Only individuals in the 100% eligibility tier qualify for Yellow Ribbon Enhancement benefits. Find out more about veterans educational benefits at Cornell at: http://finaid.cornell.edu/types-aid/grants-and-scholarships/veterans-education-benefits

The Yellow Ribbon application can be found at: http://finaid.cornell.edu/pdf/yellow-ribbon-gi-education-enhancement-program-application

Or contact:
Becky Maxson, bz25@cornell.edu, 607-255-5148
Ginger Guidi gpe1@cornell.edu, 607-255-6469

Number of Yellow Ribbon Slots per College or School
Cornell University schools and colleges have the following number of slots for the Yellow Ribbon Enhancement of the Post-9/11 GI Bill, 2015-2016:

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Who is NOT eligible?
• Active duty members are not eligible for Yellow Ribbon.
• Spouses of active duty service members are not eligible for Yellow Ribbon.

Cornell Financial Aid
Cornell has a robust need-based financial aid program. Students applying for financial aid must complete all requirements by the stated deadlines. For more information, visit: http://finaid.cornell.edu/apply-for-aid

Or to reach the Office of Financial Aid and Student Employment directly:
finaid@cornell.edu
607-255-5145
Cornell provides a large variety of academics assistance and support services for veterans transitioning to civilian life and higher education.

ACADEMIC

Information Technologies at Cornell
IT@Cornell provides support for software, computers, telephones, multimedia equipment, and the networks that connect them. Bookmark it.cornell.edu/students for all of your IT@Cornell student benefits and services. https://newstudents.cornell.edu/fall-2015/first-year/information-technologies-cornell

Learning Strategies Center
The Learning Strategies Center provides assistance improving general study skills through semester long courses, workshops, individual consultations and web site resources. This office also provides undergraduate students with tutoring, supplemental courses and facilitated study groups for Biology, Chemistry, Mathematics and Physics. http://lsc.cornell.edu/

Student Disability Services
The Student Disability Services Office obtains and files disability related documents, certifies eligibility for services and develops plans for the provision of accommodations for students with disabilities. http://sds.cornell.edu/

College Specific Student Services Resources
Each college has a student services team that will consult and provide direction on degree requirements, courses of study within a specific discipline, transfer credits, and other academic related guidance. Because each discipline and area of study has its own requirements, the college specific offices are the best resource for academic questions.

Counseling Services
Cornell recognizes that veteran students may arrive in Ithaca accompanied by their spouses/partners and/or children. There are various recourses to available to students with family members as well as hosted activities to help veteran families form a network. These resources are open to both undergraduate and graduate student families. https://www.gannett.cornell.edu/services/counseling/caps/

The Certifying Official at Cornell University
In order to receive Post-9/11 GI Bill and Yellow Ribbon benefits, you must submit your Certificate of Eligibility from the VA to the University Registrar via email to univreg@cornell.edu. The University Registrar will certify your enrollment but refer to your college for specific course registration information.

Financial Aid at Cornell University
In order to receive any financial aid, all students must complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) in conjunction with their application to Cornell: www.fafsa.ed.gov. The Yellow Ribbon Application and additional information for veterans can be found at can be found at: http://finaid.cornell.edu/types-aid/grants-and-scholarships/veterans-education-benefits
You can also reach the financial aid office via email or telephone:
607-255-5145
finaid@cornell.edu
CAREER PLANNING

Career Services
No matter what your career plans are or where you are in your career development, there’s something here for you. Across Cornell Career Services, we help students through the career development process: understanding your strengths, interests, and values; exploring the career options ahead of you; and taking action through developing job-search skills, and applying to graduate and professional school. We encourage you to become familiar with the wealth of career assistance available:
http://www.career.cornell.edu/students/

Cornell Small Farms Program
Cornell seeks to foster the sustainability of diverse, thriving small farms that contribute to food security, healthy rural communities, and the environment. We do this by encouraging small farms-focused research and extension programs and fostering collaboration in support of small farms courses and facilitated study groups for Biology, Chemistry, Mathematics and Physics. There are grants available for veterans interested in joining the farming community.
http://smallfarms.cornell.edu/

Jobs at Cornell
Cornell offers a wide variety of part-time jobs. Working a modest number of hours each week provides you with resources to help make Cornell affordable. The Office of Financial Aid and Student Employment is here to provide you guidance and information on securing a job – whether on-campus or off-campus – while a student at Cornell.
http://studentemployment.cornell.edu/

