

# **Student Veterans of America**

Student Veterans of America is the country's premier organization for student veterans. SVA supports all veterans through their transition from the military, educational advancement and career growth. SVA represents a network of more than 1,500 chapters on campuses in all 50 states and four countries representing more than 750,000 student veterans at those colleges and universities. SVA is Gold Certified by Guide Star and was named Non-Profit of the Year by HillVets. For more information, visit us at www.studentveterans.org.

# **SVA's National Conference**

NatCon is the largest annual gathering of student veterans, advocates, thought-leaders, stakeholders, and supporters in higher education in the country. NatCon 2020 will be held January 3-5 in Los Angeles. Learn more at conference.studentveterans.org.

### **SVA Summits**

SVA Summits provide the tools, techniques, and tactics needed for student veterans to run a successful and sustainable student organization. They are held in cities around the country every summer with student veterans who are SVA Chapter Leaders, local business and community leaders, and SVA alumni. Learn more at summits.studentveterans.org.

# **SVA Leadership Institute**

The SVA Leadership Institute is a competitive, individual leadership immersion program for 115 of the highest-achieving student veterans in the country. SVA's 8th Annual Leadership Institute will be held from September 10-13, 2019 in Washington, DC.

#### Leading Policy Advocacy

The mission of SVA's Government Affairs Department is to shape policy proposals and regulations on behalf of veterans in pursuit of career advancement through higher education. Our team works closely with Congress and the federal government to promote forward-looking policies that will help veterans get the education they need to thrive in the modern workforce. This includes working to pass the Forever GI Bill in August of 2017.

### **VFW-SVA** Legislative Fellowship

The VFW-SVA Legislative Fellowship program provides 10 exemplary student veterans the opportunity to make their voices heard on Capitol Hill and in their community. Selected Fellows are flown to Washington, DC to ensure their voices are heard on Capitol Hill alongside 500 fellow veteran advocates as part of the annual VFW Legislative Conference.

### **Conducting Groundbreaking Research**

SVA works to inform the public, stakeholders, policy makers, and others on the needs of student veterans and military-connected students through empirical research. In 2014, SVA published the Million Records Project (MRP), a report conveying the postsecondary academic outcomes for one million of this generation's student veterans. In 2017, SVA expanded on the success of MRP with the National Veteran Education Success Tracker (NVEST), which can be downloaded at <u>nvest.studentveterans.org</u>. SVA also conducts survey research via the annual SVA Census, the Life Cycle Atlas, and others. Learn more about the Life Cycle Atlas at atlas.studentveterans.org.