

# FY2025 ANNUAL REPORT

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STUDENT VETERANS OF AMERICA®

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*Dave and Priya at The Leadership Institute  
2024 in Washington D.C.*



# A YEAR OF PURPOSE AND IMPACT

*A Message from SVA Leadership*

This year, Student Veterans of America (SVA) continued to build on a simple conviction: **student veterans possess the skills, discipline, and sense of purpose to succeed in higher education and beyond.** When that strength is met with meaningful connection and support, it expands into opportunity that benefits families, communities, and the nation as a whole.

From April 2024 through March 2025, our work reflected that belief in concrete ways. We continued to invest in pathways to opportunity through scholarships supported by partnerships with RTX, Google, Comcast NBC Universal, and John Edelman, totaling over \$140,000. We engaged in career readiness programming, including partnerships that supported student veterans pursuing futures in mental health, computer science, and other high-demand fields.

We also strengthened our commitment to research and systems change. With support from the Greater Texas Foundation, SVA launched a major new partnership with the Texas A&M System to deepen understanding of the student veteran experience across Texas and advance best practices at scale.

Our 2024 Census update added to the growing body of evidence that shapes our programming and advocacy, helping us better understand who today's student veterans are and what they need to push past the barriers in front of them.

At the policy level, SVA remained focused on protecting and improving the education benefits veterans have earned through service. During this fiscal year, we helped inform our community about major changes and developments, including the Supreme Court's decision in *Rudisill v. McDonough*, while continuing to cultivate the next generation of advocates through the VFW-SVA Legislative Fellowship. That work has amplified our broader belief that student veterans should have a voice in the policies that shape their lives, which they did during our Washington Week programming, bringing 140 student veterans to the halls of Congress to support SVA's testimony to a joint session of the House and Senate Veterans Affairs Committees and to share their own stories in advancing legislation important to student veterans everywhere.

Just as important, this year showed the enduring power of community. At our 17th Annual National Conference, student veterans, partners, and supporters came together for one of the largest gatherings of student veterans in the world to share ideas, celebrate excellence, serve alongside one another, and connect veterans directly to resources through the VA assistance expo. Across the year, SVA also invested in leadership development through the 2024 Leadership Institute and Regional Summits, and celebrated the extraordinary achievements of chapters, advisors, and student veteran leaders whose work continues to strengthen campuses across the country.

Service remained central to who we are. Whether through Memorial Day acts of service, chapter-led volunteerism, or year-round community engagement, student veterans continued to demonstrate that service does not end when the uniform comes off. In 2024 alone, SVA members and chapters contributed 6,527 volunteer hours. What a powerful reminder that leadership, compassion, and commitment remain at the heart of this community!

As we reflect on this year, we do so with gratitude. We are grateful for the students who lead, the chapters that create belonging on campuses nationwide, and particularly the partners who invest in this mission. The work ahead remains urgent, and the future remains bright. **SVA will continue to meet that future with resolve, with purpose, and with a commitment to those we serve.**



# WHO WE ARE

## AND WHAT WE DO FOR STUDENT VETERANS

Student Veterans of America empowers student veterans to succeed in higher education and beyond by building connection, strengthening leadership, and advancing opportunity nationwide. Through a chapter-centric model, SVA supports student veterans at every stage of their academic journey—helping them transition with confidence, find community on campus, and develop the skills to lead in their classrooms, careers, and communities.

At the national level, SVA delivers programs, research, and advocacy that reduce barriers to success. Our work ranges from leadership development and career readiness to protecting the integrity of the GI Bill and advancing evidence-based policy. Guided by data and grounded in lived experience, we elevate student veteran voices and translate insights into action—on campuses, in communities, and in the halls of Congress.

# MISSION

To act as a catalyst for student veteran success by providing resources, network support, and advocacy to, through, and beyond higher education.

