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 at 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
- Cornell Veterans Education Benefits
- Veterans at Johnson
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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