Welcome to Fall 2015!

Greetings from the University Director of Veterans’ Affairs, Lisa Beatha. CUNY welcomes and supports your academic pursuit! I want to remind you that CUNY defines a veteran as anyone who is currently serving or has served in active military service (including reservists) and was released under a condition other than “dishonorable”. Veterans applying to CUNY are eligible for an application fee waiver via vetwaiver@cuny.edu.

I would like to remind you to take advantage of the free resources on your campuses. There are Academic Advisors, Career Development Directors, Wellness Coordinators, Women Centers, Child Care Centers, and Student Life Centers that foster leadership opportunities. Additionally PROVE, Project for Return and Opportunity in Veterans Education, which serves student veterans by assisting in their transition from military service to college life and beyond is located at BMCC, BCC, Hostos, LaGuardia, QCC, John Jay, and Hunter College. Each CUNY campus has a Veterans’ Service Office (VSO) and a Veteran Coordinator that is dedicated to veteran programs. For more information go to www.cuny.edu/veterans.

On November 5, 2015 the CUNY Central Office of Veteran Affairs will host the 3rd Annual Academic Excellence Awards at the Intrepid Sea Air & Space Museum. This invitation only event honors veterans with a 3.5 GPA and at least 90 credits at the senior college level and 45 credits at the community college level.

If you would like to become more involved with our CUNY Military & Veteran Affairs Community contact the veteran coordinator on your campus. There will be special veteran specific events during the month of November on most of our campuses. To enhance camaraderie, many of our campuses have veteran clubs. Contact the veteran club president on your campus for details on veteran specific housing, employment and resource fairs, workshops, and much more. Look out for details on our website about CUNY’s participation in this year’s Veterans Day Parade on November 11, 2015.

I am also pleased to inform you that CUNY has partnered with NYCServes which is a network created by veterans and supported by veterans to connect all CUNY veterans with FREE legal, housing, employment, and medical referrals.

In closing if you have any questions or for more information please contact me: Lisa.Beatha@CUNY.EDU T: 646-664-8835
Interview Tips for Veterans

Before the interview...

• Review your resume. Think about how your skills, accomplishments and prior military service can be assets to the company.

• Learn as much as you can about the potential employer. Review the company website thoroughly. Try reading business publications or talking to someone that knows the company’s culture.

• Prepare a list of 2-3 professional references.

• Prepare your own list of questions to ask the interviewer.

• Make transportation plans for getting to the interview. Be sure to allow extra travel time in case there are unexpected delays.

Day of the interview...

• Give yourself time to get to the hiring manager’s office. Aim to arrive 10 minutes early.

• Bring your photo ID, the name and phone number of the interviewer -- in case you are running late -- a few copies of your resume and cover letter, business cards, the questions you have prepared for the interviewer and a pen and pad for taking notes.

• Bear in mind, the interview starts as soon as you step inside the building. Be courteous to everyone you meet because you never know who has a say in the hiring decision.

• Turn off your cell phone or anything that beeps before the interview begins. The interview is too important to be interrupted.

After the interview...

• Send the interviewer a thank-you note within 48 hours of your interview. Use the opportunity to restate your qualifications and interest in the position.

Interview Do’s

• Be friendly. Give a firm handshake, make eye contact, smile, and speak up.

• Be enthusiastic, courteous, and alert throughout the entire interview.

• Be prepared to talk about your professional goals. Don’t be afraid to speak of your military experience, engage the employer.

• Take your pad of paper and pen so you can take notes.

• Do ask the interviewer for a business card so you can reach out to him or her after the interview.

Interview Don’ts

• Don’t bring a friend or child.

• Don’t speak negatively about former employees or colleagues. Focus on the positive aspects of your work history.

• Don’t start with questions about your salary or time off. These questions are only appropriate if you have been offered the position.

• Don’t be afraid to express your interest in the position. It’s okay to say, “I want this job. I know I can make a real contribution to the company.”

• Don’t panic if you make a mistake or trip over your words. Show how disciplined you are under pressure.
The best thing that you can do to prepare is to think through the questions you’re likely to be asked and formulate answers ahead of time. Below are the seven most common interview questions and advice on how to answer them.

