Veterans and Military Resources

Cornell welcomes you

In principle and in practice, Cornell University is a military-friendly institution. We value the leadership that military heroes and heroines bring to the academic community.

Our effort supports the nation’s military job seekers and current employees, including:

- Veterans, including those with disabilities
- Separating active duty service members
- National Guard members
- Reservists
- Military spouses

Read more about Cornell's support of veterans and military personnel in our workforce.

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Cornell Resources

- **Veteran Counselor**: New York State Division of Veterans Affairs provides a counselor who can help veterans at Cornell and in the community with state and federal benefits. Office hours at Cornell are on Wednesdays, 9:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m., 127a Humphreys Service Building (Door 5), 639 Dryden Rd, Ithaca, NY. Visitor parking permits are available that the Customer Service Center (Door 2); there is accessible parking and service by multiple TCAT bus routes. For appointments, contact John Canestaro, 607.255.8719, or email john.canestaro@veterans.ny.gov.
- **Cornell’s Military Community**: Resources for students, faculty, staff, and alumni veterans
- **Veterans Colleague Network Group** (VCNG), a group of staff, faculty, and affiliates who work towards improving the climate for veterans at Cornell
- **Cornell ROTC**: [Army] / [Navy] / [Air Force]
Military Resources

- **MilitaryOneSource.com**: benefits (health, life insurance, retirement, education)
- **New York State Division of Veterans' Affairs**: summary of state, federal, and active duty benefits.
- **Veteranaid.org**: focuses on Veteran’s Aid and Attendance Improved Pension Program.
- **G.I. Bill**: financial benefits for those who have served in the military who are pursuing education
- **Veteran’s Advantage**: national preferred-pricing program and resources for veterans

Community Resources

- **211Tompkins**: links to Human Services Coalition for Tompkins County and a national resources for veterans
- **American Legion Post**: 221 Danby Road, (607-272-1129)
- **NYS Division of Veterans' Affairs**: c/o Kevin Justian, Veteran Benefits Advisor at Cornell University, Humphreys Svc. Bldg., #127A, 639 Dryden Road, Ithaca, NY.
- **State and federal benefits help**: Mr. Justian holds office hours on the Cornell Campus, every Tuesday and Wednesday from 9:30 am to 3:30 pm. A limited number of visitor parking permits are available at the Customer Service Center (Door 2) and there is accessible parking. Appointments can be made by calling **607 255-87** or emailing him at kevin.justian@veterans.ny.gov.
- **4-H Programs for NYS Military Families**: Cornell Cooperative Extension staff offering 4-H programs for NYS military families.
- **Better Housing for Tompkins County**, a program for 1st time homeowners with low to moderate income levels.
- **Housing for sale and rent**

Career Opportunities

- **Cornell Careers**
- **Entrepreneurship Bootcamp for Veteran's with Disabilities** is a nationally recognized program offered through a network of business schools. Cornell’s School of Hotel Administration offers a hospitality track.
- **G.I. Jobs**, a job search engine, resume and career tips
- **Warrior Gateway**, resources for jobs, therapy, counseling information.
- **National Association of Veterans Program Administrators**, provides a Student Veterans
link with a listing of financial and job opportunities.

**For Mental and Physical Well-Being**

- [Cornell health and wellness resources](#) specifically for Veterans
- [Cornell Physical Therapy](#)
- [Warrior Gateway](#), resources for jobs, therapy, counseling information
- [Veterans' Crisis Hotline](#)
- [Veterans' Sanctuary](#), sponsored by the Center for Transformative Action at Cornell, provides year-round farming, art, and writing groups as alternative therapies for returning Iraq and Afghanistan war veterans. 716-531-5362, Veterans.Sanctuary@gmail.com.
- [Syracuse Honor Flights](#)

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