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A Year In Review: Office of Veteran and Military Affairs

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“THE BEST PLACE FOR VETERANS”

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LETTER FROM THE VICE CHANCELLOR

VETERAN AND MILITARY AFFAIRS AT SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY



Following World War II, Syracuse University enthusiastically opened its doors to returning World War II veterans, and by 1949 we'd welcomed more than 10,000 to our campus.

As members of the Syracuse University community, those veterans made us better. They made us better because they came to campus with global experiences and a commitment to service. They made us better because in our classrooms and student organizations, they proved to be resilient, resourceful and entrepreneurial - and because of dynamic leadership abilities tested under the most difficult conditions imaginable. In return for those gifts, we gave them an education that empowered those members of the "Greatest Generation" to, once again, literally change the world.

When Chancellor Kent Syverud arrived at Syracuse University two years ago, he articulated a vision to once again make Syracuse University the national exemplar with regard to providing opportunity, support, and empowerment to our nation's veterans and their families. To enact that vision, Syracuse University created the Office of Veteran and Military Affairs (OVMA). Today the OVMA serves as the university's single point of entry for all veteran and military related students, programs, and initiatives, and works in collaboration with SU's schools and colleges to support and empower military-connected students and veteran employees of Syracuse University.

Throughout the pages of this report, we chronicle what the OVMA team has accomplished over its first 18 months. That said, it's my hope that this publication represents more than simply an artifact of what has been, but instead serves as a foundation for the work ahead.

The work ahead is to write the next chapter in the story that defines Syracuse University's long-standing commitment to those who have worn the uniform of our nation. As a veteran myself, I could not ask for a more rewarding and personally gratifying opportunity than to serve my fellow veterans as Syracuse University's Vice Chancellor for Veteran and Military Affairs. To that end, with the support of our alumni, partners, and friends I look forward to the opportunity to serve and support our military-connected students, faculty, and staff in a way that that empowers this and future generations of citizen soldiers to live happy, meaningful and productive lives. Go Orange!

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“I believe Syracuse University must once again become the best place for veterans. We have the capacity, we have the opportunity, to be the best in the world at providing opportunity and empowerment to the veterans of our armed forces and their families.”

Kent Syverud
Inaugural Address as Chancellor and
President of Syracuse University

During his Spring 2014 inauguration speech, Chancellor Kent Syverud stated, “I believe Syracuse University must once again become the best place for veterans,” thus challenging the university to become the national exemplar at providing opportunity and empowerment to our nation’s veterans and their family members. True to his word, Chancellor Syverud appointed Mike Haynie as Vice Chancellor for Veteran and Military Affairs to oversee all veteran and military affairs programs and initiatives on campus. In support of the Vice Chancellor, The Office of Veteran and Military Affairs (OVMA) was established in January 2015 to serve as the “single point of entry” for all veteran and military- connected programs on campus.

OUR MISSION

Our mission is to serve as the university’s single point of entry for all veteran and military related programs and initiatives. Committed to being the “Best Place for Veterans,” OVMA assists university stakeholders to support and empower military-connected students and veteran employees of Syracuse University.

OUR VISION

Our vision is for Syracuse University to become the nation’s premier university for education, research, and employment of veterans, military-connected students, and family members.

OUR KEY TASKS

- Promote a campus “veteran friendly culture” by fostering relationships with university stakeholders
- Develop, facilitate, and execute strategies in support of military-connected programs and initiatives at the university.
- Broaden our efforts to “tell the story” of Syracuse University’s legacy and enduring commitment to veterans and their families



The Office of Veteran and Military Affairs (OVMA) supports Syracuse University in development and implementation of best practices to serve the needs of student veterans seeking to make sense of their experiences after a decade of war and those faced with the prospect of serving in the near future. The OVMA strives to identify solutions which will enable student Veterans to pursue educational objectives, enhance Syracuse Universities ability to meet the needs of student veterans, and educate faculty and staff about veteran culture on campus.

STUDENT VETERANS

STUDENT VETERANS ORGANIZATION

Student Veterans Organization of Syracuse University (SVOSU) is a Student Veterans of America (SVA) chapter here at Syracuse

University. The SVOSU has strived to provide excellent resources, activities, and training for veterans all across campus, and has also engaged in direct community service as a team. The SVOSU has more than sixty active members, who's activities led to several innovations that added enormous value to our student veteran experiences on and off campus in the areas of programming, philanthropy, and developing technologies to impact United States veterans around the globe.