1. **Tell me about yourself.** This question can be answered in many different ways. Tell a brief story that will showcase your personality and characteristics or talk about a significant moment in your military career. Limit your response to 1-2 minutes.

2. **Why do you want to work here?** Here is the moment where you should showcase your knowledge of the company. Don’t say, “Because I need a job.”

3. **Where do you see yourself in 3-5 years?** Here the employer wants to know if you intend to stay with the company. Ultimately, you can’t guarantee what will be happening 5 years from now, but you can say that you would like to be in a job you enjoy, with a company that allows you to grow.

4. **Why should I hire you?** This is where you will want to explain how you can be a benefit to the company. You can discuss any training or experiences that relate to the position to which you are applying. Remember to include personal qualities and the characteristics you developed while serving.

5. **What are your strengths and weaknesses?** The employer wants to know that you can evaluate and communicate areas in which you excel, as well as areas in which you need improvement. Make sure your answers are related to the work environment. When mentioning a weakness be sure to address how you plan to overcome it.

6. **What did you like/dislike about your last job?** When answering this question be sure not to criticize your previous employer or colleagues. Keep in mind the job for which you are interviewing when responding. Don’t criticize your previous employers directly. Talk about “you”.

7. **Do you have any questions for me?** Refer to your list of questions. You might ask what kind of person the interviewer is looking for. Use their response to show how you match up. You can also ask when you can expect to hear back from them with their decision.
Want a student lounge to encourage good communication between students? Make the environment comfortable and inviting.

Nick Schede, President of the local chapter of Student Veterans of America (SVA) at Baruch College and Dr. Yvette Branson, Coordinator of VA New York Harbor Healthcare System's Veterans Integration To Academic Leadership (VITAL), are committed to accomplishing this goal and they were successful in achieving an important part of their mission thanks to a recent award to SVA of an $8,000 Home Depot Foundation grant.

The Home Depot award aims at assisting schools with Veteran Support Programs by providing funds to improve facilities used by Veterans. “We encourage the education and well-being of Veterans and we saw applying for the grant as an opportunity to develop programs on campus,” says Dr. Branson, who in her role as a liaison between colleges and VA is always looking to expand support for Veteran students.

Schede is currently working on moving the project forward for Veterans at Baruch. “We want to provide a positive, quality atmosphere for our American heroes. They’ve put so much on the line,” says Schede.

Schede served four years active duty in the US Army as an engineer, traveling to bases to improve infrastructure. He was deployed to the Middle East and Southeast Asia. Currently he is a National Guardsman.

As a Veteran, Schede identifies with the challenges fellow Veterans face when trying to transition into student life. As a student leader, Schede’s goal is to provide a safe place for fellow Veterans to discuss what resources they need to complete their next big mission -- obtaining their degrees.

For many Veterans transitioning into student life can be an overwhelming process but fortunately, with the help of programs such as the Student Veterans Of America and VITAL, Veteran students are provided with emotional counseling and educational support to empower and guide them to academic success on campus and successful employment after college.

Dr. Branson says that SVA and VITAL are “encouraging Veterans to take a leadership role on campus.” Run by Veterans, these programs encourage students to feel a supportive sense of camaraderie with fellow Veterans as they move forward with shared educational and professional goals.

VITAL is located at CUNY’s John Jay, LaGuardia, and Baruch campuses and at private colleges and universities across New York and the U.S. To find out more information, visit http://www.nyharbor.va.gov/services/vital.asp. Additionally if you would like to learn more on the Student Veterans Of America, visit http://studentveterans.org.

By Shannon Dawson, VA New York Harbor Healthcare System
OFF, OFF BROADWAY: GROWING YOUNG IN WEST HARLEM is a powerful 20 minute documentary that takes a close look at Luis Munoz, a Afghanistan Veteran from a Dominican family living in Harlem. Punctuated with the beat of bongo drum music composed and played by VA Harlem Vet Center Team Leader Army Veteran Social Worker Walter Bridgers, the piece describes Veteran Munoz' troubled neighborhood life that led him to enlist, his family's reactions to his tour, and their feeling when he returned battling various health and emotional demons.