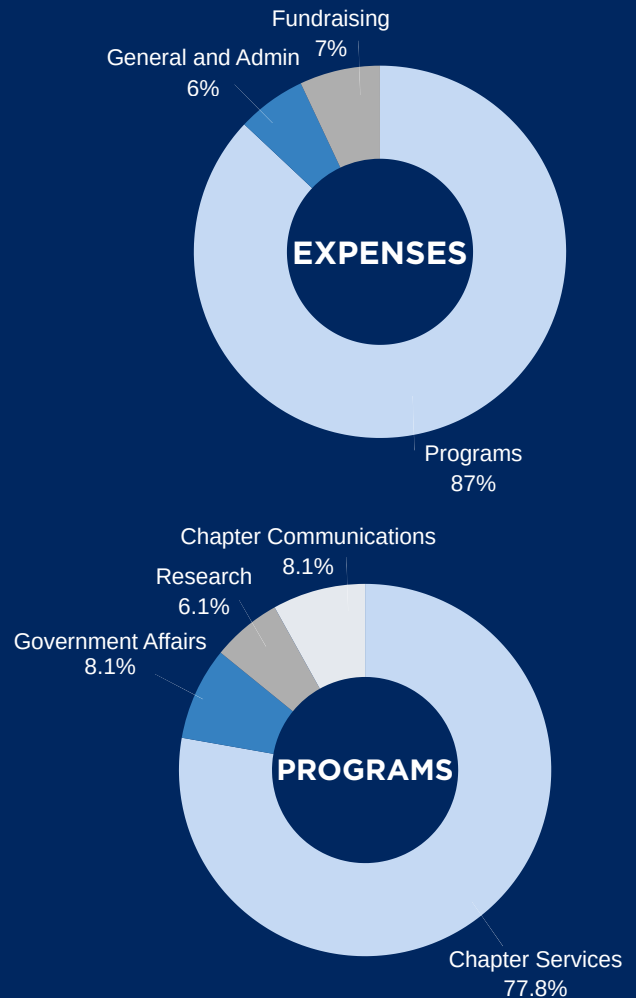
# VISION

Empowering student veterans to lead and live their best lives.



2024 Leadership Institute Fellows at The White House in Washington D.C.

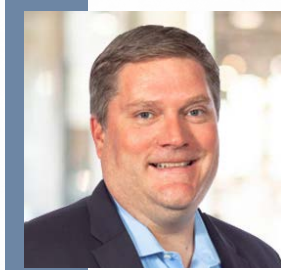
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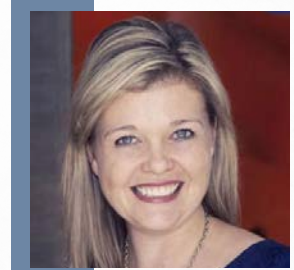
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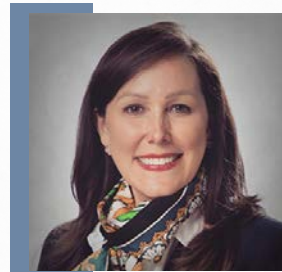
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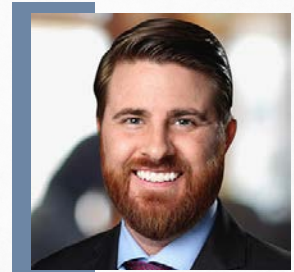
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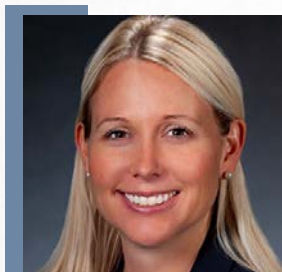
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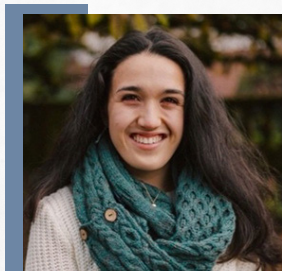
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*We are grateful to the SVA staff, our partners, our donors, and most of all our student veterans for their continued trust in this organization.*





Students at 17th Annual NatCon service project in Colorado Springs, CO

# SVA PROGRAMS AND CHAPTER SERVICES

## SUPPORTING STUDENT VETERANS AT EVERY STAGE

Student Veterans of America's Programs and Chapter Services are built around one core belief: when student veterans are connected, supported, and equipped to lead, they transform their campuses and communities. Through a nationwide chapter-centric model, SVA delivers programming that supports student veterans from their first day on campus through graduation and beyond.

Across the fiscal year, SVA invested in leadership development, career readiness, community building, and advocacy opportunities that meet student veterans where they are. Flagship initiatives like the National Conference, Washington Week, Leadership Institute, Regional Summits, and year-round chapter support provide student veterans with the tools, networks, and confidence to succeed, not only as students, but as leaders and advocates.

By pairing high-impact programming with data-informed strategy and hands-on support, SVA ensures chapters have the resources they need to thrive. The result is a national network of student veterans who are empowered to lead with purpose, serve with integrity, and create lasting change on their campuses and beyond.