Programming innovations include the Student Veteran Networking Event and the Veterans Ball. These events are open to veterans and non-veterans including student veterans from surrounding colleges in the Central New York area. More than 20 representatives from various companies attend the networking luncheon focused on increasing job and internship opportunities. Companies such as Ernst & Young, GE, Macy's, IBM, Bloomberg, FOX, Aetna, and more attend. SVOSU leverages these events to solicit scholarships from companies in attendance. In 2015 the SVOSU was able to raise \$10,000 for student veterans,



Student Veteran Charles Pruess rings the closing bell at the NY Stock Exchange.



\$3,000 of which were set aside and awarded to student veteran scholarships. Funds also went toward the Student Veterans Ball, which is a formal ball with a keynote speaker, student Veteran recognition and awards, and a dance. The ball is open to both veterans and non-veterans at Syracuse University with the goal to promote camaraderie and partnerships.

In addition to their focus on networking and programming, the SVOSU has hosted a myriad of events and outings that have

brought the community together in the spirit of camaraderie and civic engagement. Events such as bowling, wine tastings, dinners, and tailgates have included students from not only the SVO but from all across campus, bringing together veterans and non-veterans to form new partnerships to enrich the community-at-large.

The SVOSU has been very focused on philanthropic efforts and giving back to the community in a more traditional sense. From





volunteering at the VA hospital, to helping feed disabled Veterans, to donating time and funds to various causes on-and-off campus such as Habitat for Humanity, the SVOSO has been dedicated to supporting a variety of initiatives for the greater community good. To further SU's engagement with diverse community members, the SVOSO has been able to procure premium parking spaces on campus for disabled veterans in order to enable veterans with physical disabilities the ability to park closer to the campus core, despite the scarcity of affordable and accessible parking at SU.

The SVOSO was recognized at the Chapter of the Month by the SVA for the month of September in 2015.

MONTHLY STUDENT LUNCHES

The Office of Veteran and Military Affairs (OVMA) hosts monthly lunches for student veterans. The OVMA leverages the luncheons to connect students across campus and introduce them to resources available at Syracuse University. The guest speakers represent various services on campus such as Career Services, Financial Literacy Training, Veterans Career Transition Program, Center for Fellowship and Scholarship Advising, Renée Crown University Honors Program and many more.

RESOURCE FAIR AND ORIENTATION FOR NEW AND RETURNING STUDENTS

Syracuse University hosts a series of programs and activities during the Welcome Week. Veterans did not have an orientation catering to their needs. In response to this need, the inaugural Resource Fair and Orientation for Student Veterans and Family Members was hosted in 2015. More than 25 resource providers attended the fair and served more than 40 new student veterans. The fair and orientation was a great success and is a vital component of making Syracuse University the best place for veterans.

SALUTE HONORS RECEPTION



Syracuse University is a member of the Service – Academics – Leadership – Unity – Tribute – Excellence (SALUTE) Veterans National Honor Society. Some of the terms synonymous with SALUTE Veterans National Honor Society are to acknowledge, congratulate, hail, pay homage, pay respect, pay tribute, present arms, and recognize. These words describe how we strive to recognize our student veterans at Syracuse University who have shown courage, strength, leadership,

excellence, and perseverance in their military endeavors and now are displaying the same commitment to their academic careers. Syracuse University is proud to host the SALUTE Honors Reception annually and recognize student veterans that excel in scholarship and community engagement.

PRIOR LEARNING ASSESSMENT

Syracuse University recognizes that learning occurs in many places including military. Therefore, as of 2016 Syracuse University allows students to earn credit for prior learning by demonstrating college-level knowledge they have gained outside the classroom using a variety of methods known as Prior Learning Assessment (PLA). PLA is the process of earning college credit for college-level learning acquired from other sources, such as work experience, professional and military training. PLA was launched at Syracuse University in Spring 2016 to serve student veterans and help them leverage their military and professional experiences toward earning credits. 68 student-veterans who are eligible for federal financial aid at Syracuse University have been invited to participate in the PLA pilot project end of Spring 2016.

STUDENT VETERAN COMMENCEMENT



Syracuse University recognizes graduating student veterans with a ceremony and reception. During the ceremony, Chancellor Syverud presents graduates with a red, white, and blue honor cord to wear proudly at other events throughout graduation weekend. The ceremony includes a keynote speaker who is typically a Syracuse University veteran alumni.

