



VETERANS SERVICES

Veterans Services (VS) is a hub for information and resources that address the needs and concerns of our nation's veterans who are returning to the University of Houston to obtain post-secondary education. The Veterans Services office provides academic support, assists veterans in accessing their United States Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) benefits and supports student-veterans in reintegrating into the academic setting. The department employs professional staff and student-veterans who have experience and are knowledgeable about VA and University policies and procedures. The department strives to consistently provide accurate and helpful information in a professional and friendly manner.

The American Council of Education estimates that five million of post 9/11 service members are expected to transition out of the military by 2020. The Veterans Services office recognizes the importance of providing our unwavering support and advocacy to our veterans.

The student-veterans at the University of Houston are a diverse group of individuals that bring vast knowledge and experiences to our campus. Their military training helps them to be mission-focused and success-driven. They are experienced leaders who work tirelessly to

make an impact on the world around them. They are excellent role models both in and out of the classroom.

With your support, these students have the potential to become some of America's most resilient and discerning leaders. We owe them our gratitude, of course. But more importantly, we owe them a chance to have meaningful new careers and fulfilling civilian lives, from which we will all richly benefit.



- **LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT FUND:** The Veterans Services office strives to provide our student-veterans opportunities for continued development of their leadership skills. With



your financial support, we can offer scholarships to students interested in attending the Student Veterans of America National Conference.

- **VS ASSISTANCE FUND:** In our efforts to support our student-veterans in their personal, educational, and professional pursuits, on occasion, situations may arise where a student may need immediate financial assistance. Having an emergency fund to assist veterans with these unexpected expenses would be useful in helping them remain focused on their education.
- **LENDING LIBRARY:** The VA estimates that up to 20 percent of our Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom returning veterans are affected by post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD), and the number climbs when combined

with mild traumatic brain injury (TBI). As these veterans return to campus with aspirations of obtaining higher education, Veterans Services would like to develop a Lending Library of Resources to aid in their success. Books, materials and equipment would be available to assist these veterans as they deal with the effects of these invisible wounds.

- **STUDENT VETERANS OF TEXAS LEADERSHIP SUMMIT:** As the University of Houston strives to be the model veteran services program in the state of Texas, it is our goal to develop a regional conference that would unite student-veterans and support staff together to share resources, ideas and to collaborate in order to provide top notch services to our student-veterans.

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