

A Proud Yellow Ribbon University



Pictured Above: Rider World War I Veterans

# Veterans & Military Affairs

## AT RIDER UNIVERSITY

*Since 1865, America's veterans have chosen  
Rider University for professional advancement.*



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**“Balancing work, family and a college education can be a challenge. I found myself wondering whether I would find the time to complete an educational program as well as handle my other responsibilities. While you do have to make some sacrifices to merit the reward, I found it much easier than I expected and personally rewarding.”**

**Russel Melville**

Class of 2011 • South Brunswick, NJ

Russel's eight years in the Army included a tour in Afghanistan and work as an instructor in a civil affairs unit, where he witnessed firsthand the psychological affects of war on his fellow veterans. He returned to college to complete his bachelor's degree and hone his skills in conflict resolution and psychology. He graduated from Rider with a degree in psychology.



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Programs and Support Services Focused on Meeting Your Needs

When Rider opened its doors in 1865, most of the members of the inaugural class were Civil War veterans.

Today, the University continues its proud tradition of partnering with former members of the Armed Forces as they advance their education. Whether you're planning to begin or complete your undergraduate degree, or pursue graduate studies at Rider, we invite you to take advantage of our diverse programs and support resources.

**“I chose Rider for its excellent reputation. The University has offered me the best opportunities and benefits, as well as consistently facilitating well-rounded outreach programs to help and assist veterans that have introduced me to an entirely new network. I am motivated to be in class every day.”**



**Cory Wescott**

Class of 2013 • Doylestown, PA

Following a four-year tour of duty with the Navy, Cory decided to pursue his lifetime goal of attending college. He is currently studying finance and considering the global supply chain management program at Rider. Ultimately, he'd like to begin his own business.

## Why Veterans Choose Rider to Advance Their Education

### 1) QUALITY, CAREER-RELEVANT PROGRAMS OF STUDY

Our nationally ranked academic programs emphasize practical professional preparation and leadership development. We offer more than 60 undergraduate, graduate and certificate programs in the fields of:

- Business Administration (*AACSB Accredited*)
- Education
- Fine & Performing Arts
- Liberal Arts
- Sciences

### 2) CONVENIENT & FLEXIBLE COURSES

We'll help you reach your educational goals as quickly and conveniently as possible. Our full- and part-time study options allow you to balance your family and work obligations while pursuing college studies. They include:

- Online courses (including all-online degree completion programs)
- Eight-week alternate evening courses
- Weekend courses
- Accelerated courses



### 3) STUDENT-CENTERED SUPPORT

The hallmark of Rider's educational experience is our student-centered approach to learning, beginning with our small classes and student/faculty ratio of just 14:1. More importantly, our faculty and staff understand the unique needs of adult learners.

A wide range of support services also are available to ensure your success:

- A **Personal Advisor** will work directly with you from admission through graduation, helping you identify the most efficient way to attain your goals and serving as a resource throughout your enrollment.
- With Rider's **Interactive Guide**, you can create a personalized report on completing your education, including programs, scholarships and credit transfers.
- Rider's **Veterans Affairs Office** will help you apply for benefits and act as your liaison with state and federal Veterans Administration offices.
- Our student-led **Rider University Veterans Association** will be a source of camaraderie, professionalism and networking with your fellow veterans at the University.

### 4) A COMMITMENT TO MEETING YOUR EDUCATIONAL COSTS

As a military-friendly university, Rider is dedicated to ensuring you access to our quality education by bridging the financial gap between your benefits as a veteran and the cost of education.

Through the **Yellow Ribbon Program**, veterans of the U.S. Armed Forces who have served their country for at least three years following 9/11 can earn their bachelor's or master's degree, or a professional certificate at Rider tuition-free.

Our Office of Financial Aid also will work with you to identify and apply for other scholarship and financial aid resources for which you might qualify, including the Heart of a Hero Scholarship and Council of College and Military Educators (CCME) scholarships.

#### LEARN MORE

To explore how Rider can assist in your professional advancement, please contact:

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