CARNEGIE MELLON MILITARY VETERANS & ROTC COMMUNITY

Carnegie Mellon University is a “vet friendly” campus according to the *G.I. Jobs* website. With over 200 CMU students, faculty and staff identifying themselves as veterans, members of the military community contribute to the vitality and hard-working spirit of our campus. For almost 30 years, CMU has hosted a successful Naval ROTC program, a part of the Steel City NROTC Unit. This consortium includes students from the University of Pittsburgh and Duquesne University. CMU’s renowned educational experience and its financial stability provide military veteran and ROTC students with the tools to solve complex problems and shape the world before, during, and after their military experience.

**Student veterans: Financial aid**

Veteran and military students utilize federal benefits, including Yellow Ribbon funding and fee remissions. In 2013-2014, Carnegie Mellon had 88 Post-9/11 G.I. Bill beneficiaries. Shown below is funding received by the 100 undergraduate and graduate students receiving veterans’/military benefits.

**2013-14**

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*Sources: CMU Student Accounts Office & U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (www.benefits.va.gov)*

**ROTC students: Financial aid**

Carnegie Mellon Naval ROTC (NROTC) students participate in the Steel City NROTC Unit, one of 61 units and consortiums across the United States. CMU students active in the Army or Air Force participate in a joint ROTC program through the University of Pittsburgh. Of the 19 ROTC students studying at Carnegie Mellon in 2014-2015, 15 received full tuition scholarships.

**2014-15**

**15 of 19 students received full NROTC scholarships**

Beginning with the 2015-2016 academic year, undergraduate NROTC scholarship recipients will receive an institutional grant of $8,000 for room and board from Carnegie Mellon - this is in addition to the scholarship funds provided by the Navy.

*Source: CMU ROTC & Veterans Affairs Coordinator*
Spotlight on CMU veterans & ROTC students

Trevor Benson (MS ’15), a graduate student in Heinz College studying Information Security Policy Management, served four years of active duty with the Navy and four years in the Navy Reserves. Benson said CMU is a unique environment for veterans. “Carnegie Mellon University... has been very receptive to student veterans and provides opportunities that help student veterans grow in their educational attainment,” he said. Benson helped to create a student veterans organization on campus: “We have continually seen student veteran and active duty engagement increase.”

Nicholas Allen (BS ’15), an NROTC student, said Carnegie Mellon has been the best experience of his life so far. “The CMU community has done an excellent job at giving me a first-class education while still providing the support I need in and out of the classroom.” Allen, who plans on attending the Navy’s Nuclear Power School in Charleston, South Carolina, following graduation, said, “I think that no other school could have prepared me as well as CMU did for the challenges and obstacles ahead.”