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# CHAIN OF COMMAND

Connecting FDU Veterans & Alumni and Their Families



*A true soldier fought not because he hated what was in front of him, but because he loved what was behind him.*

## PAST

### Great Representation

From very successful Veterans Day events on Metro and Florham campuses in November, to great gains at the National Student Veterans of America Convention in January, the FDU Office of Veterans Services has been gaining momentum, and is only getting stronger. Help us by reaching out to FDU Veteran alumni to join us in our efforts!

## PRESENT

### Remote Connections

Concerns over the COVID-19 pandemic have led FDU to suspend all on-campus activities. Coursework has transitioned to remote learning. Safety of the FDU family is of paramount importance. For those who are graduating, conferral of degrees will take place in a virtual setting on May 18, 2020. Stay safe and healthy as we stand by and look forward to getting back to our normal day to day schedule.

## FUTURE

### Stand By To Stand By

We remain very flexible as we work through this COVID-19 pandemic. Our VA Work-Study students are working on social media platforms to inform the veteran community about FDU and all we have to offer. We hope to host a 5K charity run on the FDU Florham campus in the fall, & our annual fall Veterans Alumni event is being planned for a location close to the FDU Metro campus.



## ANNOUNCEMENTS & AWARDS

- FDU has started a chapter of SALUTE Veterans National Honor Society. Joe Cerciello, U.S.M.C. is the FDU Chapter President.
- FDU will be receiving the We Value Our Veterans Award from Gov. Phil Murphy.
- 7 NOV 2020 – Athletes in Action will be producing a statewide event for veterans at the FDU Florham campus.

**WE ARE EMPOWERING STUDENTS WITH A GREAT EDUCATION TO GO OUT, SERVE, AND BUILD A COUNTRY WORTHY OF THEIR BOUNDLESS PROMISE.**

## Debrief from the Director

These times are unprecedented and the Office of Veterans Services is forging ahead to ensure our current student veterans, incoming student veterans, alumni, and their families are kept up to date with what is happening on campus.

We are working on increasing our social media profile. We would like the community to know that FDU values veterans and the military. FDU is ranked among the best regional universities in the North region by U.S. News & World Report's Best Colleges 2020. Our student veterans are academic high achievers and continue to serve their communities in many different capacities.

Stay safe and stay motivated!

Follow us on Facebook at: /FDUVeterans/, LinkedIn at: /company/fdu-office-of-veteran-services, and on Instagram at: @FDUSVA.



## SVA Exchange

### EQUIPPING THE NEXT GENERATION OF WARRIORS

The SVA Exchange is getting ready to open and we would like to share some of the items that will be available for purchase when it is deemed safe to go back to campus.

**Pins:** First one free, each additional \$5

**FDU SVA Patch:** \$5

**FDU OVS Challenge Coin:** \$10

**FDU SVA T-Shirt:** \$15

**Black Operator Hat with Patch:** \$20

**FDU Veteran Graduate Shadow Box:** \$200

Check out the SVA Exchange on our Facebook & Instagram pages for FDU Veteran gear to represent your school, alma mater, and community with pride!

## Leaning Forward in the Foxhole

### FINISHING OUT THE SEMESTER STRONG

While student veterans adapt and overcome the challenges that come with the transitions currently taking place across FDU and its campuses, we will continue to communicate, remain flexible, and provide all available resources to ensure academic and professional success.

Moving forward, we aspire to include articles highlighting success stories, spotlighting students and alumni, and providing opportunities for our FDU veterans, alumni, and their families to be active members in our growing chapter here in northern New Jersey.

To become more involved, please email us at: [veteransservices@fdu.edu](mailto:veteransservices@fdu.edu). We look forward to connecting with you!

***"Coming together is a beginning. Keeping together is progress. Working together is success."***