*Learn more at [studentveterans.org/programs](https://studentveterans.org/programs)*

# REGIONAL SUMMITS

## STRENGTHENING CHAPTER LEADERSHIP AT THE REGIONAL LEVEL

JULY - AUGUST 2024



*Atlanta Regional Summit 2024*



*Dallas Regional Summit 2024*



*Denver Regional Summit 2024*



SVA's Regional Summits provide student veterans and chapter advisors with focused, in-person leadership development and connection closer to home. Designed to meet chapters where they are, the Summits offer practical training, peer learning, and direct engagement with SVA staff to strengthen chapter effectiveness and sustainability.

This year introduced a new Advisor Track, delivering role-specific training and space for collaboration among chapter advisors. Advisors rated this content extremely positively, while student participants also reported overwhelmingly strong satisfaction across both task-based and competency-based sessions. Survey feedback highlighted the Summit's emphasis on practical leadership skills, advisor engagement, and peer networking as key strengths.

Overall, Regional Summits continue to serve as a critical touchpoint between SVA and its chapters. By combining hands-on training, data-informed curriculum, and regional community building, the Summits equip chapter leaders and advisors with the tools and confidence needed to better support student veterans on their campuses.

Across regions, this work translated into measurable reach and growing participation.



Evaluation findings showed meaningful progress compared to the prior year. Participants reported stronger chapter outreach, improved relationships with campus administration, and higher confidence in leadership preparedness.

The introduction of the Advisor Track responded directly to chapter feedback and reflects the critical role advisors play in sustaining chapters beyond individual student leadership cycles.



*More than half of student participants indicated an intent to apply for SVA's Leadership Institute, reinforcing Regional Summits as a key entry point in SVA's leadership development continuum.*



