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# ROLL CALL

THE NEWSLETTER OF STUDENT VETERANS OF AMERICA

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## SVA CELEBRATES ONE YEAR ANNIVERSARY

Student veterans assembled in Chicago, IL over one year ago on January 11 and 12, 2008 to charter Student Veterans of America. Since then, SVA has grown from 12 student groups to over 100 member chapters across the United States.

In 2009, SVA will continue to address issues facing student veterans and advocate for much needed resources to secure the future of veterans in higher education. SVA plans to roll out several new programs this year to accomplish this mission. Your support has been vital during this time and we continue to thank you for ensuring SVA's success!

## SVA ANNOUNCES NATIONAL CONFERENCE 2009



Student Veterans of America will host their 2009 National Conference in San Francisco, California at the [Marines' Memorial Association](#), April 17-19th. SVA member organizations will have priority registration until February 15, 2009. After this period, registration will be open to anyone interested in attending. To register, please visit our homepage and select [National Conference 2009](#).

## MIDWEST REGIONAL CONFERENCE

Student Veterans of America will host a regional conference for veterans located in our Midwest Region February 27-28, 2009.

The conference will focus on educating student veterans on a variety of resources they can utilize to make an impact on their campuses. The regional conference will be held at the [Cantigny Clubhouse](#) in Wheaton, IL. For additional information, please visit the [Midwest Regional Conference Blog](#) or register [here](#).

## SVA RECEIVES WAL-MART GRANT



On Nov. 10, 2008, the Wal-Mart Foundation awarded SVA with a \$100,000 grant to improve our support services for student veterans. These funds will go toward enhancing our infrastructure and recruiting more SVA chapters. In announcing their support of SVA, Wal-Mart Foundation President Margaret McKenna stated, "Wal-Mart is proud to support programs that help our veterans get the resources they need to succeed in their education and their transition back to civilian life." View the entire press release [here](#).

## MYVETWORK: ONLINE COMMUNITY FOR VETERANS



MyVetwork is a social networking community custom designed to be the most valuable and sustainable online tool for individuals in the United States military - whether active duty, retired or veteran - including their spouses, families and friends. Visit [MyVetwork](#) and become a member today!

## Post 9/11 GI BILL UPDATE

As the Post 9/11 GI Bill goes into effect August 2009, it is important that all student veterans and veterans administrators stay up-to-date on the latest information regarding GI Bill implementation. Please visit the VA's [GI Bill website](#) for late breaking news and information.

## ACE, VA Convened Regional Meetings on New GI Bill

The American Council on Education, in partnership with the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, hosted three regional meetings to educate campus leaders about provisions of the Post-9/11 Veterans Educational Assistance Act of 2008 and solicit input on the implementation of payment systems. These meetings were open to representatives of the higher education community on a first-come, first-served basis. Please visit the [ACE: Military Programs](#) website to view conference findings.

## PROPOSED RULES FOR NEW GI BILL

The [Federal Register](#) published proposed rules for implementing the Post-9/11 GI Bill; the period for accepting comments extends through January 22, 2009. View proposed rules [here](#).

## CHAPTER SPOTLIGHT: VETERANS@IUPUI

*Indiana University Purdue University Indianapolis*



An estimated 1,200 student veterans at Indiana University Purdue University Indianapolis will see improved services in the near future now thanks to recommendations made by a Veterans Services Task Force (VSTF). The VSTF was formed in large part due to the advocacy of SVA Chapter: [Veterans@IUPUI](#).

Since its formation in August 2007, the chapter has worked to improve the limited services available to its student veteran population, the largest in the state. The core recommendation was the creation of an Office of Veterans Affairs and Military Personnel to serve as the school's primary point of contact for veterans and service members. The office is expected to open in the next few months coordinating transition services for its target population.

The IUPUI administration will review progress of veterans support services during the academic year as the campus gears up for the Post 9/11 GI Bill along with the expected increase in student veterans due to the return of numerous Indiana National Guard units from overseas.

Other Recommendations made by the VSTF:

Develop specialized transition services and programs for veterans and dependents entering higher education on our campus.

Creation of outreach and recruitment programs to increase veteran enrollment.

Creation of awareness programs to increase veteran participation in benefit services.

"I hope these recommendations, when put into effect, will help our members achieve their goals and bring our community together which is a long standing issue for us," said [Russell Silver](#), President of Veterans@IUPUI.

[Download VSTF Final Recommendations](#)

## ACE Releases Application for Award Grants

The American Council on Education has released application guidelines for its ACE/Wal-Mart Success for Veterans Award Grants. Applications for the 20 \$100,000 grants are due Monday, March 2, 2009. Application available [here](#).

The ACE/Wal-Mart Success for Veterans Award Grants will recognize higher education institutions for demonstrated leadership in developing programs to increase access and success in postsecondary education for veterans and their

families. Each recipient will be presented with an award grant to support the further development of these programs and services and to participate in the dissemination of lessons learned and best practices. For more information, please read the full [press release](#).

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