STUDENT VETERANS OF AMERICA

HAWAII ALLIANCE OF STUDENT VETERANS
Who we are

SVA – Student Veterans of America
- National Non-Profit organization
- Over 800 chapters nation wide

HASV – Hawaii Alliance of Student Veterans
- State Non-Profit organization
- Working to establish and unite student veterans within Hawaii
What we do

“Doing it for the next guy”
- Vets do not need to navigate college on their own

“Boots on the ground”
- Connecting vets to vets
  - Creating sense of community
- Connecting vets to resources
- Connecting vets to campus
  - Creating sense of place
- Connecting vets to opportunity
  - Creating and encouraging enriched college experiences
Challenges

Veterans themselves
• Hesitant to get involved and join student veteran groups
  • May not want to affiliate with anything military due to stigma

Visibility
• Vets may not know about SVA and resources
  • Need to connect with veterans early in college careers

Disconnect between campuses
• Veteran issues are not exclusive to campuses
• Chapters are functioning independently
Hawaii Alliance of Student Veterans

To establish, align, and support 13 chapters

Kauai Community College, Līhu'e

Honolulu Community College
Kapiolani Community College
Leeward Community College
Windward Community College
University of Hawaii at Manoa
University of Hawaii-West Oahu
Brigham Young University Hawaii
Chaminade University
Hawaii Pacific University

University of Hawaii Maui

University of Hawaii at Hilo
Hawaii Community College
How you can be involved

• Refer students to me!!
  • Pili Williams – svouhm@hawaii.edu
• Help in establishing SVA/HASV chapters at your institution
• Don’t hesitate to contact if you have questions