

# Military Connection Center

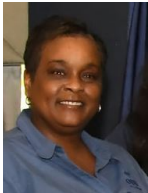
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## MEET THE TEAM!

**America Luna-Ortiz, Director**  
Army Veteran, Navy Spouse, ODU Alum



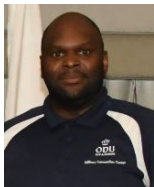
**April Miller, VA Vet Success Counselor**  
Navy Spouse



**Josh Morris, VA Work-Study**  
Marine Veteran, Human Services



**Charles Rattigan, VA Work-Study**  
Army Veteran, Criminal Justice



**Aaron Moorefield, VA Work-Study**  
Navy Veteran, Computer Science



Old Dominion University's Military Connection Center is committed to assisting veterans including active duty service members, reservists, guardsmen, and their families to successfully navigate the transition to academic life.

As you transition to Old Dominion University, the Military Connection Center is here to help you every step of the way.

Our dedicated team will assist you in:

- Navigating the GI Bill and processes for admission and financial aid
- Finding peer sponsors and faculty mentors
- Connecting with campus resources
- Securing academic tutoring and advice
- Locating opportunities for student employment through the VA Work Study program
- Participating in educational and social programs
- Identifying community resources



## STOP BY, AND SAY HELLO!

**Diane Dougherty, Graduate Intern**  
Navy Dependent, Higher Education



**Beth Van Scoyoc, Office Manager**  
Air Force Spouse, ODU Alum



**Amber Jones, Graduate Assistant**  
Navy Spouse, Counseling



**Nate Washington, VA Work-Study**  
Army Veteran, ROTC Cadet



**Ralph Martinez, VA Work-Study**  
Air Force Veteran, Political Science



**Paola Santiago-Ortiz, VA Work-Study**  
Army Veteran, SVA Treasurer





# New Veteran Center

## Spring 2018

The Military Connection Center will be receiving an upgrade in location to better serve the military affiliated population. The new location will be housed in the Old Education Building that is currently in the process of being renovated. This building will also house other ODU offices and student space making it an open and inclusive environment for students to gather and engage.

The new veteran center will have a dedicated student veteran lounge, quiet study space and additional offices that provide privacy and comfort while the Military Connection Center addresses your needs.

Keep a look out for future events relating to the new veteran lounge hosted by the **Student Veterans Association** and a ribbon cutting ceremony to celebrate this momentous occasion for the military affiliated population at ODU.

We look forward to sharing this inclusive space with you all!

Respectfully,  
America E. Luna, M.S. Ed.  
Director, Military Connection Center  
Old Dominion University

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# UPCOMING

Mark Your Calendars

# EVENTS



**\*\*Click on the logos to learn more**

## STUDENT VETERANS ASSOCIATION

September 7th • 12:30 - 1:30 p.m. • Williamsburg Room, Webb Center

Email: [odustudentveteran@gmail.com](mailto:odustudentveteran@gmail.com)  
Office: 1065 Webb Center, Norfolk, Virginia



[Click here to RSVP](#)

## MCC WELCOME BACK SOCIAL

September 14th • 4 - 6 p.m. • Multipurpose Auditorium, New Education Bldg.

Meet military affiliated Faculty / Staff and your fellow peers!

## FINANCIAL LITERACY WORKSHOP

September 21st • 2:30 - 3:30 p.m. • Chesapeake Room, Webb Center

Learn how to maximize your GI Bill and plan for a secure financial future

- Financial Coaching
- Budget management
- Savings/ Investing
- GI Bill payment overview

[RSVP HERE](#) 



Consumer Financial Protection Bureau



## ODU GREEN DOT & THE WOMENS CENTER

September 26th • 7-8:30 p.m. • Webb Center North Café

(also live streamed at ODUonline)

Dr. Dorothy Edwards is the founder of Green Dot, the nation's leading violence prevention strategy



## MILITARY TRANSITION TO ODU PROGRAM

If you were not able to attend MTOP on **August 15th, 2017**, Please feel free to review the presentations below.

**Click on the icons to learn more about each topic.**

*\*\*Please download, presentations are best viewed in presentation mode.*

[Campus Resources](#)

[Academic Support](#)

[Paying for College](#)

## STUDENT HEALTH SERVICES

Please send a copy of your military service health records to Student Health Services and make sure that all immunizations and blood-work have a date and are clearly identified. They must be uploaded through the **Patient Portal** or mailed to:

Old Dominion University  
Student Health Services  
1007 South Webb University Center  
Norfolk, VA 23529

For any questions call  
757-683-3132 (office)





**\*\*Click on the logo for more information**

## THE MISSION CONTINUES



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**September 9th • 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. • 700 E. Olney Road, Norfolk, VA**

Join the Hampton Roads Platoons on this national day of service. We will partner with **Teens with a Purpose** and the surrounding communities to transform "The lot" into a Safe Creative Space.

## NAS OCEANA AIR SHOW



**September 16th-17th • 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. NAS Oceana • 1750 Tomcat Blvd, VA Beach**

This year the NAS Oceana Air Show is pleased to present the United States Navy's Blue Angels flight demonstration team along with a host of thrilling military and civilian performances.

## COALITION FOR VETERAN OWNED BUSINESS



**September 20th • 9:30 a.m.-6:00 p.m. • Norfolk Waterside Marriott, Norfolk**



VetSource will help educate established VOBs, both procurement ready and ready to grow, and connect them to Fortune500 procurement opportunities. For more information, please email [coalitionvetbiz@syr.edu](mailto:coalitionvetbiz@syr.edu) or visit [veteranbusinesscoalition.org](http://veteranbusinesscoalition.org).

## MILITARY VETERAN TRANSITION PLAYBOOK



**MILITARY VETERAN TRANSITION PLAYBOOK**

**September 21th • 8:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m. • Hilton Norfolk The Main, 100 E. Main St. Norfolk**

Get the playbook for success as you transition out of the military with our help every step of the way!

# Get involved in the community!

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