SVA NATIONAL CONFERENCE

Syracuse University traditionally sends five SVO student veterans to the Student Veterans of America National Conference to be the ambassadors of the university. OVMA is diligently working on increasing the number of students attending the conference as



INITIATIVES & PROGRAMS

- Yellow Ribbon—UNLIMITED
- Early Registration
- Veterans Welcome Orientation & Fair
- Full-time Veterans Recruiter and Career Service Provider
- VeteransU—First Student Veterans Mobile App
- Hometown Hero
- MBA@Syracuse—30% Participants are Veteran and Military Connected
- Veterans Resource Center
- VetSuccess on Campus
- Warrior Scholar Program
- Veterans Legal Clinic



ACTIVE DUTY & MILITARY CONNECTED

- U.S. Air Force ROTC **49**
- U.S. Army ROTC **101**
- Defense Comptroller Program (DCP) **19**
- LOGTECH—(no class in session) **NA**
- Military Photojournalism **19**
- Advanced Motion Media **13**
- National Security Studies (NSS) **30**
- MS in Supply Chain Management **15**
- War College Fellows **2**

SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY

FINAL SPRING 2016 MILITARY CONNECTED ENROLLMENT

Academic Level	Veteran	Family Member	Total
Undergraduate	121	155	276
Graduate	242	42	284
Law	9	3	12
Total	372	200	572



PAST MILITARY CONNECTED ENROLLMENT

Academic Level	Fall 2013	Fall 2014	Fall 2015
Undergraduate	156	175	131
Graduate	117	148	226
Dependents	94	94	169
Total	367	417	526

*Fall census data provided by The Office of Institutional Research and Assessment.



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the students benefit from networking with other SVA Chapters and bring back great information, tools, and access to resources as results of the training offered during the conference.

At the 2016 SVA National Conference Chancellor Syverud was the recipient of the Student Veterans of America’s (SVA) inaugural William Pearson Tolley Champion for Veterans in Higher Education Award.

CHANCELLOR’S AWARD FOR PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT AND SCHOLARSHIP

The Chancellor’s Award for Public Engagement & Scholarship (CAPES), recognizes the committed students at Syracuse University who exemplify Scholarship in Action. This award acknowledges individual students, groups of students, residence



Chancellor Syverud accepts the William P. Tolley Champion for Veterans in Higher Education award from the SVA President

halls, residence floors, student organizations, and academic projects or classes that invest themselves in and contribute to the public good. In 2016, two student veterans won the CAPES award. Daniel Piston '16 received the Innovation in Academic Engagement award, and Jordan Robinson G'17 received the Individual Graduate Award. Charles Preuss '16 received an honorable mention for the Individual Undergraduate award, and the Student Veterans Organization at Syracuse University (SVO) received honorable mention for the Student Organization award.

THE MILITARY MAPPING PROJECT

The iSchool at Syracuse University, in partnership with OVMA and IVMF, has been leading an effort to increase pathways for military and Veteran students to pursue graduate study and receive transfer credit for military training at Syracuse University. The Military Mapping Project looks at the learning outcomes of individual graduate courses and program curricula and seeks to identify military occupations and specialties with aligning learning outcomes, using the American Council on Education (ACE) Military Guide as reference. The goal of this project is to develop a map or crosswalk, which military and veteran students can use to determine which graduate programs and courses are a good match. It also creates a template or recommends a process for other Syracuse University schools and programs who wish to map military training to academic courses, thus strengthening student services provided to military and veteran students.



MILITARY CONNECTED PROGRAMS

Syracuse University has a long history relative to many military-connected programs across campus to include: Army and Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC); Defense Comptrollership Program (DCP) operated out of the Martin J. Whitman School of Management, Military Photojournalism Program (MPJ) delivered in the S.I. Newhouse School of Public Communications; and the National Security Studies (NSS) program offered in the Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs. These historic programs continue to be nationally recognized within the Department of Defense for their training, leadership, and innovation.

RESERVE OFFICER TRAINING CORPS (ROTC)

Army ROTC—Syracuse University has hosted an Army ROTC program since 1917. Army ROTC celebrated its 100th anniversary this spring and Syracuse University's Stalwart Battalion joined the celebration by hosting its own ceremony and 5k Fun Run. The cadets are also involved in the community by donating their time supporting the Syracuse Honor Flight program.

The Syracuse University Army ROTC Stalwart Battalion nominated Jim Brown '57, and MG Peggy Combs '85 for the 2016 Army ROTC Hall of Fame. Jim Brown '57, one of the original "44" at Syracuse University, lettered in four sports and was the University's Athlete of the Year in 1956- 57. Brown followed his collegiate career with a brief but successful NFL career, and acting career, and has been active in a variety of social causes. MG Peggy Combs '85, is a highly respected General Officer in the United States Army. She has spent over 31 years in the Army which have included

numerous leadership and staff positions at all levels of the U.S. Army. In March of 2014 MG Combs was selected for command of Ft. Knox, KY and the U.S. Army Cadet Command. MG Combs is the first and only female to be appointed to this position. On June 10th, 2016, both Syracuse University Army ROTC Alumni were inducted into the National Army ROTC Hall of Fame in Ft. Knox Kentucky. Insert Photo of Jim Brown and Peggy Combs

