Oregon State University’s Student Veterans
Presented by the OSU Veterans Workgroup
The OSU Veterans Workgroup identifies, coordinates, and implements programs and services that provide both academic and personal support to Veterans and their families during their transition into the OSU community and throughout their academic career.
Who are today’s military and Veteran students?

- Any student who is:
  - Actively serving in the military
  - Reserve status
  - Veteran status
  - Dependent or spouse of a service member
## Student Veteran Population Attending OSU

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<th>Fall</th>
<th>OSU Population</th>
<th>Veteran Population</th>
<th>% of total population</th>
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<td>Fall 2014</td>
<td>28,886</td>
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<td>Fall 2013</td>
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NOTE: The above figures reflect the number of veteran students using some type of military benefit.
Helping student veterans transition by providing one or more well-identified “go-to” persons on campus who understand the military experience, giving good information in a directive fashion that feels familiar and comfortable, and following through with supportive services on an as-needed basis are all crucial to the academic success of student veterans. (McReynolds, J., 2014, p.2)
Workgroup Members:

- Academic Advising
- Academic Success Counselors
- Admissions
- Disability Access Services
- Enrollment Management
- Financial Aid
- Student Health Services
- Student Life
- Veterans Certifying Officials
- Veterans Student Government
Workgroup Logistics:

- Meetings every three weeks.
- Common goals and vision.
- Subcommittee structure for project planning and implementation
  - Examples:
    - Outreach & Education
    - Military Transcript Articulation Petition
- Constant sharing of resources via email.
Workgroup’s Accomplishments:

- **Tuition & Benefits**
  - Goodwill Interest Waiver.
  - VA Education Benefits interactive flowchart
  - DOD MOU tuition assistance implementation

- **Academic**
  - Military transcript clarification and training
  - Honor Cords and challenge coins for Veterans
  - Remote START orientation (for military personnel unable to be physically present on campus)
Workgroup’s Accomplishments:

- Outreach & Education
  - Coordinate campus trainings around Vet services
  - Testifying at the Oregon Legislature
  - Supported Veteran’s Day as recognized holiday at OSU
  - Development of collateral, social media, and an updated centralized webpage presence
Workgroup’s Current Projects:

- Veteran’s Connection Program
- Creation of a remote orientation process for military personnel.
- Coordination with Military Officers Association of America (MOAA) for the Oregon Military Community Workshop (9/25 & 9/26)
Workgroup’s Success:

- By developing relationships across campus and colleges we have created an environment where we trust, count on, and support each other.
Sharing of Resources

- Veteran Website
- Veteran Lounge
- Veteran Staff Connection Programs
- Communication with students and staff
- *OSU Student Veterans Cultural Awareness and Education Committee* presentations
- Coordination with Federal and State VA Providers
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Questions?