The carefully crafted, moving work was made by the Veteran himself, his brother Angel, and other participants in a free media workshop led by Computer and Media Lab Coordinator Rene Sing Brooks and based at the Fortune Society in Harlem. "Our workshop is open to the West Harlem community at large, and within that community, to our Veterans of all ages. We are planning a second documentary that will take a closer look at Veterans in West Harlem and the array of issues they deal with," says Sing.

Veterans of any era who live in West Harlem's District 9 and have a story to tell have a great opportunity to learn video story telling skills. Students participating in a media workshop learn on equipment cameras, tripods, microphones provided by the workshop and learn to edit on iMacs also provided by the workshop. The editing is done with Final Cut X.

Bridgers earned his BA at CUNY's York College and a Master's Degree in Social Work at Hunter. He recently joined the video training himself having contributed music to the first project he says, "When thinking about the value of working on this type of project for the Veteran, the first thing that comes to mind is self-affirmation. A lot of us don't know what we look and sound like, so that's an important part of the clinical piece. Also, for the general community, it's important for people to see the Veteran as part of a family, not just view the Veteran by themselves."

The media workshop is held at the Fortune Society's location at 625 W. 140th Street, New York, NY 10031. Veterans interested in joining the program can reach Rene Sing Brooks, Computer and Media Lab Coordinator, 646.937.5332 | Website: www.fortunesociety.org or at rsing@fortunesociety.org.

By Claudie Benjamin, Public Affairs Specialist, VA New York Harbor Healthcare System
Christopher Gorman is the Veterans Affairs Coordinator at City College of NY. He comes to CCNY with 6 years of experience working with the Veteran community. He started his career in the United States Marine Corps as an Aviation Electrician and was honorably discharged in 2002. After his discharge from the Marines, Chris completed both his BA in Government from John Jay and his MA in History from St. John’s University. In 2006, Chris became a case worker assisting Public Assistance recipients in both their employment and educational searches. It was during this time that he began working with the Veteran population: helping less fortunate Veterans find housing, clothing, services, and anything else they needed. In 2012, Chris realized the work he was doing wasn’t enough and he decided he needed to pursue his MSW in order to truly serve his fellow Veterans. Chris completed his studies at the Silberman School of Social Work in 2014 and since then has had the opportunity to work at the Veteran Advocacy Project at the Urban Justice Center as a Veterans Advocate and with the Hostos Education Resource Office for Veterans (HERO4V) as the project’s Veterans Coordinator. While at VAP, Chris advocated for Veterans against both the Human Resource Agency (HRA) and Social Security. This experience allowed him to fight for the rights of Veterans who are unable to fight for themselves. While at Hostos he helped create the Hostos Education and Resource Office for Veterans (HERO4V) where Veterans, who had little to no access to their VA benefits, could get assistance to take Certificate classes such as EMT and CASAC, classes many could not afford with the assistance from HERO4V. Since his discharge, Chris has been vigilant in helping Veterans make the transition to civilian life as comfortable as possible and looks to do the same here at CCNY.

Stephen Clark joined LaGuardia Community College as the Director for Veteran Services in May 2015. He brings a decade of experience working with veterans, reservists and their family members in Higher Education. During the past eight years he contributed to the expansion of the CUNY Central Office for Veterans’ Affairs by developing programs and services for the University. Stephen’s work in the veteran space also includes service with the National Association of Veteran Program Administrators as Vice President and Legislative Committee Chairperson, and President and Vice President of the N.Y. State Advisory Council for Military Educators. He was a member of the NYC Community Advisory Board for the U.S. Army and served as its Education Sub-Committee Chairperson. Mr. Clark earned a Bachelor of Arts in Liberal Arts and Science and Master of Arts in U.S. History at The City College of New York. He is the son of a U.S. Army Veteran.