Air Force ROTC—Syracuse University has been home to Air Force ROTC Detachment 535 since 1946. DET 535 is one of the original 77 Air ROTC units established by then Chief of Staff of the United States Army, Dwight D. Eisenhower. Air Force ROTC hosted Brigadier General Paul H. Guemmer, Holm Center Commander and Chief Master Sergeant William Harrington, Holm Center Superintendent on April 19, 2016

Both ROTC programs collaborate on events such as the Veterans Day events, Chancellors Review, and Commissioning Ceremonies.



Army ROTC Cadets Volunteer during the Syracuse Honor Flight



Air Force and Army ROTC Color Guard



MVJ Class of 2016

DEFENSE COMPTROLLERSHIP PROGRAM

Since its inception in 1952, the Defense Comptrollership Program (DCP) represents a unique cooperative endeavor between Syracuse University and the Department of Defense (DOD). The DCP provides future comptrollers/resource managers with the conceptual perspective, practical and analytical tools, and management skills required in the increasingly complex, volatile, uncertain, and ambiguous resource management environment. The curriculum is a 60 credit hour program that the students complete in 14 months. Graduates are awarded a Master of Business (MBA) degree and an Executive Master of Public Administration (EMPA) degree. The summer 2016 class consists of 29 active duty and DOD civilian employees.

MILITARY PHOTOJOURNALISM (MPJ) AND MILITARY MOTION MEDIA (MMM) PROGRAMS

Since 1963 the Newhouse School is home to two Department of Defense-sponsored programs that teach active-duty service members photojournalism and broadcast journalism. The government students enrolled in the Military Photojournalism (MPJ) and Military Motion Media (MMM) programs are serving in the Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps and Army as mass communication specialists, photographers and videographers. They come to Newhouse for 10 months to learn how to become better storytellers, taking 30 credits of coursework in communications, photojournalism, photography, broadcast and digital journalism, design, sound and documentary production. Currently MPJ and MMM are training 32 active-duty Marines, Soldiers, Airmen and Sailors.



DCP Class of 2016

NATIONAL SECURITY STUDIES

National Securities Studies (NSS) is a premier professional development program that offers executive education courses for senior civilian and military leaders who are responsible for the national security interests of their respective organizations. NSS was founded in 1996 and is headquartered at top ranked Syracuse University's Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs in New York. Since 2007, the NSS trains 50 senior civilian and military leaders annually.



OTHER ACADEMIC PROGRAMS

UNIVERSITY COLLEGE

The University College at Syracuse University (UC) remains the epi-center for veterans transferring to Syracuse University by providing veterans and military families with critical resources through the Veterans Resource Center (VRC). The VRC is entering its seventh year of service and enduring commitment.

Further, the UC has been instrumental in academic advising for student veterans. The academic advisors at UC help student veterans make sense out of their military and other higher education transcripts and make valuable recommendations to schools and colleges at Syracuse University for transfer credits for their appropriate degrees.

The UC offers two part-time undergraduate degree programs that can be completed fully online or in a blended format of online and on-campus classes, namely the Bachelors of Professional Studies (BPS) in Creative Leadership or Knowledge Management. The BPS has total of 40 students and veterans make up 10% of that cohort. On the graduate level UC in collaboration with top ranked Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs offers Master of Social Science (MSSc) degree. The MSSc is an online program with residency component. The MSSc has 32 active students of which five are veteran and military connected.

iSCHOOL (OTHER ACADEMIC PROGRAMS)

In 2009, the School of Information Studies at Syracuse University (iSchool) established a direct pathway for graduates of the U.S. Army Signal School at the Cyber Center of Excellence (SIGCEN) at Fort Gordon to complete master's degrees at the School of Information Studies at Syracuse University. The program allows officers who have completed courses at SIGCEN in capacities as information systems managers or telecommunication engineers to directly transfer credits toward their MS in Information Management degree at the iSchool. Qualified soldiers will be able to transfer 15 credits from SIGCEN to the iSchool and can complete the remaining master's degree requirements online

In addition to SIGCEN collaboration, iSchool is uniquely equipped to provide an education to veteran and military families, too. iSchool offers veterans cutting-edge curricula, the highest quality online and distance programming, and an opportunity to connect veterans with the people, resources, and programs they want to

pursue at the University. Currently, the iSchool has 18 on campus and 30 online veteran and military dependent students.

COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING AND COMPUTER SCIENCE

Syracuse University's College of Engineering and Computer Science has a long tradition of preparing leaders and responsiveness in meeting regional and national needs. In 2014, the College launched three graduate online degrees: Computer Engineering, Computer Science and Electric Engineering. These fully online degrees can be completed anywhere in the world and offer veterans a tuition discount of up to 20 percent, in addition to other benefits such as G.I. Bill and Yellow Ribbon. The programs have been successful and 17% of the students are veteran and military connected.

MBA@SYRACUSE

The Whitman School of Management relaunched its online MBA program as the MBA@ Syracuse in January 2015. The MBA@ Syracuse combines learning both online and in a classroom. The MBA@Syracuse degree offers the flexibility that veterans and military students need. Including the April 2016 cohort, the MBA@ Syracuse had 659 students, 168 of whom are Military/Veteran (25%). OVMA has been collaborating closely with MBA@Syracuse in providing support to both the program and its students, and has been hosting the Military- Veterans Socials during the residencies in Syracuse, NY and NYC.



Vice Chancellor Mike Haynie Speaks with MBA@Syracuse Student Veterans at the MBA@Syracuse Military and Veteran Social



Professor Shiu- Kai Chin with ROTC Cadets

THE CLARKSON AEROSPACE - ROTC RESEARCH SUPPORT

ROTC Research Support is a program run by the College of Engineering and Computer Science and the Office of Veteran and Military Affairs at Syracuse University, in partnership with the Clarkson Aero Space Corp. The program enables ROTC cadets to understand and formulate Concept of Operations and understand the role and importance of security for mission assurance. Further, the ROTC cadets will learn research and analysis skills and tools that will lead to the development of software security models, algorithms, and techniques for computer systems operating in degraded and compromised operating environments. The ROTC Research Support program was launched in November 2015. Currently, six ROTC cadets are participating in the ROTC Research Support program that is managed by a graduate student veteran currently pursuing a J.D. at the Syracuse University College of Law.



CAMPUS CULTURE

In order to realize the success of the Chancellor's strategic priority to make Syracuse University the "Best Place for Veterans," OVMA hosted and supported many events, programs, and initiatives to enhance the veteran-friendly campus culture at the university. These include support of programs such as the Student Veterans Organization at Syracuse University, the Army and Air Force ROTC Programs, and initiatives to bring more student veterans to campus as well as enrich the lives of the student veterans already on campus through campus events, access to resources, and dedicated career services.

VETERAN RECRUITERS AND CAREER SERVICES

OVMA made a strategic commitment to invest into hiring two veteran recruiters whose mission is to increase the veteran undergraduate and graduate enrollment at the university. OVMA also created a dedicated Career Services advisor. This advisor focus is solely student veterans and veteran alumni with a goal of 100% job placement.

SHEMIN CEREMONY

For more than a decade, Elsie Shemin-Roth '51 worked tirelessly to ensure her late father, William Shemin '24, would be recognized for the selfless, life-saving acts of heroism he carried out on a World War I battlefield and receive the Medal of Honor, the U.S. military's highest decoration for valor.

On June 5, 2015, in a ceremony at the White House, Shemin-Roth's efforts were finally rewarded when President Barak Obama bestowed posthumously the Medal of Honor on U. S. Army Sergeant William Shemin. Joined by a large contingent of family members, Shemin-Roth and her sister, Ina Shemin Bass '53, accepted the medal on behalf of their father, a graduate of the New York State College of Forestry at Syracuse University who is believed to be the University's first and only graduate to earn the Medal of Honor.

In honor of Sergeant Shemin being awarded the Medal of Honor, Syracuse University celebrated with a plaque unveiling in his honor. Shemin family members were in attendance and participated in the unveiling of the plaque commemorating SGT William Shemin.



VOSLER DEGREE CONFERRAL

Chancellor Kent Syverud; Dr. Karin Ruhlandt, Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences; and Dr. Mike Haynie, Vice Chancellor for Veteran and Military Affairs recognized the accomplishments of Forrest L. Vosler by posthumously awarding him an Associate of Arts Degree in Liberal Arts at a special Degree Conferral Ceremony held on November 13, 2015. Forrest's son, Steve





Vosler (and his wife, Karen Vosler) represented the family and accepted the degree on behalf of his father.

During WWII, Technical Sergeant Forrest L. Vosler (U.S. Army Air Force radio operator) sustained serious injuries to his eyes, legs, and arms when the plane he was in was shot down and crashed in the North Sea. For his heroic actions, he received the Medal of Honor from President Franklin Delano Roosevelt.

