LEADERSHIP AND IMPACT: VETERANS AT MIT SLOAN

“My involvement with the MIT Sloan Veterans Association has been an important part of my experience. I have found a spirit of kinship among veterans at MIT Sloan and across the larger MIT community. My time in the military gives me a unique perspective and level of leadership that is valued by professors and fellow students.”

– Andrew Sandoe, SF ’13, U.S. Marine Corps

“While I believe that the many skills learned through military experience are widely applicable to the rest of the working world and make veterans hireable by companies in numerous industries, coming to MIT Sloan expanded my skillset and increased the types of options available to me about tenfold. In that way the school greatly helped in my transition from the military to civilian world.”

– Jeffrey George Prosek, MBA ’14, U.S. Navy

“MIT Sloan allowed me the time and resources to reflect on my military experience, apply leadership fundamentals to the business community, and integrate my family into the civilian world.”

– Socrates Munaf Rosenfeld, MBA ’14, U.S. Army Consultant at Boston Consulting Group

A family affair
Several student-run clubs work to support the needs of students who are married, partnered, or have children. Significant Others of Sloan (SOS) offers activities for the spouse, partners, significant others, and family members of MIT Sloan students. These include jazz nights, wine tastings, museum tours, weekend trips, and other social events. The club’s website offers helpful information on every-
As a veteran, you bring a unique perspective to MIT Sloan. You come to MIT Sloan with special skills and experiences. You help us build a more diverse campus community, and your ideas fuel the experimentation and transformation that develop principled, innovative leaders who improve the world.

We believe it is through our differences that we find common purpose. We are committed to providing a welcoming and supportive environment for every member of our community, and we are excited to see what you will bring to MIT Sloan. We know that with your military experience, you will make a meaningful impact the moment you step on campus.

**Leadership in action**

The MIT Sloan Veterans Association welcomes servicemen and women from around the world, helping them build on the foundation of leadership they developed during military service. We support students during the transition to business school and offer guidance for active reservists committed to ongoing military service during their time at MIT Sloan. We are a hub for esprit de corps, career development, and community building among the diverse military community at MIT Sloan and the broader MIT campus. We also strive to keep in touch with MIT Sloan’s extensive global network of military alumni.

**Fellowship opportunities**

Veterans returning to school have many options to consider for funding their education, including the Post 9/11 GI Bill and the Yellow Ribbon Program. You can learn more at www.mitsloanveterans.org/prospective-students/

“I expected to join the Navy after attending the U.S. Naval Academy, but learned that I was ineligible due to a sleepwalking condition. I had always planned to pursue a finance career, and the one-year Master of Finance program was an ideal option for me. I came to MIT Sloan for its reputation and pioneering finance professors, and as a competitive skier it was also wonderful to return to New England where there are real mountains. I have been a member of the Ski Club, the Sales Club, and the VC/PE club. I’ve also had the opportunity to get to know students who are veterans from across MIT Sloan.” – Garrett Long, MFin ’13

**Barry Couture, MBA ’14, Co-President, MIT Sloan Veterans Association**

I graduated from West Point in 2005 and spent five years in the United States Army at Fort Hood. I held a number of positions—from platoon leader to logistics officer—and was deployed to both Baghdad and Kirkuk. Afterwards, I worked for a technology company in Austin and that’s where I became interested in business school.

I was struck by the sense of community and collaboration I felt when I first visited MIT Sloan. Now that I’m here, that community is even more apparent. We learn as much from our fellow students as we do from our professors, and in many ways, my experience here parallels that of the military; we are all working together for a common purpose. The collaborative spirit is something we hold close as veterans—and it is very much a part of MIT Sloan.

**Shared experiences**

The Veterans Association is a tight knit group that gathers regularly for social, educational, and community-oriented activities. Barbecues and dinners that provide opportunities for social and professional connection. Career panels and other networking events that help MIT Sloan veterans connect with veterans working in a range of different organizations and industries.

Workshops on topics such as résumé writing and interviewing skills. Community involvement: The Veterans Association is proud to take part in events that give back to the community, such as the Tough Mudder, which supports the Wounded Warrior Project, and a relay race to support the Children of Fallen Patriots Foundation.