**316**

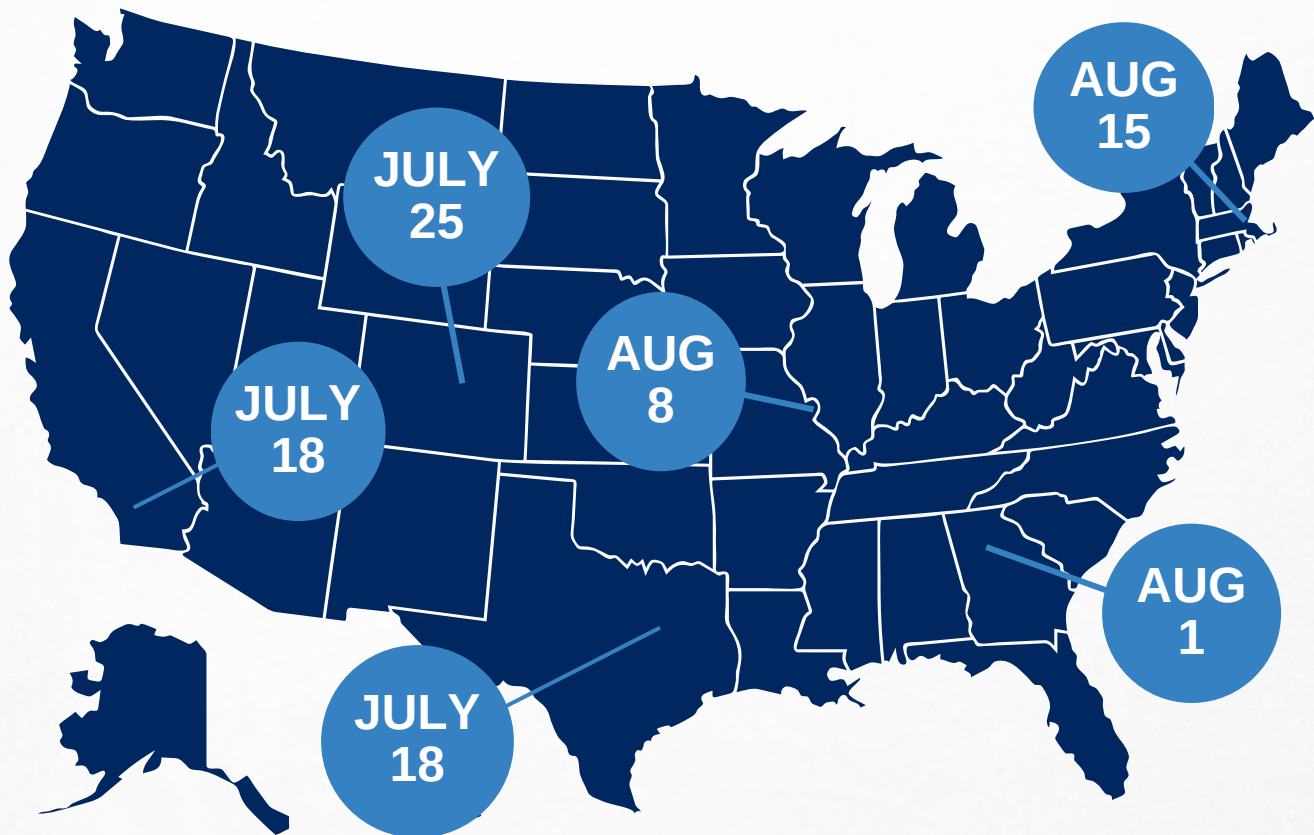
individual participants

**92**

SVA chapters

**20**

states represented



## REGIONAL SUMMITS AT A GLANCE

### REGIONAL SUMMITS DELIVER LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT AND CONNECTION NATIONWIDE

In 2024, SVA hosted Regional Summits in six locations across the country: Dallas, Texas; Denver, Colorado; Atlanta, Georgia; St. Louis, Missouri; Boston, Massachusetts; and Fullerton, California.

The program indirectly impacts **more than 40,000 student veterans** through strengthened chapter leadership and outreach. Attendance ranged from 35 to 81 participants per event, with a median attendance of 51, representing an increase from 2023 and the highest median attendance for any in-person Regional Summit to date.



2024 Leadership Institute Fellows in Washington D.C.

# 71

total participants

# 67

chapters represented

# 100%

reported increased leadership confidence

# LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE

## DEVELOPING CONFIDENT, CAPABLE STUDENT VETERAN LEADERS

SVA's Leadership Institute provides an intensive, cohort-based leadership development experience for high-potential student veteran leaders from across the SVA network. Through mentorship, guided self-reflection, and applied learning, the program equips participants with the skills, confidence, and perspective needed to lead effectively on campus and beyond.

In 2024, **71 participants representing 67 chapters** completed the Leadership Institute. The program demonstrated consistently strong outcomes, with **more than 90 percent of participants rating mentors and curriculum as excellent**. Participants reported especially high satisfaction with sessions that emphasized interactive discussion, real-world application, and self-reflection, reinforcing the value of experiential learning and peer-to-peer engagement.

## The Leadership Institute equips student veterans with the confidence and skills to lead with purpose.



The Leadership Institute’s impact was clear and measurable. One hundred percent of participants reported increased confidence as leaders, affirming the program’s ability to deliver transformational growth. Participants left better connected to one another, more prepared to navigate complex leadership challenges, and more equipped to serve their peers and communities with purpose.

As a core component of SVA’s leadership development continuum, the Leadership Institute builds on engagement through Regional Summits and deepens leadership capacity that carries forward into chapter success, advocacy, and lifelong service. By investing in student veterans with the drive to lead, The Leadership Institute strengthens chapters today while shaping the leaders of tomorrow.

# NATIONAL CONFERENCE

## BUILDING PATHWAYS THROUGH CONNECTION

JANUARY 2-4, 2025 | COLORADO SPRINGS, CO

# 1,946

total NatCon registered attendees

# 90%+

reported that both mainstage and breakout sessions met or exceeded their expectations

# 75%

formed new professional or mentorship relationships

The 17th Annual National Conference (NatCon) brought together student veterans, chapter leaders, partners, and supporters from across the country for a multi-day experience centered on connection, leadership, and opportunity. Designed to foster connection, leadership, and opportunity, NatCon continues to serve as SVA's flagship event, bringing student veterans together, celebrating excellence, and connecting them directly to the resources they've earned.

In 2025, NatCon welcomed **1,946 total attendees**, marking the **highest student turnout in the last three years**. The conference created meaningful pathways for professional growth and connection: **75% of student attendees formed new professional or mentorship relationships**, and **30% pursued direct employment opportunities** with on-site partners through the VA assistance expo and employer engagement opportunities.

Content quality remained a defining strength of the conference. Feedback highlighted particularly strong satisfaction among professional attendees during Mainstage sessions, while breakout sessions resonated most strongly with student participants, underscoring NatCon's dual commitment to thought leadership and practical, student-focused development.



Katesha from Howard University at the 17th Annual NatCon in Colorado Springs, CO

# NatCon continues to be where student veterans connect, lead, and step confidently into their futures.

Beyond programming, NatCon served as a time to recognize exceptional leadership across the network. Student Veteran of the Year, Chapter of the Year, and Advisor of the Year honorees exemplified the dedication, service, and impact that define SVA chapters nationwide. Together, these moments of recognition reinforced what NatCon represents at its core: a community that elevates its leaders, learns together, and leaves stronger than it arrived.