Rob Timmins is the Veteran Support Services Coordinator for NYC College of Technology. Prior to his position with CUNY, Rob was a social worker for the City of New York for several years and also a former Field Director for Iraq and Afghanistan Veterans of America. Rob is a combat veteran who served as an Infantryman with the 101st Airborne Division in Operation Iraqi Freedom from 2003 to 2004. Rob earned his Master of Social Work degree from New York University and received his Bachelor of Arts degree in Sociology and Anthropology from the College of Staten Island. In addition to his work at CUNY, Rob is an Adjunct Lecturer at NYU and continues to serve his country as a Non-Commissioned Officer in the Army Reserve.
CUNY Council on Veterans’ Affairs welcomes...

Hamilton Raymond is the Veterans Affairs Coordinator at Medgar Evers College in Brooklyn New York. He is a Brooklyn native of Haitian decent who was raised by a single mother. Hamilton attended Canarsie High School in Brooklyn—where he excelled both on the football field and in the classroom. He received his Bachelors from SUNY, Buffalo State, his Masters from Long Island University, and is currently in pursuit of a Doctorate in Education. Hamilton began working at Medgar Evers College in 2011 as a college assistant and in the past 4 years has been promoted to an Admissions Counselor and eventually VA Coordinator. As the coordinator, Hamilton’s goal is to ensure that every veteran is provided the highest quality of service possible in a supportive learning environment. Hamilton currently resides in Brooklyn.

Dennis Torres is Veterans Outreach Specialist at Queens College. Dennis is a two-time Iraq combat veteran with over 8 years of service within the Selective Marine Corps Reserve, specializing within the communications field. He has spent that last two and a half years as a Veterans Specialist with NYC’s Workforce1 – Veteran Priority1 program specializing in helping veterans & their spouses find employment. Dennis also holds a B.A. from Hofstra University, and an M.A. from Adelphi University. He has a passion for assisting veterans, military personnel, and dependents in pursuing their academic and civilian careers.

Larry D. Eaton-VCO is the newly appointed Veteran Affairs Manager at York College. Mr. Eaton previously served 5 years as a recruiter/admissions counselor and Veteran Affairs Officer at Medgar Evers College. He helped to develop a culture that created and promoted a smooth transition from military life to civilian living. In his tenure he created Veteran Affairs Clubs, a council of Coordinators to assist the Veteran population at MEC other CUNY schools as a whole. He also facilitated annual trips to Washington DC which exposed student veterans to the Capital and gave them the opportunity to see firsthand the government they swore to protect and serve. Mr. Eaton is an experienced leader with the skills to manage a business organization's day-to-day operations, financial literacy, and ongoing educational mission. As a results-oriented leader, he has proven success in promoting and marketing the educational experience to all military personnel.
Queensborough Community College is dedicated to serving its student veterans and military dependents by providing a wide range of resources and a dedicated staff to facilitate their needs. Military affiliated students receive specialized support and guidance through the Office of Military and Veterans Services and the Veterans Center, including assistance with admissions, academic advisement, applying for benefits, VA benefits information, VA certification, classroom/instructor concerns, course registration, military deployment and or activation, and outside referrals related to career and health needs. Veterans Services also provides opportunities for student veterans to work at the College as part of the Work-Study Program or as Technology Fee Campus Interns. In addition, the College’s Task Force for Military Transitional Services meets at least once a semester to review the needs of our transitioning service members and their families. And in appreciation for their service, every year around Veterans Day the College honors its military students, faculty and staff with a series of events dedicated to those who served in the United States Armed Forces.

In the spring of 2006 the Veterans Club was introduced at Queensborough Community College, and, because of its growing popularity on campus in the spring of 2009 the group was renamed the Queensborough Student Veterans Association (QSVA). In 2013, QSVA proudly became an approved chapter of Student Veterans of America (SVA). The QSVA is open to all Queensborough students.

