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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 Period of Adjustment

This past summer provided new dynamics working remotely from home. We were able to host online events and collaborate on initiatives to support students for the upcoming school year. In preparation for the fall 2020 semester, the Student Veteran Association has planned multiple virtual events to keep the FDU military-connected community active and engaged on our virtual campus!

PRESENT New Virtual Reality

Classes are in session and buildings are opening up on campus with event-hosting protocols in place. Students are successfully adjusting to the various safety measures as many have moved into the dorms and attend classes online. FDU is committed to serving our veterans and dependents with continued access to research/library services, career services, & networking with other student veterans.

FUTURE Alumni Connection

The Office of Veterans Services and its members continue to host professional development events for our students. If you are a veteran alumni, and interested in becoming a mentor, we want to link up with you to help inspire, guide, and support our student veterans and dependents. We hope this will set the foundation for our alumni event to be held at the end of the academic year!



ANNOUNCEMENTS & AWARDS

- Student veteran Joel B. Adams (Florham 2020, M.A.) is the new FDU Florham Campus First-Year Experience Coordinator.
- We are asking for all FDU veteran alumni to send in two pictures – one as a student, and a current one for a special tribute. Please send with your name, major, graduation year, and campus attended to: veteransservices@fd�.edu.
- Alumni & Students, sign up for Handshake for job & internship opportunities at: <https://fd�.joinhandshake.com/>

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

The start of the school year has brought challenges to all of us and we in the FDU OVS hope that you and your family are making the best of this difficult time and staying healthy.

Many of you have been part of the FDU Veteran family for years and others are new to our veteran community. The one constant has always been the dedication of the FDU OVS in serving our students who have served our country and their families.

FDU has been recognized in the U.S. News & World Report, Best Colleges for Veterans 2021. 176 colleges and universities were reviewed and FDU moved up nine spots to #23 in the Northern Region.

Your support and involvement have played a part in this improvement. Thank you, and I look forward to when we can celebrate our accomplishments as a group.

Stay safe and stay motivated!

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



Professional Development Opportunity

PREPARING THE NEXT GENERATION OF WARRIORS

The Office of Veterans Services, with support from the NJ Veterans Chamber of Commerce will be hosting a professional development webinar on October 28th from 12 – 1 p.m.

Who: Military-affiliated students and alumni.

What: Job/Internship guidance and advice from established professionals in relevant industries throughout New Jersey.

When: October 28, 2020.

Where: Online! Connect on our social media for details.

Why: To set you and your family up for success as you navigate job and internship opportunities in pursuit of your professional goals!

Check us out and connect with us on Facebook, LinkedIn, and Instagram for the latest events, successes, and opportunities with our student military community!

Leaning Forward in the Foxhole

HOPE FOR THE FUTURE

Our student veterans have left the service, but the desire to serve remains with each of FDU's students. Through the leadership of the local chapter of Student Veterans of America, supporting the transition, development, and success of our students is of paramount importance.

If you or an alumni would like to get involved, contribute to our cause, or represent your pride in FDU's student veteran/dependent community with specially branded swag such as t-shirts, sweatshirts, masks and more, please connect with us on any one of our many social media accounts or email us at: veteransservices@fdu.edu.

We look forward to connecting with you!

"Coming together is a beginning. Keeping together is progress. Working together is success." –Henry Ford

FDU Veteran Alumni Jose Renderoskieffer Named PGA WORKS Fellow



Jose Renderoskieffer (center), class of 2017, was chosen as a PGA WORKS Fellow by the New Jersey's Professional Golf Association (NJPGA) and its charitable division, the New Jersey Golf Foundation (NJGF).

Congratulations to Jose Renderoskieffer, U.S. Navy Veteran and 2017 graduate of Fairleigh Dickinson University for being chosen as a PGA WORKS Fellow! Jose earned a Bachelor's degree in Individualized Studies with a concentration in Sports Administration and a Master's degree in Sports Administration. Jose played four years of football with the FDU Devils on the Florham campus and worked in the Office of Veterans Services as a VA Work Study student.

The PGA WORKS Fellowship focuses on increasing the diversity of participants and strives to employ people of all demographics regardless of "gender, age, race, religion, national origin, sexual orientation, disability, and veteran status." Jose will be supporting PGA HOPE (Helping Our Patriots Everywhere), NJGF's preeminent military program. Through the sport of golf, PGA HOPE involves helping veterans with disabilities improve their physical, mental, social, and emotional well-being. Jose will also help organize and operate NJPGA tournaments and events.

Jose has fond memories of FDU and the Office of Veterans Services. The welcoming feeling and personal touch he received during his transition to college made all the difference in his college experience. Some advice he offers to current student veterans is, "make sure you do a lot of internships and network as much as you can."



Send us your good news so we can celebrate you in our next issue of "Chain of Command."