Student Veteran of the Year

Ralph Figueroa,  
California State University, San Bernardino



Chapter of the Year

Veterans of Baylor,  
Baylor University



Chapter Advisor of the Year

Jon Segars,  
Student Veterans Association at University of Georgia

“  
*The Veterans of Baylor, a proud SVA chapter of over 360 members, strives to support community engagement, promote a sense of belonging, and aims to empower the next chapter of servant leadership in our members.*  
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## VETERANS ASSISTANCE EXPO

**307**

participants filed claims

**21%**

women veterans

“The staff were polite and super helpful. They made addressing my concerns easy, despite the sensitivity of the topic. The team gave me the confidence to resubmit my VA claim, and I certainly appreciate it.”



Washington Week 2025 attendees at Joint Session of the House and Senate Veterans' Affairs Committees Testimony

# WASHINGTON WEEK

## FROM CAMPUS LEADERS TO CAPITOL HILL ADVOCATES

MARCH 2-5, 2025 | WASHINGTON D.C.

Washington Week provides student veterans with a direct opportunity to engage in the policymaking process and advocate for the education benefits they have earned through service. Through structured preparation, briefings, and Capitol Hill meetings, the program equips participants with the knowledge and confidence to serve as effective advocates on issues that impact student veterans nationwide.

In 2025, **140 student veterans participated** in Washington Week programming, meeting with members of Congress and congressional staff while supporting SVA's testimony to a joint session of the House and Senate Veterans' Affairs Committees. Participants also shared their personal experiences navigating higher education and veteran benefits, reinforcing the importance of student veterans having a voice in the policies that shape their futures.

Washington Week remains a cornerstone of SVA's advocacy efforts and leadership development pipeline. By combining policy education, grassroots engagement, and peer learning, the program ensures student veterans are prepared not only to speak on behalf of themselves, but also to represent their communities with clarity, credibility, and purpose.

*Learn more at [studentveterans.org/programs-events/washington-week/](https://studentveterans.org/programs-events/washington-week/)*



University of Central Florida Visibility Exchange March 2024

# VISIBILITY EXCHANGE

## BUILDING A STRONGER CAMPUS COMMUNITY

SVA's National Headquarters continued to travel to college campuses across the country to host Visibility Exchanges, bringing together student veterans, chapter leaders, and campus allies for focused, in-person programming. These engagements centered on strengthening chapter presence, fostering allyship, and equipping student veterans with the tools to tell their stories effectively on campus.

Visibility Exchanges focused on practical, chapter-driven topics, including campus visibility, identifying and engaging allies, navigating campus resources, and reshaping narratives around the student veteran experience. Through interactive sessions and discussion, participants explored strategies to build inclusive, supportive cultures within their SVA chapters and across their institutions.

By meeting chapters where they are, Visibility Exchanges reinforced SVA's commitment to empowering student veterans as leaders and advocates on their campuses. Each engagement aimed to leave attendees with actionable skills they could immediately apply to their chapters, elevate student veteran voices, and foster greater understanding within their campus communities.

### 5 CAMPUSES VISITED

University of Washington Tacoma, Arizona State University, The University of Arizona, University of Pittsburgh, Brown University.

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# PARTNERS PROVIDING SCHOLARSHIPS

Every year, Student Veterans of America partners with leading organizations and individual champions to provide scholarships to deserving student veterans and military-affiliated students. **Since 2008, SVA has awarded more than \$4.3 million in chapter grants and scholarships**, expanding access to education and opportunity for student veterans nationwide.

## GOOGLE SVA SCHOLARSHIP

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**Daniel Neshem**, University of Arizona  
**Daniel Seo**, Stony Brook University  
**Idaly Garcia**, Arizona State University  
**Linnea Castro**, Washington State University  
**Michael Shires**, Pennsylvania State University  
**Miguel Pingol**, University of Wisconsin - Madison  
**Rashawnda Ellis**, Bowie State University  
**Robert Hall**, Drexel University

## JOHN EDELMAN SCHOLARSHIP

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**Crystal Hunter**, New York University  
**Jordan Ferrari**, Walden University  
**Quennie Eslava**, University of Washington  
**Ralph Figueroa**, Cal State San Bernardino

## RTX PATRIOT SCHOLARSHIP

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**Jessica Fortino**, Fordham University  
**John Carson Jr.**, University of South Carolina - Columbia

## RTX SPY-6 SCHOLARSHIP

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**Jesse Putney**, Liberty University  
**Umar Ilyasov**, University of California - Los Angeles

*Jared Lyon and John Edelman  
at the 17th Annual NatCon in  
Colorado Springs, CO*



SVA’s Chapter Support, Data, and Engagement efforts provide consistent, hands-on support to student-veteran-led chapters throughout the year. Through personalized coaching, data-informed strategy, and accessible engagement opportunities, SVA ensures chapters have the guidance and resources needed to build strong communities and sustain long-term impact on their campuses.