QSVA’s mission is to improve and expand veteran services at Queensborough. The chapter offers a safe and comfortable place for Veteran’s to relax and communicate, complete homework assignments, and browse the internet. The Veterans Center is also equipped with amenities such as an all-in-one printer, a refrigerator and a microwave. VA Work-Study students are available in the Center to assist with general questions about the College. QSVA enables Veterans to help one another with day to day life on and off campus. The chapter’s primary goal is to help create a network where important information such as VA Benefits, scholarships, and legal counsel can be shared or referred.
The QSVA also creates and participates in outreach events in order to provide student veterans with opportunities to work with other clubs and participate in extracurricular activities. The group has helped promote organizations such as Pets for Vets and the Wounded Warrior Project. Currently, the QSVA and the Office of Military and Veterans Services are working to establish a textbook loan program for student veterans. The program would temporarily lend textbooks to GI Bill recipients who are waiting for their benefits to be encumbered.

As part of CUNY’s Military Task Force Recommendations, Dr. Diane Call, Queensborough’s President, established the College’s Task Force for Military Transitional Services. This committee of faculty, staff, and students meets at least once per semester to identify and address issues that affect our student veterans‘ academic success, and to help them work towards degree completion.

Every year the College honors its Veterans and Military members by holding a dinner together with the President and Senior Executives of the College. At this event some students are recognized for their outstanding service towards other QCC student veterans and military dependents.

The above-mentioned services and programs have made Queensborough a “Military Friendly” campus. However, we are always looking for ways to improve the way we serve our student veterans and their families.

For additional information or to contact a military and veterans services specialist at the college, please go to www.qcc.cuny.edu/veterans.
Dear Veteran,

CUNY has approved the review of military credentials to award transfer credit for military service. If you would like your military experience to be evaluated for academic credit and/or to illustrate your work experience on your resume, follow the steps listed below.

**Step 1:** Create an account for your military transcript via the following websites:
- Army, Navy, Marines, and Coast Guard: [https://jst.doded.mil/official.html](https://jst.doded.mil/official.html)

**Step 2:** Submit your transcript to CUNY UAPC (University Application Processing Center) and/or your current CUNY College.

**Step 3:** Print and save a copy of your military transcript to a USB or secure cloud.


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**Would you like to have a career that relates to your military occupational specialty (MOS)?**

Learn what certifications and degrees match your area of expertise by using the COOL sites...

- Army: [https://www.cool.army.mil/](https://www.cool.army.mil/)
- Navy: [https://www.cool.navy.mil/](https://www.cool.navy.mil/)
- Marine Corps: [https://www.cool.navy.mil/](https://www.cool.navy.mil/)

JOINT SERVICES
TRANSCRIPT

**OFFICIAL**

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** PRIVACY ACT INFORMATION **

02/15/2013
10 Things To Know About Getting Military Transfer Credit

1. You can get your military (ARMY, NAVY, MARINES & COAST GUARD) transcripts for FREE via https://jst.doded.mil/official.html

2. Retrieve your course descriptions via the American Council of Education (ACE) website http://acenet.edu/

3. Review the military credit policies at your campus & make a face-face appointment with your Transfer Course evaluator.

4. Prepare a side by side comparison chart of your military transfer credit and courses at the college you believe you are eligible for BEFORE meeting with a transfer advisor. Have two-three copies of your JST and ACE course descriptions. Highlight the courses that you would. Have a copy of your CUNY college descriptions. Prepare a cover sheet requesting specific courses, electives or pre-requisites.

5. ONLY ask for credit where credit is due. Request that credit is applied in one of the following categories
   - A) General Education
   - B) Major (no more than 50% of transfer credit can be applied)
   - C) Minor
   - D) Electives
   - E) Pre-Requisites
   - F) Co-Requisites
   - G) Waivers
   - H) Substitutions

   **PLEASE NOTE:** Changing your major may create issues with your length of academic program.

6. Use your JST to create your resume to illustrate your military experience for internship and/or employment opportunities

7. NEVER pay for resume preparation. Visit the career services office on your campus and ask for a Career Counselor with expertise in military skills translation. The ACE guide can assist you with the verbiage to describe your prior skills.

8. Always look for internal resources through your Veteran Coordinator, Veteran Club Leader, and Campus advisement Work in conjunction with your Veteran Liaison.

