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

Student-veteran and GI Bill enrollment at CSU is up nearly 12% over last year.

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 is 64.5%.

In the past five years, CSU students have voted to increase their student fees 157% for the Office of Adult Learner and Veteran Services and other veteran-support services.

Our University administration includes retired members of the military committed to making CSU an outstanding campus for support, education, and opportunity.

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

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.

For more information, please contact Marc Barker, director, Adult Learner and Veteran Services, (970) 491-0601 or marc.barker@colostate.edu.
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.

CSU has received about $6.5 million from private donors for veteran program & scholarship support in the past two years.

- 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.