

Student Veteran Resource Center (SVRC)

Mission and Regulations Veteran Services Mission, Vision, and Goals

Veteran Affairs Mission

To provide, facilitate, and coordinate programs and services for student veterans.

Veteran Affairs Vision

To be vigilant in providing veteran-centered services to ensure that every veteran succeeds.

Veteran Affairs Goals

- To provide high quality, student-centered veteran services for student veterans and their dependents in order to ensure their academic and personal success.
- To ensure that veterans receive streamlined information related to their education, financial, and personal benefits in order to provide a smooth entry to college and sustain that culture throughout their college experience.
- To provide an environment that is welcoming and supportive of our veterans that generates a strong help-seeking culture.
- To develop meaningful relationships with every enrolled student veteran.
- To provide transition support for student veterans through ongoing assessment of student needs and referral of resources.
- To recruit veterans and bolster overall student enrollment.
- To commit to ongoing research and development of best practices so that the College may ensure we are best-serving those who have served for us.
- To foster strong relationships with external constituencies in order to maximize available resources for veterans.

Student Veteran Resource Center Mission

To provide an academic and social space that is welcoming, comfortable, clean, enjoyable, and academically conducive for the needs of SUNY Cobleskill student veterans and dependents.

Student Veteran Resource Center Goals

- To provide high quality student-centered veteran services for SUNY Cobleskill student veterans and their dependents.
- To provide a sanctuary, or “safe space”, where student veterans feel comfortable to seek assistance or discuss any challenges that may arise.

- To make contact with every enrolled student veteran
- To provide a social space where student veterans can interact with peers and establish camaraderie through relationship development.
- To provide an academic area that is conducive to the academic needs of student veterans.
- To provide transition support for student veterans through ongoing assessment of student needs and referral of resources.
- To provide peer to peer support through the Veteran Affairs Work Study (VAWS) program.
- To provide a venue that is supportive of the Student Veterans Association.

Student Veteran Resource Center Regulations

The SVRC is open and available to all student veterans, military affiliates, and dependents. It is our mission to provide a space that is welcoming, comfortable, clean, academically conducive and enjoyable for our veterans. As veterans who are proud of our center, we strive to have a space that is a showcase of pride to the greater community. We embody the idea of military-grade cleanliness and strive to have a space that is always *inspection ready*. In order to provide the best venue possible and maximize success, there are several regulations in place to help maintain appropriate decorum for the space.

- The SVRC welcomes visitors/guests of veterans in the SVRC
- Visitors must be hosted by a student veteran (Host must be present in SVRC).
- Resources are for veterans first. In the event that the resources are being fully utilized, non-veterans must defer to veterans.
- Children must be under the direct supervision of the parent/guardian at all times.
- All SVRC participants are expected to abide by the campus student conduct code at all times.
- All SVRC participants are expected to behave in a respectful manner at all times. SVRC staff have the authority to temporarily remove SVRC privileges if a student is in noncompliance.
- All SVRC participants are required to treat the space with dignity and respect (like their own home).
- Participants must dispose of trash and clean-up after themselves at all times. Cleaning supplies are available by request with SVRC staff.
- Participants must wash dishes immediately after using them.
- Participants must not leave food/leftovers in the fridge for more than a week and must wash dishes immediately after using them.

- Any damage of any sort (including accidental/careless damage) should be reported immediately.
- The SVRC is not liable for any personal belongings left in the space. SVRC participants are responsible/liable for their own property.
- Participants who do not follow the rules will be reminded of the regulations and requested to adjust behavior. Any alleged incidents will be submitted to the Director of Veteran Affairs for review. Depending on the severity and/or frequency of violations, the participant's privilege to utilize the SVRC will be subject to review and possibly result in loss of privilege.
- Pets are only permissible as outlined by the campus pet policy. All pets must always be under the control of the pet handler.

Eligibility for Student Veteran Resource Center Access

To ensure the accurate identification of our student veterans, military affiliates, and dependents we require submission of documentation validating service, status, and or affiliation. Our student veterans, military affiliates, and dependents can submit one of the following documents to our Veteran Services Office. If a veteran, military affiliate, or dependent is unable to submit documentation, please contact our office for assistance.

Veteran Health Identification Card

The Veterans Health Identification Card (VHIC) is available to military veterans who are enrolled in the VA health care system. To learn more about obtaining a VHIC, visit the VA website.

Veterans ID Card

The VA began issuing national Veterans ID Cards in late 2017. All veterans who were honorably discharged are eligible for this ID card. To learn more about the Veterans ID Card and to apply online, visit Vets.gov.

Driver's License or State ID Card

Most states currently offer a veteran designation on driver's licenses and ID cards. To learn more about your specific state, check out this comprehensive list on MilitaryBenefits.info.

DD-214

A DD-214 is a government document issued to a service member when they are discharged from the Army, Air Force, Navy, Marine Corps, or Coast Guard. The form contains information that can be used to verify military service, including your name, branch of service and discharge status. To learn more about the DD-214, click here. If you are a former military service member but do not have a copy of your DD-214, you can request a copy from the national archives: <https://www.archives.gov/veterans/military-service-records>

VA Proof of Service Letter A veteran proof of service letter serves as proof of honorable service in the military. You can obtain a printed copy through the VA eBenefits website with a free Premium Access account.

GI Bill Certificate of Eligibility

A certificate proving eligibility to receive educational entitlements and benefits for Veterans and Service members.

Military Identification Common Access Card

Identification card issued to military personnel.

Dependent Identification Card

Identification card issued to military dependents

Joint Service Transcript or Community College of the Air Force Transcript

Joint Service Transcript is a computerized transcript system that produces official transcripts for eligible military personnel upon request by combining a service member's military education and job experience with descriptions and college credit recommendations developed by the American Council on Education (ACE).