



# VFW & SVA

**Working Together For  
America's Heroes**

**Before, during and after your military service,  
the VFW is here for you.**

**VFW Posts and SVA Chapters provide:**

- networking opportunities with veteran business owners and community leaders.
- participation in fundraisers that benefit your fellow veterans.
- engagement in community service activities relevant to you.
- camaraderie among veterans you can relate to.
- a welcoming place for you to hang out.
- advocacy on the local, state and national level.



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## VFW: A Legacy of Advocacy

The Veterans of Foreign Wars continuously advocates on behalf of veterans. Testifying at committee hearings and interacting with congressional members has led the VFW to play an instrumental role in the passage of nearly every piece of veterans' legislation passed in the 20th and 21st centuries.

Among the VFW's most notable legislative efforts in making college education affordable for service members are the signing of the 1944 GI Bill of Rights, the Montgomery GI Bill in 1984 and the Post-9/11 GI Bill in 2008. The VFW also fought to reinstate military Tuition Assistance.



## SVA: Empowering Student Veterans

Since Student Veterans of America's founding in 2008, the chapter network has grown from 20 campuses to over 950 institutions of higher learning in all 50 states. Chapters provide a peer-to-peer support network that empowers veterans to achieve academic success. In just a few years, SVA has grown to be the premiere advocate for veterans seeking better jobs and brighter futures through education.



## VFW & SVA: A Powerful Alliance

Both the VFW and SVA share a deep commitment to ensuring veterans succeed in post-secondary education programs, secure gainful employment and grow as leaders in the veteran community.

The VFW and SVA defend the GI Bill and support policies that best empower student veterans to achieve their educational goals and improve veterans' quality of life.

The nation's renewed focus on veterans' welfare has ignited change on campuses and in Congress. Both the VFW and SVA are committed to capitalizing on this momentum.



## VFW & SVA: Strengthen the Alliance

By being involved with an SVA Chapter and your local VFW Post, you're strengthening a relationship that helps to ensure a brighter future for veterans.

To find a VFW Post near you, please visit [www.vfw.org](http://www.vfw.org).

Find an SVA Chapter near you at [www.studentveterans.org](http://www.studentveterans.org).

The VFW and SVA also created a program to assist student veterans experiencing difficulty accessing their GI Bill or other VA benefits.

Through the VFW's direct access to VA regional offices, the VFW is able to provide assistance in as little as 24 hours or the next business day.

For assistance, email the VFW at [1studentveteran@vfw.org](mailto:1studentveteran@vfw.org).



The VFW "Sport Clips Help A Hero Scholarship" will provide service members and veterans with the financial assistance they need to complete their educational goals without incurring excessive student loan debt. Student veterans are encouraged to apply!

For details, please visit [www.vfw.org/scholarship](http://www.vfw.org/scholarship).