# CHAPTER SUPPORT, DATA, AND ENGAGEMENT

*Chapter Success Coach Jace Achiu presenting in a breakout session at the 17th Annual NatCon*



## SUPPORTING CHAPTERS YEAR-ROUND

In spring 2025, SVA launched **APEX 2.0**, a redesigned platform that strengthens how student veterans connect to education and career opportunities. Powered by a new AI engine, APEX 2.0 personalizes academic and career pathways, integrates education and job matching, and connects members directly to SVA's Job Board and Chapter Success Coaches for end-to-end support. By translating military experience into actionable civilian outcomes, the platform helps student veterans move forward with confidence.

SVA's **Chapter Success Coaches** play a central role in delivering tailored support. During the fiscal year, coaches conducted **in-person visits with 26 chapters nationwide**, providing on-site guidance, sharing national resources, and strengthening chapter relationships. Coaches also represented SVA at conferences and veteran-serving events, expanding outreach and deepening connections with partners and student veterans across the country.

Virtual engagement continued to grow significantly. In spring 2025, **322 participants** engaged in either regional or specialized virtual roundtables, representing a more than **100 percent increase in attendance** compared to the previous semester. These roundtables offered space for peer connection, targeted learning, and direct engagement with Chapter Success Coaches. Participants rated content highly, with all respondents indicating the sessions were valuable or highly valuable.

Data from SVA's Chapter Network Survey further reinforced the effectiveness of these efforts. Participating chapters rated their relationship with SVA headquarters at a **B-plus average**, with nearly half assigning an A grade. Compared to the prior year, more chapters reported stronger relationships with HQ, higher engagement levels, and greater preparedness among chapter leadership. Community building and advocacy remained top priorities, alongside continued growth in outreach to diverse student veteran populations.

Together, these efforts demonstrate SVA's commitment to meeting chapters where they are and supporting them consistently. By combining personal support, scalable engagement, and data-driven insight, SVA strengthens its chapter network and ensures student veterans have the resources, relationships, and confidence to succeed.

*Student veterans doing team building at the 17th Annual NatCon in Colorado Springs, CO*



# ENGAGEMENT

## STUDENT VETERANS IN ACTION



*Student veterans, SVA staff, and Disney VoluntEARS at SoCal Regional Summit 2024 service project at The Giving Farm*

Across the country, SVA chapters and members demonstrated the power of connection, leadership, and service. Whether responding to crisis, supporting individual transitions, or strengthening campuses, student veterans continued to show that **service does not end when the uniform comes off.**

# STUDENT VETERANS UNITE FOR FIRE RELIEF EFFORTS

## SVA CHAPTERS SHOWED HOW LEADERSHIP, TEAMWORK, AND SERVICE COME TOGETHER

In January 2025, when devastating wildfires tore through Southern California, student veterans quickly mobilized to support those affected. What began as a local response became a nationwide effort rooted in relationships built through SVA programs and chapter connections.

At the center of the effort was the **Student Veterans of America chapter at California State University, San Bernardino**, working alongside fellow chapters from **California Baptist University, Chapman University**, and institutions as far away as the **Massachusetts Institute of Technology**. With support from Chapter Success Coaches and connections formed through SVA's Leadership Institute, student veterans coordinated donation drives and transported critical supplies across state lines.

Working in partnership with DAV Chapter 12 and local organizations, student veterans collected blankets, hygiene kits, clothing, board games, and other essentials. The effort also raised tens of thousands of dollars for the Warrior Heritage Foundation to provide direct assistance to veterans and families impacted by the fires. From coast to coast, SVA chapters showed how leadership, teamwork, and service come together when communities need support most.



# CHAPTER HIGHLIGHTS

## THROUGHOUT 2024-2025



Sister SVA chapters at Bristol Community College and UMass Dartmouth collaborated to strengthen regional connection and support.

The University of Arizona Global Campus SVA chapter participated in Wreaths Across America at Biloxi National Cemetery.



Veterans with VVA-886 honored student veterans during a commemorative event at Craven Community College.