CAMPUS LIFE

Transportation at Cornell
Cornell encourages alternatives to parking at Cornell, such as public transit, biking, walking, and carpooling. All campus parking is either permitted or by payment. If you will be using a car on campus, visit the Transportation website to register your vehicle and apply for a permit.
https://transportation.fs.cornell.edu:8496/parking/campusparking/students/default.cfm

Veterans with Families
Both the Graduate School and Cornell University offer various resources to veterans with family members. We welcome the participation of spouses, partners, and children at many activities and events, and the Big Red Barn Graduate and Professional Center invites student families to join its community.
http://gradschool.cornell.edu/life-cornell/partners-and-families

16 Cornell alumni were killed in the Korean War, 29 were killed in the Vietnam War and 4 Cornellians were lost during the Cold War – the Korea/Vietnam Memorial is located in Anabel Taylor Hall. In 2003, the memorial was rededicated, adding Cornellians who died in the Persian Gulf and other conflicts.
MILITARY COMMUNITY

Military Resources Web Site
Cornell maintains a dedicated page for military resources on campus and in the surrounding community.
https://www.hr.cornell.edu/diversity/communities/vet_resources.html

Veterans Affairs Counselor on campus
If you have questions about your benefits, you can talk to the regional Veterans Affairs representative. The current representative is on campus Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 9:30 AM to 3:30 PM.
Kevin Justian
127a Humphreys Service Building (Door 5)
639 Dryden Road, Ithaca, NY
607-255-8719
kjustian@veterans.ny.gov

Cornell Undergraduate Veterans Association
Undergraduate veterans have the opportunity to participate in networking and career building activities through a dedicated undergraduate organization. Connect with events and other veterans through the Facebook site.
https://www.facebook.com/cornellundergradvets?ref=ts

Veterans at Johnson Association
Graduate students in the Johnson Graduate School of Business Management network and connect to career opportunities including an intensive Immersion Program and a Military Preview Day welcome event.
http://johnson.campusgroups.com/vets/web_page?url_name=about&club_url2=vets

Office of Academic Diversity
Initiatives/Trailblazers
All student members of Cornell’s military community are invited to a series of Trailblazers events throughout the semester, designed to network, advise, develop, and integrate non-traditional students into the Cornell community. For event information, join the listserv.
nontrad-l-request@cornell.edu

Mentoring and Networking
Cornell has a strong veteran staff and faculty population and welcomes incoming veteran students to connect with them through the listserv, networking activities, athletic activities, and veteran-related events. This group’s activities are governed by the Veterans Colleague Network Group (VCNG). The VCNG advocates for veterans issues on campus and strives to raise the visibility of Cornell’s military community.
Join the listserv: veterans@cornell.edu
Sweat with a vet:
https://www.facebook.com/groups/TeamRWBIthaca/photos/
The VCNG has established an Ithaca Community of Team RWB, a national organization that connects veterans with their communities through athletic and social events.

Entrepreneurship Bootcamp for Veterans
Annually the School of Hotel Administration at Cornell University sponsors a one-week intensive Entrepreneurship Bootcamp for Veterans (EBV) for those interested in developing food and beverage related concepts. Cornell is one of a consortium of eight colleges that provide this opportunity specifically geared towards veterans with disabilities. On campus veterans are encouraged to connect and engage with the EBV group while they are on campus.
https://sha.cornell.edu/centers-institutes/pihe/engagement/ebv/

Johnson Association of Veterans
Military History of Cornell University

Cornell University has a deep and rich military history and its students and alumni have served this nation proudly in all the battles of America since the civil war. Senator Justin Morrill – for whom Morrill Hall is named – crafted legislation that would give states the proceeds from the sale of federal lands, for the establishment of college endowments. The Morrill Land-Grant Act allowed the creation of Cornell University and, as a land-grant college, required instruction in military tactics, agriculture and the mechanic arts.

When the University opened its doors on October 7, 1868, male students were required to enroll in the Cadet Corps. Reveille was sounded on the Chimes, students mustered for inspection each morning, and they would march to meals in Cascadilla Hall. After a few years, the strict rigidity of this plan lost its luster; students would still enroll in the Cadets Corps, but were only required to wear their uniforms when participating in drills or field exercises.

