

# Student Veterans Group Forms New Local Chapter

## Veterans and their families already seeing benefits

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**Louisville, KY** – Just in time for Veteran's Day, veterans attending Sullivan University established a new chapter of the national Student Veterans of America (SVA) this past week. SVA is a coalition of student veterans groups from college campuses across the United States that advocates on behalf of student veterans at the local, state, and national level.

The group has wasted no time in becoming active in the community. Ben Connor, founding President of Chapter #227, says: "Since we organized and became recognized, we have participated in feeding the homeless vets at the Elk's Lodge in Lyndon and placed flags on graves at Cave Hill [cemetery]." Connor also says that the group includes "bikers that are part of the Patriot Guard who escort fallen vets to the cemetery. Recently they stood guard at the traveling wall in Owensboro. We have members that greet and welcome returning soldiers at the airport as well."

Connor, along with Brent Casey, Vice-President, and Richard Routt, the faculty advisor are actively spearheading the organization that is meant to provide peer-to-peer assistance for veterans attending Sullivan by coordinating campus activities, providing networking opportunities, and to generally act as a touchstone for student veterans.

While active membership is limited to enrolled students, membership is open to all veterans, dependents and supporters of the United States Armed forces of past and future. The group hopes to offer assistance to any student veteran or soldier and their family. They look to be an important part of ensuring that every veteran is successful after their service.

"My vision for the group is to eventually reach out to the Veteran community and lend a helping hand," says Connor.

Denita Davis, Sullivan University's Veterans Benefit Coordinator and Administrative Advisor to the organization, is pleased to have the organization available to augment her own work for America's heroes. "I am looking forward to the positive impact the new organization will have in providing a unifying presence of the Veteran student population. I am hopeful that the Sullivan University Student Veteran Association will serve as a platform to provide additional support to the veteran students at Sullivan University."

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