Oregon Tech's SVA chapter celebrated campus traditions while amplifying student veteran visibility.

Bristol and Cape Cod Community Colleges partnered to engage the 102nd Intelligence Wing.



# RESEARCH

## DATA DRIVING STUDENT VETERAN SUCCESS

Student Veterans of America's research efforts inform policy, strengthen programs, and elevate the voices of student veterans through rigorous, data-driven analysis. By investing in research, SVA fills critical gaps in national understanding of the student veteran experience while providing evidence that shapes higher education practices and veteran policy at every level.

During the fiscal year, SVA's research program advanced significantly across three core areas: major empirical projects, knowledge dissemination and citation impact, and national leadership and visibility.



# MAJOR RESEARCH INITIATIVES

SVA continued to grow and strengthen its body of longitudinal and applied research focused on student veteran outcomes.



Landon at 17th Annual NatCon wearblue: run to remember in Colorado Springs, CO

## SVA Census 2024

Fielded nationwide in 2024, the latest iteration of the SVA Census added critical updated indicators to SVA's longitudinal data infrastructure. Findings were released through a summary analytic brief that builds on prior Census waves and continues to shape programming and advocacy.

## NVEST in Texas

With support from the Greater Texas Foundation and in partnership with the Texas A&M University System, SVA launched a state-level expansion of the National Veteran Education Success Tracker. Convening institutions and state agencies, the project advances scalable best practices for improving student veteran success across Texas.

## Basic Needs and Wellness Survey

Recognizing emerging challenges facing veterans in their first year after service, SVA deployed a new survey focused on material security, wellness, and transition outcomes. Findings will inform future state and federal policy discussions related to veteran transition and support systems.

## NATIONAL IMPACT AND CITATIONS

SVA research continues to serve as foundational evidence across federal policy, academic scholarship, and sector-wide reporting. During the reporting period, SVA data and analysis were cited in at least 24 external publications and official documents, including references in the Federal Register, U.S. House Committee on Veterans' Affairs hearings, and Department of Veterans Affairs resources supporting student veterans. Institutional partners, foundations, and higher education systems also continued to reference SVA research to guide strategy and program development, reinforcing SVA's role as a trusted authority in veteran education research.



17th Annual NatCon attendees in Colorado Springs, CO

## LEADERSHIP AND VISIBILITY

SVA's research leadership maintained a strong national profile throughout the year. SVA researchers presented findings and insights at academic, practitioner, and policy-focused convenings, including national conferences and university symposia. Research staff also contributed peer-reviewed publications, book chapters, and public commentary focused on student veteran success, veteran transition, and emerging issues such as generative artificial intelligence in public institutions.

Through these efforts, SVA not only produced research, but ensured it reached decision-makers, practitioners, and communities positioned to act on the findings.

# LOOKING AHEAD

Looking forward, SVA will build on more than a decade of longitudinal data by expanding analytic releases, advancing cohort-tracking efforts, and deepening subgroup analysis. Ongoing work related to NVEST in Texas and the Basic Needs and Wellness Survey will translate research into actionable recommendations for institutions and policymakers, while continued dissemination will strengthen practice across the higher education and veteran-serving ecosystem.

*SVA research bridges lived experience and evidence to inform policy, practice, and pathways to student veteran success.*



2024-2025 VFW-SVA Legislative Fellows at Washington Week 2025 in Washington D.C.

# GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS

## ADVOCATING FOR STUDENT VETERANS' EARNED BENEFITS

Student Veterans of America's Government Affairs team advances policies that protect, strengthen, and expand education and workforce opportunities for veterans pursuing higher education. Working closely with Congress, the Administration, and federal agencies, SVA ensures that student veterans have a voice in the decisions that shape their academic and professional futures.

Throughout the fiscal year, SVA focused on safeguarding the integrity of the GI Bill, improving benefit delivery, and advancing policies that support career readiness and economic mobility. The Government Affairs team continued to serve as a trusted resource to lawmakers and senior officials, providing subject-matter expertise grounded in data, research, and the lived experiences of student veterans.

# POLICY PROGRESS AND LEGISLATIVE IMPACT

During this period, several major legislative efforts supported by SVA advocacy were enacted or advanced, including provisions within the Elizabeth Dole 21st Century Veterans Healthcare and Benefits Improvement Act, signed into law on January 2, 2025. These measures strengthened oversight, modernized benefit delivery, and expanded access to education and training programs for student veterans and military-connected learners.

