Veterans on Campus

Developing a Culture of Appreciation and Support
CSU Troops to College

www.troopstocollege.ca.gov

ww.calstate.edu/veterans
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CSU Presidents at Camp Pendleton
San Diego State University

- 36,500 students
- More than 62,200 applications for 7,000 undergraduate spaces
- # 3 in country last year – probably # 2 this year
San Diego

- Marine Corps Recruit Depot
- Naval Air Station North Island
- Marine Corps Air Station Miramar
- Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton
- Naval Station San Diego
- Naval Submarine Base, Point Loma
- Naval Medical Center San Diego
- Naval Amphibious Base, Coronado
San Diego

• The military contributes more than $13 billion+ annually to the regional economy
• More than 260,000 veterans reside in the county
• Approximately 27,400 active duty military will be mustered out in California this year; approximately 283,000 nation-wide
Veterans

• Are more mature and more focused
• Have strong leadership skills
• Will become leaders and persons of influence in our society
• Are responsible citizens
• Know how to manage their time
• Many are the first in their family to go to college
Veterans

• Bring real diversity to our campus.
  – Have seen the world,
  – Who do not always think alike,
  – Who will challenge and contribute to the intellectual vitality of our campus.
839 veterans are enrolled at SDSU (plus 134 active duty military personnel)
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• The dropout rate for first-time freshmen veterans on campus is 7.5 points less than that of our overall student body
• Their cumulative GPA is .21 points higher
There are three keys to serving veterans:

• Programs
• Support
• Appreciation
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Programs, e.g.:

• Five most popular majors: Criminal Justice, Electrical Engineering, Psychology, Business Administration, Physical Education/Kinesiology

• International Studies and Conflict Resolution (ISCOR)

• Public Affairs Officers Program

• Critical languages: Arabic, Persian, Russian and Chinese
Support Services:

Troops to College Working Group

- Enrollment Services
- Veterans Office
- Financial Aid and Scholarships
- Military Science Department
- Cashier’s Office
- Alumni Association
- Division of Undergraduate Studies

- Student Disability Services
- Counseling and Psychological Services
- College of Extended Studies
- Associated Students
- Student Veteran Organization
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Admissions Fact Sheet
Getting Started at San Diego State University Checklist

Thank you for your interest in San Diego State University. This information sheet provides details about SDSU’s admissions process and how to use your military benefits. You are strongly encouraged to review admission criteria and to contact the Office of Admissions for assistance well in advance of the application deadline. San Diego State values its veterans, active duty military, and dependent students. We will do everything in our means to assist you as you embark on an exciting academic career with us.

Please use the following checklist to assist you in getting started at SDSU.

- Apply to SDSU through the CSUMentor (fall admission: apply between October 1 and November 30)
  - Go to: www.CSUMentor.edu
  - Admission link: www.csumentor.edu/admissionApp/

- After applying, you will receive a confirmation and your SDSU ReID number. Use this number to establish your personal SDSU WebPortal account.

- For admissions information, go to: www.sdsu.edu/admissions

- If transferring with transferable units from another college or university, check out:
  - www.sdsu.edu/hap
  - www.sdsu.edu/catalog

- Contact or visit the SDSU Prospective Student Center if you have admissions questions or to take a campus tour:
  - Student Services West Room 100
  - 819594-6336 or admissions@sdsu.edu
  - www.sdsu.edu/prospective

- Maintain the same e-mail address throughout the admission cycle

Military documents are required to verify the use of benefits as well as possible priority registration:

- Provide copies of Military Documents
  - DD214
    - To obtain a copy of your DD-214, go to the following Web site and follow the instructions on the page:
  - SMART/AART transcripts
    - Army: https://aart.army.mil
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Student Veterans Organization
Welcome to the

Student Veteran Organization (SVO)
at San Diego State University.

We are a student run service and support organization whose goal is to improve the welfare of all SDSU student veterans and family members of veterans.

Our purpose is to:
1. Ensure that all veterans at SDSU are receiving all benefits entitled to them.
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Appreciation

ROTC Presenting Colors at an SDSU Event
Appreciation
ROTC Rappelling from the Top of the SDSU Library
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War Memorial
Appreciation

War Memorial Flyover
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Appreciation
Hosting Veterans at Aztec Athletic Events
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Appreciation
Army Golden Knights Parachute to the SDSU Campus
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