Webb C. Hayes attended Cornell (1873-1875) and served with the 31st U.S. Infantry. In November of 1899 during the Philippine Insurrection, and within hours after landing, Hayes led a rescue party to free the U.S. soldiers imprisoned at Vigan Island. For this act of heroism he became the first Cornelian to be awarded the Medal of Honor.

Clifton Beckwith Brown Class of 1900 became the first Cornellian to die in his country's service as he charged up San Juan Hill during the Spanish-American War.

Frank Arthur Barton Class of 1891 was the first Cornellian to get a commission in the regular Army. In 1904, he returned to revitalize the cadet corps program, and when he was reassigned by the Army in 1908, he left Cornell confident that he had turned around the course of military training at the university.

By the second decade of the 20th century, our leaders in Washington again became concerned with the state of officer training in the United States. The lack of civilians trained as military officers had been solved by the Land Grant Act; the problem now was a very decentralized training program. The remedy was the National Defense Act of 1916, which created the Reserve Officers' Training Corps. A unit was established at Cornell that year, and the first Commanding Officer was a newly-promoted Army colonel - Frank Barton. As the United States entered the First World War, Cornell University became a flurry of military activities. As New York State finished building its new Armory and Drill Hall, the Army occupied it not with the ROTC as intended, but with a School of Military Aeronautics. A Students' Army Training Corps was established, enrolling 1696 students. The Navy established a training unit of 310 sailors, the Marine Corps a detachment of 170.

By the time the war was over, two percent of all commissioned officers in the three services had graduated from Cornell. 4,598 commissioned officers from Cornell served in World War I. Cornell also produced four military aces in WWI.

Edward I. Tinkham Class of 1919 carried the first American flag to the front as the commander of the ambulance unit with the French armies. This was very significant because it was the first visible display of support for the allies.
Alan Louis Eggers Class of 1919 served in WWI as a Sergeant in the U.S. Army, with the Machine Gun Company, 107th Infantry, 27th Division. On 29 September 1918 near Le Catelet, France, he rescued wounded comrades under intense enemy fire, and became the second Cornellian to earn the Medal of Honor.

Major General George Bell Class of 1894, who has the distinct accomplishment of being both a West Point graduate, and a Cornell graduate, was Cornell’s first general officer.

The inter-war years again saw widespread apathy toward military training; a petition was submitted to the Board of Trustees calling for the abolition of compulsory drill. In the spring of 1941 this course began to change, as the Navy established a Diesel engine laboratory with the College of Engineering. This swell increased dramatically after December 7, 1941, as the Army and Navy established the A-12 and V-12 programs. By the time the Second World War was over, nearly 18,000 military personnel had passed through the University's training programs, with over 12,000 earning commissions in the Army, Navy, and Marine Corps.

Matt Urban Class of 1941 was a World War II hero who earned 7 Purple Hearts, the Legion of Merit, the Croix de Guerre with a Silver Star and was a recipient of the Congressional Medal of Honor. Nearly 20,000 Cornellians served in World War II.

The swell of soldiers returning to college under the GI Bill led to a doubling in the physical plant of Cornell University. The military maintained its presence on the campus, with ROTC continued by the Army. The Navy established an ROTC unit in 1948, and in 1950 the Air Force established its own ROTC unit.

As the 1950s turned into the 60s, the view of the general population toward ROTC again began to cool; in 1962, the Board of Trustees ruled that four semesters of participation in ROTC - mandatory since 1918 – would no longer be required. The late 60’s and early 70s brought great protest in reaction to the Vietnam War, and while the Naval ROTC unit was forced to divest itself of its destroyer gun, the military has maintained its presence on campus to the current day.

The influence of Cornell’s military history on her development can be seen everywhere we look. Barton Hall was built not as an indoor track, but as an armory and drill hall, and is today named for one of Cornell’s most illustrious military graduates. The Big Red Marching Band traces its roots back to the Cadet Band. Two dormitories were built out of a desire to remember Cornellians who sacrificed their lives for the country they loved. And it is in this that we find the true richness of Cornell’s military history.

The noble sacrifices of Cornell's sons and daughters continues to this day. Our most recent military casualties in the War on Terror include: Army Captain George Hood, Class of 1993 and Marine Major Richard Gannon, Class of 1994 both killed in Iraq (2003/2004 respectively).

Cornell forever honors and remembers its alumni, who have gone forth into our country’s service, and have given so selflessly to the greater good.

Works used to prepare this summary include Morris Bishop, *A History of Cornell*, and *Cornell University’s War Memorial*, both available through the Cornell Library.