Vosler was unable to complete his baccalaureate degree due to his combat injuries. He had, however, completed all of the requirements for the Associate of Arts Degree in Liberal Arts. On November 13, 2015, Syracuse University posthumously awarded Forrest L. Vosler an Associate's Degree of Arts, thus making him a Syracuse University alumnus, Class of 2015.

HOMETOWN HERO- SU FOOTBALL AND BASKETBALL



At select home football and basketball games, the Syracuse University Athletics Department and the Office for Veteran and Military Affairs (OVMA) honor a "Hometown Hero" and their family, recognizing their service and sacrifice to our nation and the Central New York Community. During the 2015/16 season the following service members

and veterans were honored:

- **September 4, 2015**—Staff Sergeant Gilliam K. Decker (U.S. Army)

- **September 12, 2015**—Master Sergeant, Michael J. Brown (Air National Guard)
- **September 19, 2015**—Staff Sergeant Joseph DiGirolamo (US Marine Corps)
- **September 26, 2015**—Lance Corporal Kevin C. Lee (US Marine Corps)
- **October 24, 2015**—Sergeant William Shemin (U.S. Army)
- **November 14, 2015**—Technical Sergeant Forrest L. Vosler (U.S. Army Air Force)
- **November 28, 2015**—Petty Officer 2nd Class Amanda Yazzie (U.S. Navy Reserves)
- **February 11, 2016**—Petty Officer 1st Class Daniel Hinton (US Navy)

STACY PEARSALL GALLERY TALK AND RECEPTION

The Syracuse University Office of Veteran and Military Affairs hosted former Air Force photographer and Syracuse Alumna, Stacy Pearsall for a gallery talk and reception at the Syracuse University Art Galleries. During the event, Pearsall spoke about the photographs in her exhibit: "Hard Earned: The Military Photographs of Stacy Pearsall".

In addition to pictures taken during various deployments, the exhibit features pictures from Pearsall's Veterans Portrait Project. Pearsall invited current veterans and active duty service members of the Syracuse University community who had not already met with her to join and participate in her Veterans Portrait on November 5th.

VETERANS DAY EVENTS

On the morning of November 11th many Air Force and Army Cadets and Cadre, Syracuse University Faculty, staff, friends, and family gathers to participate in the annual Veterans Day





Fun Run and Walk. The run/walk took participants through the quad, up to Manley Fieldhouse, and back to Hendricks Chapel. This event kick started a full day of events celebrating Veterans Day 2015.

The Veterans Day Ceremony took place at 11:00 am on November 11, 2015, in Hendricks Chapel. Led by Jordan Robinson, Master of Ceremonies and Syracuse University Student Veterans Organization (SVO) president, the Veterans Day Ceremony was a visible display of gratitude for our nation's veterans. A highlight of the 2015 Veterans Day celebration were the remarks delivered by the ceremony's keynote speaker, Brigadier General Michael Fantini, United States Air Force.

On the evening of November 11th, 2015 the Syracuse University Women's Choir showcased Syracuse University's military history through the art of song in a concert titled "Syracuse University and the National Defense: Forgotten and Untold Stories". The



concert was led by Barbara Tagg, Women's Choir conductor and creator of the concert and was narrated by Dr. Patrick Jones, Director of Veteran Enrollment and a retired Air Force Colonel.

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

OVMA publishes a newsletter at the beginning of every month. This newsletter included updates on upcoming events, news highlights from the previous month, a "Did you know" piece about the military and veteran history at Syracuse University, and spotlights on alumni, staff/faculty, and student veterans.

STARS AND STRIPES TAILGATE

On November 14, 2015 Syracuse University and the Office of Veteran and Military Affairs hosted active duty service members and their families from the Fort Drum community for a tailgate inside of Manley Fieldhouse prior to the Clemson vs SU men's football game. During the tailgate, service members, veterans, and family members participated in activities including a raffle where participants won items donated from around the Syracuse community.

YOU SHOULD KNOW...ARTICLES

Every other week OVMA publishes a "You Should Know" article which can be found on the OVMA website. These articles highlight Syracuse University Veteran Alumni who have had a significant impact in their military or civilian career. Telling the stories of Syracuse University Veteran Alumni is an important part of telling the story of Syracuse University's legacy of commitment to veterans.





SECRETARY OF DEFENSE VISIT

On March 31, 2015, United States Secretary of Defense, the Honorable Ashton B. Carter, made Syracuse University part of his first domestic visit as Secretary and the first by a sitting Secretary of Defense in the history of Syracuse University. Secretary Carter attended a roundtable at the IVMF/OVMA during which he learned about the incredible initiatives of the Institute for Veterans and Military Families and the Office of Veteran and Military Affairs as well as how each organization assists transitioning veterans and their family members.

