

Colorado State University is home to  
**2,000** student-veterans,  
benefit-using family members, and active duty military



**CSU is No. 4**  
**in the nation**

among public universities in *Military Times*  
annual "Best for Vets: Colleges 2017" rankings

Student-veteran and GI Bill  
enrollment at CSU is up nearly

**12%**  
over last year.



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to making CSU an outstanding campus for  
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**157%**

for the Office of Adult Learner and Veteran  
Services and other veteran-support services.



In 2016, CSU contributed  
**\$1 million**  
toward the Yellow Ribbon  
Program, an average of  
**\$5,780**  
per student for the  
173 eligible students.

Currently, **New Start** – a program  
offered through the University's renowned  
occupational therapy department –

**Serves 117 veterans**

and, since it was created in 2008, more than  
200 veterans have received help through  
this unique, life-changing program.

Although government financial aid  
to military veterans covers the lion's  
share of the cost of higher education,

**The Dave and Gail  
Liniger Student-Veteran  
Scholarship program**

has helped close the gap between the  
GI Bill and the real cost of attending  
school for 300 students.

CSU's average six-year  
graduation rate for  
student-veterans

**64.5%**

According to the U.S.  
Department of Education,  
the most recent average  
military-specific graduation  
rate among four-year schools

**56%**



Veterans are  
**honored during commencement  
ceremonies and wear stoles  
signifying their service.**

On average, CSU student-veterans graduate in  
**three years.**

Within six months of graduation,  
**80% of CSU veterans**  
secure their first-destination plans (including  
employment and graduate school).

Their average starting full-time salary is  
**\$48,000.**

**125 student-veterans**  
are serving in the National Guard or Reserve.

An equal-access, equal-opportunity University

# Support for veterans permeates our culture at CSU

In the past five years, CSU students have voted to increase their student fees 157 percent for veteran-support services and adult learners. In FY 2012, CSU students assessed themselves \$2.91 per full-time student; for FY 2016 they increased their fees to \$7.49 each to support their fellow students who have served.

Our faculty teach student-veterans through creative education, such as a veterans-only English composition class. Our University administration includes retired members of our military committed to making CSU an outstanding campus for support, education, and opportunity.

In addition ...

- CSU is extremely active in the

## National Association of Veteran Program Administrators

– 500 higher education institutions across the country hold membership. Marc Barker, director, Adult Learner and Veteran Services, is past president of the NAVPA Board of Directors. He

also is one of two representatives of higher education institutions who serve on the congressionally mandated **U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs Advisory Committee on Education.**

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**CSU has received about \$6.5 million**

from private donors for veteran program & scholarship support in the past two years.  
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- CSU President Tony Frank has created a campuswide **Veteran Success Team** chaired by his Chief of Staff, Col. Mark Gill, USAF (Ret.), that includes leaders of key administrative and academic divisions, staff managing major veteran-related programs, and student-veterans.

## EXTERNAL COLLABORATION

**CSU'S** Office of Adult Learner and Veteran Services (ALVS) established and maintains a leading role in the **Rocky Mountain Coalition of Veterans**

**Services Administrators** and launched **SALUTE**, the nation's only collegiate honor society for veterans. SALUTE has 200 chapters and more than 9,000 members nationwide. CSU hosts the national headquarters.

## VETERAN EMPLOYMENT

CSU is one of a few universities in the nation to have a full-time state government employment representative **dedicated to helping student-veterans find sustainable employment.**

## VITAL

The CSU Health Center has a full-time **Veterans Integrated to Academic Leadership** office with a U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs psychologist and psychiatrist on staff to assist student-veterans.

CSU offers **child care scholarships and educational supplies** for children of student-veterans.

The College of Engineering and the College of Natural Sciences have two **new scholarships dedicated to student-veterans.**

Student-veteran volunteers (through the CSU Veteran Office) operate a **free, supervised child care** at the CSU library six days a week to allow student-veteran parents an opportunity to study.

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 As part of its collaborative and supportive relationship with the U.S. military, CSU works with the Department of Defense and U.S. military branches in a variety of critical research, including:

- A training partnership with the **Army's 10th Special Forces Medical Proficiency Training** with active-duty medics in athletics training rooms, veterinary medicine, triage in our medical center, and mental health training.



- CSU's **Center for Environmental Management of Military Lands** employs 200 people and manages a DoD budget of \$30 million with a mission of protecting, preserving, and caring for U.S. military-owned land.  
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- CSU's **Center for Geoscience/ Atmospheric Research** works with the U.S. Army Research Laboratory, Naval Research Laboratory, Air Force Weather Agency, and U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to monitor soil sustainability and provide high-resolution satellite images of areas where the U.S. military is operating.

- CSU's **Infectious Disease Research Center** works with the military on research in arboviruses, zoonotic diseases, and creating vaccines, therapeutics, and diagnostics for a variety of infectious diseases our military may encounter.  
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- CSU's **Advanced Beam Laboratory** facility works with the U.S. Navy on research into microwave, accelerators, lasers, optics, and photonics.