9. LinkedIn is FREE for veterans https://veterans.linkedin.com/

10. External Resources
    - NYCServes https://nycserves.org/
    - Operation Good Jobs http://www.goodwillnynj.org/operation-goodjobs
    - Edge4Vets https://www.facebook.com/Edge4Vets
    - FOURBLOCK http://fourblock.org/

**Having 45+ blanket military credit is less effective than having 18 credits designated to specific courses in your academic program.**
America's businesses want to help with your transition.

CUNY Veterans: Make the most out of your powerful combination of military experience and classroom knowledge by working with an ACP Mentor.

American Corporate Partners offers a free program connecting post-9/11 Veterans to successful and experienced career coaches from top companies such as Bloomberg, Lockheed Martin, News Corp and many more. The more than 6,000 Veterans who completed the program focused on topics such as job searching, networking, résumé writing, internships and career path clarity.

The process is simple: Complete a brief application and phone call with ACP staff to share your background and goals. ACP will handpick a Mentor based on your interests and offer you the opportunity to work one-on-one for a year.

Visit [acp-usa.org/mentoring](http://acp-usa.org/mentoring) to learn more and apply today.
Questions? Call us at (212) 752-0700 or e-mail info@acp-usa.org
More returning Veterans are attending CUNY schools. VA’s Veterans Integration To Academic Leadership (VITAL) program is responding by increasing its presence at more campuses. Recently, LaGuardia joined Baruch and John Jay School of Criminal Justice among those schools with VA on campus helping students with the transition from soldier to civilian.

Oscar Delgado serves as Peer Apprentice Specialist at LaGuardia Community College. He acts as the liaison between the VA and LaGuardia’s chapter of VITAL providing veterans information on programs and resources that will support them in the process of readjustment.

Delgado’s passion to give back to the Veteran community is significant because he is a Veteran. He has completed nine years of active duty with the Coast Guard and nine years in the Reserve.

Delgado sustained combat injuries and is hoping to eventually return to military service. He believes having a link to VA referrals and services conveniently available on campuses is essential to helping students succeed at school and in life in general. The on-campus connection is a short cut to services that minimizes having to take time away from school demands.

“We have a community of over 600 Veterans at LaGuardia alone” says Delgado. “It’s outstanding that Veterans have resources and that they have someone to talk about it on campus.”

Vicki Bello is the Program Director for the Veterans Upward Bound Program located in the Veterans Resource Office at LaGuardia and says the program plays a significant role in helping Veterans. “It’s important to us because we’re a two-year college. They need help with services such as enrolling in the VA system, learning what benefits they are entitled to, guidance and counseling,” Bello also explains that students should not have to take three years or more in a two year college simply because they are having a hard time transitioning and/or taking remedial classes.

Meshing well with the VITAL Program, Bello explained that the Upward Bound program offers student veterans career counseling, individualized academic advising and assessment, as well as refresher courses in math, reading, and writing. These services are free to those Veterans who qualify.

For more information on VITAL or the Veterans Upward Bound Program/ Veterans Resources Office at LaGuardia visit http://www.lagcc.cuny.edu/veterans/ or http://www.nyharbor.va.gov/services/vital.asp

By Shannon Dawson, VA New York Harbor Healthcare System
Know Your Benefits

Below is a list of addresses, phone numbers, and websites that may be useful in your military to civilian transition.

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**Websites**

- eBenefits: [www.eBenefits.va.gov](http://www.eBenefits.va.gov)
- Education Benefits: [www.benefits.va.gov/gibill](http://www.benefits.va.gov/gibill)
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- Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment: [www.benefits.va.gov/vocarehab](http://www.benefits.va.gov/vocarehab)
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Eligible student veterans must meet the minimum criteria outlined:

- Enrolled in an associates, bachelors, or certificate granting program at an accredited institution of higher education for the 2015/2016 academic year
- Must have a Cumulative GPA of 3.0 or above.
- Submit a resume
- Submit proof of military service (DD214)
- Submit proof of enrollment in an accredited U.S. institution of higher education (transcript)
- Must be a U.S Citizen or have the legal right to work in U.S without requiring sponsorship now or in the future.

All applicants must answer the following essay. Upload your completed essay on the application page, preferably as a PDF. Please thoroughly, but succinctly (300-500 words), answer the following prompt:

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