SVA also supported targeted legislation focused on housing stability, educational access, workforce alignment, and improved VA program accountability. Together, these efforts reflect SVA's commitment to policies that match the realities student veterans face on today's campuses and in today's workforce.



Tammy Barlet, SVA VP of Government Affairs at The Leadership Institute 2024

## SELECTED EDUCATION AND WORKFORCE LEGISLATION

- **S. 141 – Elizabeth Dole 21st Century Veterans Healthcare and Benefits Improvement Act** Signed into law on January 2, 2025. Included multiple education, oversight, and benefit-modernization provisions impacting GI Bill administration and institutional accountability.
- **Guard and Reserve GI Bill Parity Act (H.R. 1423)** Advanced parity in education benefits for Guard and Reserve service members.
- **Transcript Assurance for Heroes Act (H.R. 3898)** Improved access to digital official transcripts to streamline education benefit processing.
- **Veterans Education Assistance Improvement Act (H.R. 3874)** Ensured full monthly housing stipend payments for student veterans enrolled in their final academic term.
- **VET TEC Authorization Act (H.R. 1669 / S. 1678)** Permanently authorized and expanded the VA's High Technology Program to support training in high-demand fields.
- **VA Work Study and VR&E Oversight Reforms** Supported legislative and oversight efforts to improve consistency, accountability, and alignment with student academic and career goals.

## ELEVATING STUDENT VETERAN VOICES

Empowering student veterans to participate directly in the policymaking process remains central to SVA's advocacy approach. During the fiscal year, **140 student veterans** engaged in Washington Week programming, meeting with members of Congress and congressional staff to share their experiences and advocate for policies that support student veteran success.

SVA also continued to cultivate future advocates through the **VFW-SVA Legislative Fellowship**, preparing student veterans to lead on policy issues both on Capitol Hill and in their home communities. Through testimony, briefings, and grassroots engagement, Fellows amplified the collective voice of student veterans nationwide.

## FEDERAL PARTNERSHIPS AND LEADERSHIP

SVA leadership provided testimony and formal statements for the record before the House and Senate Veterans' Affairs Committees, advocating for priorities including Guard and Reserve parity, education affordability, workforce readiness, and modernization of veteran education programs. SVA also participated in White House events commemorating the 80th anniversary of the GI Bill, reinforcing its role in shaping the future of veteran education policy.

## LOOKING FORWARD

Grounded in research and guided by student veteran input, SVA's Government Affairs work will continue to advance forward-looking policies that protect earned benefits while expanding access to education, careers, and long-term success.



2024-2025 VFW-SVA Legislative Fellows meeting with Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs staff

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# FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

Student Veterans of America is committed to responsible stewardship of the resources entrusted to us. During the fiscal year ending March 31, 2025, SVA maintained a strong financial position that supports program delivery, long-term sustainability, and continued investment in student veteran success. Complete audited financial statements are available at [studentveterans.org/about/financials](https://studentveterans.org/about/financials).

## ASSETS

Cash and Cash Equivalents	2,598,788
Accounts Receivable	1,032
Investments	546,092
Grants and Contributions Receivable (Net)	1,325,505
Prepaid Expenses and Other Assets	239,100
Right-of-Use Asset Operating (Net)	1,233,784
Property and Equipment (Net)	326,583

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<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>\$6,270,884</b>
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## LIABILITIES

Accounts Payable	1,822,653
Lease Liability - Operating	1,305,113

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<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<b>\$3,127,766</b>
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## NET ASSETS

Without Donor Restrictions	1,057,206
With Donor Restrictions	2,085,912

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<b>TOTAL NET ASSETS</b>	<b>\$3,143,118</b>
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<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS</b>	<b>\$6,270,884</b>
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# COLLABORATING PARTNERS

SVA and our student-veteran-led chapters have convened a diverse network of corporations, foundations, and nonprofits that support our shared mission to act as a catalyst for student veteran success by providing resources, network support and advocacy to, through, and beyond higher education. This collaborative effort has enabled our chapter leaders to build inclusive communities on their college campuses that empower student veterans to achieve their greatest potential. **We thank our partners for their many years of dedication in support of student veterans, military-affiliated students, their families, and allies.**



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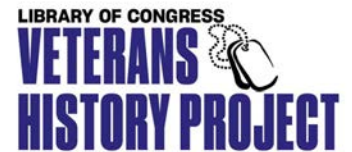
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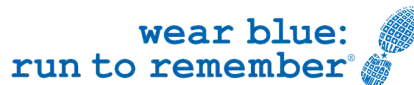
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**Together, we are  
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and empowering  
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serve, and succeed.**

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