SECRETARY OF THE ARMY VISIT

The Honorable John M. McHugh, Secretary of the U.S. Army and former member of Congress representing Northern and Central New York, visited Syracuse University on Thursday morning, May 21, to learn more about the Institute for Veterans and Military Families (IVMF) and the many veteran and military-connected programs and services offered at Syracuse University.



Secretary McHugh's visit included a brief stop at the Martin J. Whitman School of Management, where he received an update on SU's Defense Comptrollership Program (DCP) – a military degree program that represents a unique cooperative endeavor between Syracuse University and the Department of Defense (DoD) – and spoke with Military and DoD Civilian members of the DCP, Class of 2015. More than 1,600 graduates of this program



have provided meaningful contributions in demanding financial management positions within the DoD.

Secretary McHugh then attended a discussion with the leadership team from the Institute for Veterans and Military Families at Syracuse University (IVMF). The meeting provided an opportunity to brief Secretary McHugh on the IVMF, its programs, research, community engagement and collaborations enacted in service to America's veterans and military families.

An additional morning session followed at the Office of Veteran and Military Affairs where SU Chancellor Kent Syverud participated in a review of Syracuse University's efforts to best serve veterans, military-connected students, and military family members who are students or employees at Syracuse University.

VETERANSU APP

The Office of Veteran and Military Affairs, in partnership with SVO and IVMF, enabled a student veteran to develop and implement a mobile application exclusively for the benefit of Student Veterans at SU. The idea came from student veteran, Charles Preuss '16 (US Army), who recognized society's infatuation with mobile devices and his own desire to connect student veterans with people he can relate. The student veteran worked with a team of engineering students under the guidance of Professor Stephen Masiclat (USMC veteran), the director of new media management in the S.I. Newhouse School of Public Communications. The mobile app VeteransU is a great resource for student veterans as it contains a road map to higher education and access to all veteran and military related resources at Syracuse University. The

“Student veterans are a very different demographic. We’re in our mid-to-late 20s or older. Some are raising families or working full-time jobs. We’re coming out of a very structured military culture into one that’s not so structured. We’re also a minority in the student population, so it’s important that we’re able to find each other.”

CHARLES PREUSS '16



app has been used by more than 300 student veterans.

ORANGE DOOR PROGRAM



In an effort to fulfill the Chancellor's initiative to make Syracuse University "the best place for veterans" the Syracuse University Office of Veteran and Military Affairs is initiating and "Orange Door" program. This program will ensure that all SU student veterans have the opportunity to navigate the university successfully to achieve their educational objectives.

Through the Orange Door Program, at least one "student veteran liaison" volunteer will be identified in each school and college. Student Veteran Liaisons are members of the Syracuse University community that are dedicated to the success of veterans and their families. Faculty members who volunteer to be a student veteran liaison will be identified by a "Orange Door" door hanger. While these liaisons will not take the place a student academic advisor, they will be a veterans' contact in their respective departments. Through collaboration with other university resources, student veteran liaisons will ensure that veterans' needs are being met and that problems are addressed quickly and effectively.

It is our goal to identify at least one student veteran liaison in each school and college in an effort to reach all of our student veteran's needs. As the number of student veterans on campus grows there will be opportunities for more liaisons to be identified

in each college. Through the Orange Door program these student veteran liaisons will help SU become the best place for veterans once again!

SU VETERAN AFFINITY GROUP

In 2015 the SU affinity Group was created and is made up of faculty and staff who currently serve or have honorably served on the U.S. Armed Forces. The purpose of the group is to inform members and share programs and resources that are available to them. As of the end of the 2015-16 school year, over 180 Syracuse University faculty and staff have been identified as U.S. Armed Forces veterans.

FOOTBALL- FORT DRUM COMBINE

The Syracuse University football program strengthened its bond with Fort Drum's 10th Mountain Division's 2nd Brigade Combat Team by hosting NFL combine style training for Fort Drum troops at the Ensley Athletic Center on Wednesday, June 1.

The Fort Drum-stationed soldiers participated in a number of drills, including the 40-yard dash, broad jump, vertical jump, 5-10-5 shuttle and bench press. SU football players gave pointers on how to improve drill techniques and joined in cheering each participant on as each physical challenge was undertaken.

After a morning of training, troops enjoyed breakfast alongside the Syracuse football players and coaches in the athletic dining room. Both teams shared the importance of comradery and were gratuitous for the opportunity to strengthen the existing bond.



