



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

Professional Development Workshops

This fall semester the FDU Student Veterans are corporate professionals and members of the Project Management Institute. The September seminar focused on, "Knowing Your Sweet Spot," and the topic of the October workshop was, "Effective Communication, Critical in Any Job."

PRESENT

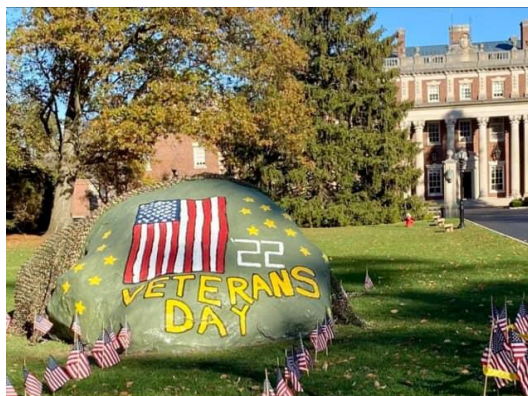
Stockings for Soldiers

The Office of Veterans Services has collaborated with the Hospitality Club to collect personal hygiene items for servicemembers deployed overseas. Holiday stockings have been stuffed with toilet paper and Tabasco Sauce to toothbrushes and candy. Two hundred stockings have been stuffed so far and will be sent to soldiers with the 101st Airborne Division deployed to Romania and Poland.

FUTURE

Student Veterans of America National Conference

In January, the FDU SVA chapter will attend the 15th annual Student Veterans of America national conference. This is the largest gathering of student veterans in the world. Student veterans from more than 1,500 campuses will share best practices, new concepts, network with each other and the corporate sponsors.



AWARDS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- In November, FDU's SVA Treasurer, Kevin Montes, received "Teaneck's Veteran of the Year" award from the Teaneck Chamber of Commerce.
- FDU's SVA Secretary Nicolas Zimmer was selected to attend America's Leadership Seminar in Washington, D.C., hosted by Student Veterans of America this past October.
- Veterans Day was celebrated on both FDU New Jersey campuses. Gary Darden and Frank Pantaleo were the two guest speakers this year.

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

It is my privilege to share with you some of the successes that the FDU Office of Veterans Services and Student Veterans Association has had this past fall semester. Two professional development workshops were offered to our student veterans. Both workshops were presented by Cathy Christian, Air Force veteran and Project Management Executive. The SVA and FDU Hospitality Club collaborated on Stockings for Soldiers. We were able to collect, assemble and ship over 200 holiday stockings for our troops deployed to Poland and Romania. This year marked the fourth year the SVA has painted Reuters Rock on the FDU Florham Campus in recognition of Veterans Day. It is now tradition, and the FDU campus community looks forward to our creative efforts each November! Please follow us on social media and see our initiatives and join us in celebrating our accomplishments.



December 7th marks the 81st anniversary of the attack on Pearl Harbor. As such, December serves as the month of commemoration marking the United States' entry into the Second World War.

FDU Office of Veterans Services Mission Statement

The mission of the FDU Office of Veterans Services is to provide our active-duty military, veterans and their dependents with personal service to assist with their transition to college life and commit to following policy set by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs and New Jersey Department of Military and Veterans Affairs. We are proud to serve our military veterans and their families as they pursue their educational goals. To this end, we are committed to aiding our students in their efforts towards continued service and leadership in a global society.

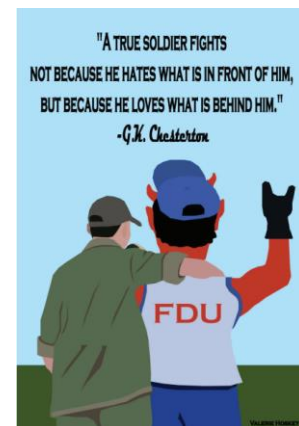
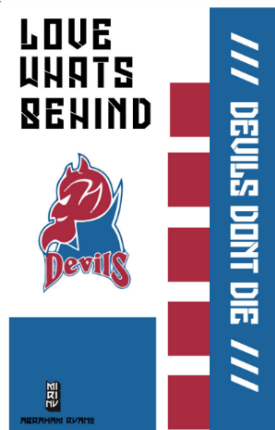
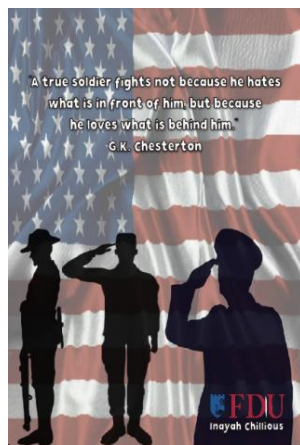


The Office of Veterans Services is pleased to continue providing military-connected students and their families with support and resources to achieve their educational goals. Our collaborative efforts allow us to continue weaving veterans into the fabric of FDU's diverse and accomplished community. For more information, please visit www.fdu.edu/veterans.

FDU Student Veterans Association (SVA) Patriotic Art Contest to Celebrate Veterans Day 2023

This year the prompt for our Patriotic Art Contest was by G.K. Chesterton, *"a true soldier fights not because he hates what is in front of him, but because he loves what is behind him."*

The Office of Veterans Services received seven submissions from FDU students. The winning submission will be matted, framed and hung outside the Wallach Veterans Lounge. The artist will receive a \$100.00 gift certificate for use in the FDU campus bookstore.



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FDU SVA Highlights from the Fall 2022 Semester



Stockings for Soldiers Collection - A collaboration between the Hospitality Club and the Student Veterans Association. Delivered donations, stocking assembly, the finished product, and with the help of the FDU mailroom, packed to ship to the troops in Poland and Romania just in time for the holidays!



Paint the Rock 2022 - Our SVA President, Joe Cerciello, USMC, led the way with our rock painting initiative this year. Due to the rain, it took us three days to paint and camo net Reuter's Rock.



Professional Development Lunch and Learn Workshops – Cathy Christian, Air Force Veteran, Project Management Executive; Wilfred Sa-Onoy, Coast Guard Veteran, Accomplished Senior Project Manager; and Michael Krajkovich, U.S. Army Veteran, Program Manager, Information Technology came to the Office of Veterans Services to speak to our student veterans twice this semester.



Congratulations to Two of Our FDU Student Veterans!

U.S. Navy Veteran Kevin Montes was honored this past November by the Teaneck Chamber of Commerce and awarded "Teaneck Veteran of the Year."

U.S. Army Veteran Nico Zimmer was selected to attend America's Leadership Seminar in Washington, D.C., sponsored by the Student Veterans of America.