Syracuse University

Orange Door

Veteran and Military-Connected Student Liaison Program

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- The ORP represents a new model of integrative support for veterans and military-connected students transitioning from active duty to pursuing a degree. It provides comprehensive support to address academic, financial, physical, and social needs, with a special emphasis on personal and mental well-being.
- The ORP's **Five Pillars of Resiliency** are the core areas of support and strength that assist our students to navigate challenges and rebound from potential adversity. Together, along with OVMA's existing programs and resources, these pillars work as a holistic framework, emphasizing that resilience is not built through just one area of life, but through a nurturing balance across all pillars.

  Emotional Developing the self-awareness, confidence, and skills that support personal well-being and growth.

  Physical Supporting healthy habits and practices that contribute to physical well-being and an active life.

  Social Building meaningful relationships, supportive connections, and a sense of belonging.

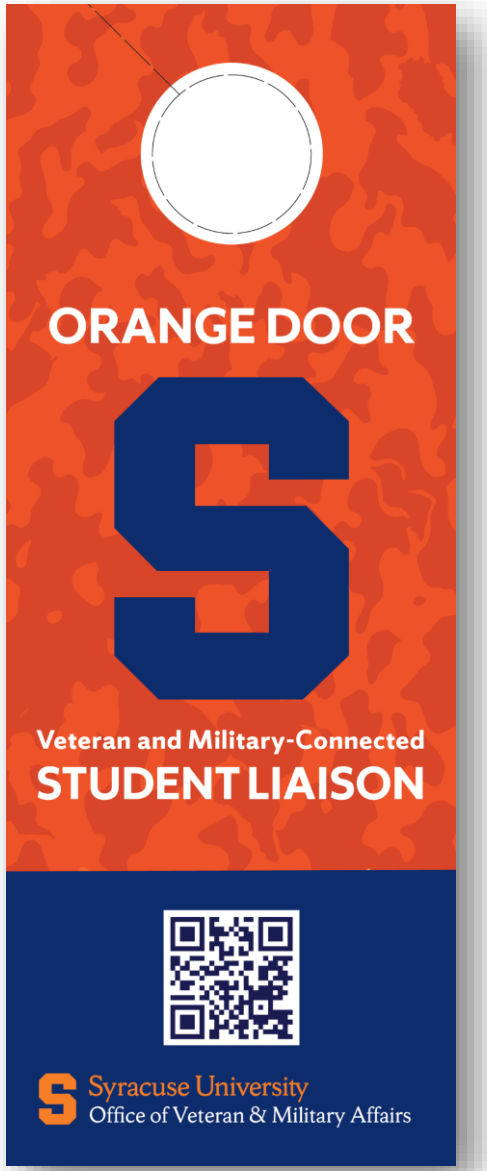
  Family Strengthening the relationships and support systems that help students and families thrive.

  Spiritual Developing a sense of meaning, purpose, values, and identity.

- Together, the five pillars strengthen the Syracuse University community. ORP empowers Veteran and Military-Connected Students and their families to recognize their strengths, identify their needs, pursue their goals, and connect with the people, programs, services, and resources that support their success and well-being.

What Is Orange Door?

- Established to help veteran and military-connected students successfully navigate Syracuse University.
- Orange Door Liaisons are faculty and staff committed to supporting these students.
- Liaisons serve as approachable, informed points of connection within their schools, colleges, departments, and offices.
- Liaisons complement – but do not replace – academic advisors, counselors, or other professional service providers.



The Role of an Orange Door Liaison

- Welcome veteran and military-connected students and listen to their concerns.
- Recognize that military experiences and identities vary widely.
- Help students identify the appropriate university resource.
- Make a warm connection or referral whenever possible.
- Follow up, when appropriate, to ensure the student was able to connect.
- Contact ORP when you are uncertain where to begin.



You DO NOT need military experience or all the answers to be an effective Orange Door Liaison.

Orange Door Liaison Training & Registration

New to Orange Door?

- Visit the **PsychArmor course page**.
- Create or sign in to your free PsychArmor account.
- Enroll in and complete **15 Things Veterans Want You to Know**.

Already an Orange Door Liaison?

- You do not need to repeat the PsychArmor training.

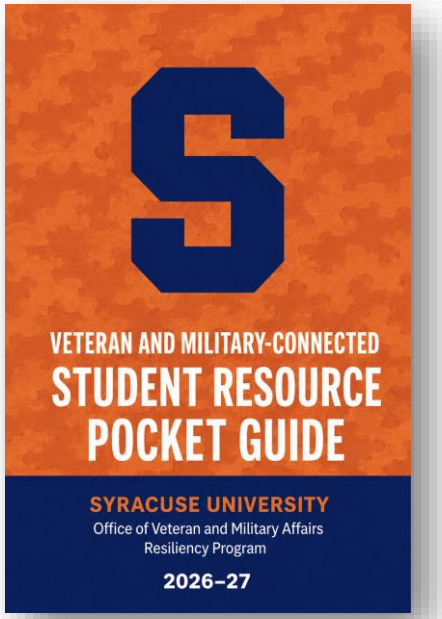
All Participants – Complete Your Registration.

- Whether you're new to Orange Door or an existing Liaison, please complete the **Orange Door Registration Form** to participate in the updated program.

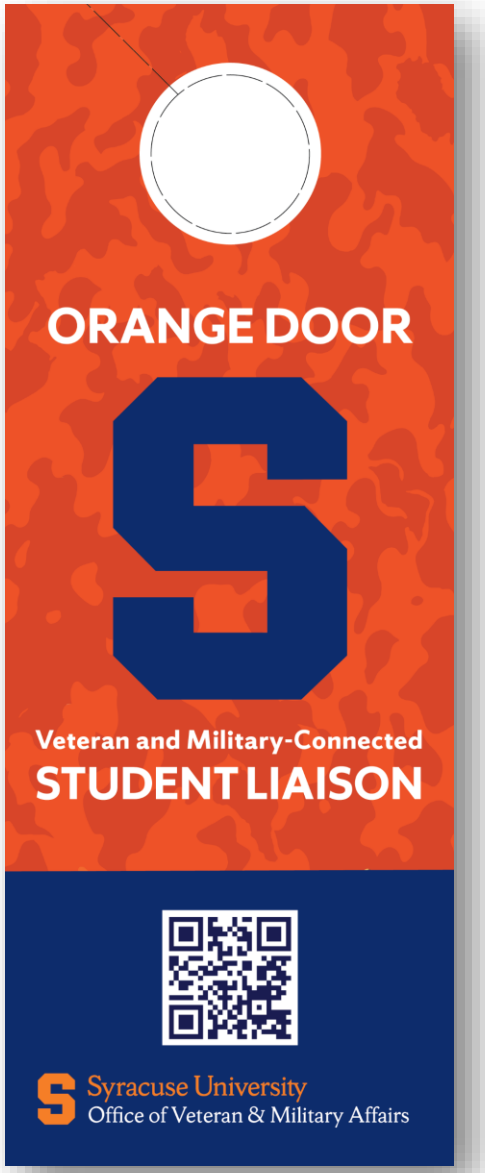


Next Steps and Resources

- **ORP will provide new and returning liaisons with:**
  - Orange Door guidance and resource information
  - An updated Orange Door placard
  - A digital liaison badge for optional email-signature use
- Review the Veteran and Military-Connected Student Resource Pocket Guide.
- Display the placard in a visible location.
- Use the badge in your email signature, if desired.
- Contact ORP for help supporting a student.







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