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The financial burden of supporting and sustaining our veteran programs and initiatives allowed for the creation of the inaugural OVMA Development Plan. The “Veteran Legacy Fund” was designed to allow the supporters of our work the means to contribute in a philanthropic way and enables OVMA to continue to link our past to our future. We would like to thank the donors of the Veteran Legacy Fund listed below for gifts and continues support:

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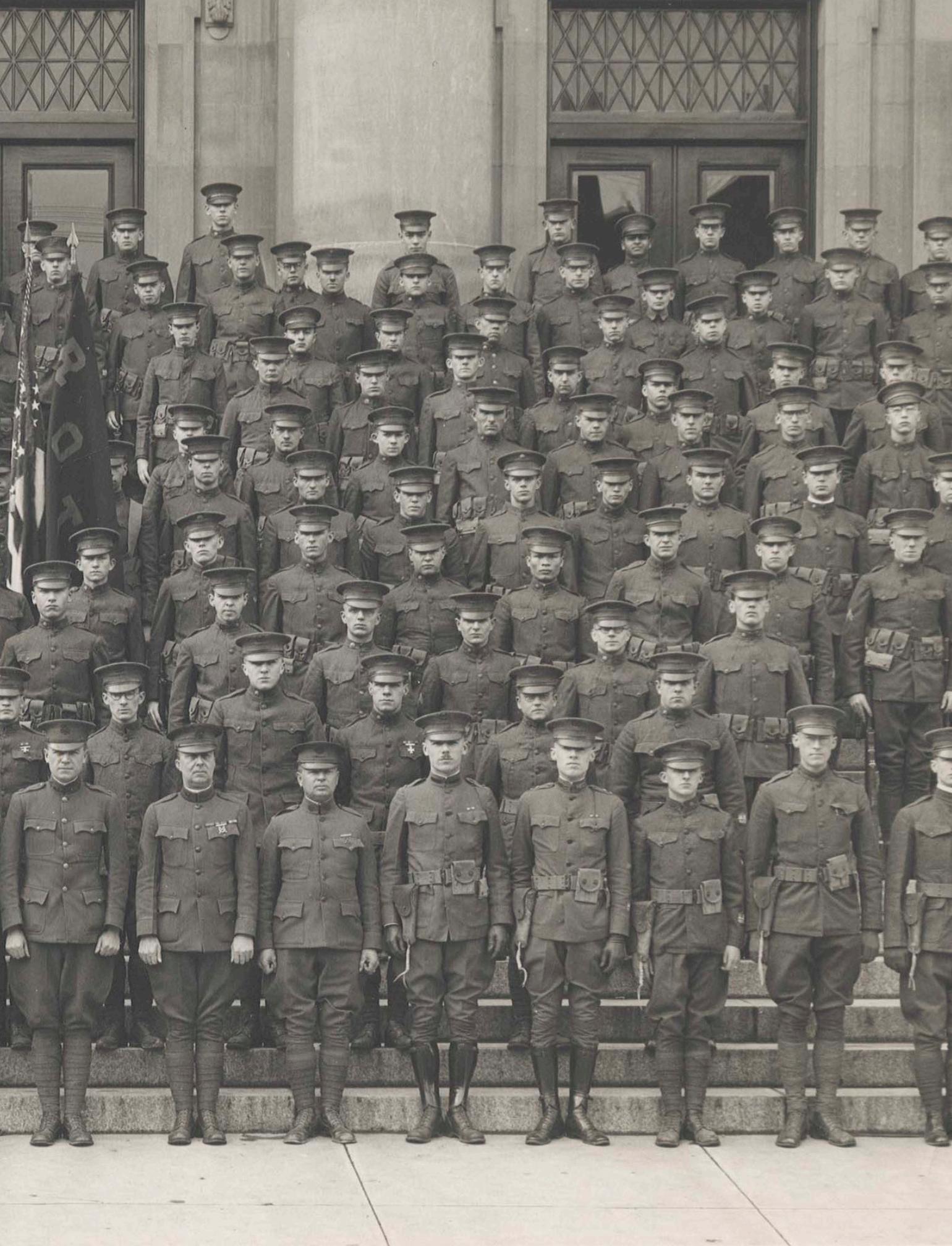
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The 100,000 square foot NVRC will be located on the Waverly Street block where Hoople Hall currently stands. The NVRC will be the permanent home for the University’s Institute for Veterans and Military Families (IVMF); OVMA; Army and Air Force ROTC programs; Veterans Resource Center (VRC), and the Student Veteran Organization. Additionally, the NVRC will have a 1,000 seat auditorium, gallery, café, and research center.

A national design competition began in November 2015 and the winner was announced on June 21st, 2016. The architecture design firm winner is SHoP Architects. The tentative NVRC completion date is the spring of 2019.







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