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SXU's Student Veteran Alliance awarded \$10,000 for Campus Veteran Center

Chicago (August 19, 2015) Saint Xavier University's (SXU) Student Veteran Alliance has been awarded a \$10,000 from the Home Depot Foundation's VetCenter grant and Student Veterans of America (SVA) to fund renovations for SXU's Student Veteran Resource Center (SVRC). The funds will help to modernize the space, while also making it more efficient for student veteran use.

Since 2008, SVA has helped those returning from military service obtain the resources, support and advocacy needed to help achieve success in higher education and after graduation. For the second year, SVA in partnership with the Home Depot Foundation are helping to fund veteran resource centers on college campuses across the country.

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“On average, 83 students utilize services at the SXU’s SVRC on a weekly basis and the room quickly becomes overcrowded during peak hours,” said Sheri Gross, compliance advisor for veterans and athletes at SXU. “The student veterans are grateful for the space dedicated by SXU, however, our goal is to make the space more functional to accommodate an increasing number of patrons that utilize the SVRC.”

This grant will be used to update the space – new paint, carpet, window treatments, light fixtures, and furniture. These renovations will help encourage additional veterans to take advantage of the camaraderie, services and overall welcoming atmosphere offered by the SVRC.

Currently, the furnishing within SXU’s SVRC allow up to nine veterans to effectively utilize the space. With an average of 23 student veterans frequenting the SVRC on a daily basis, the grant will allow for new furnishings to accommodate each and every student.

SXU’s Student Veteran Alliance chapter advocates for student veterans and their families and promotes camaraderie through social support. The alliance holds meetings twice a semester to discuss potential volunteer and event opportunities.

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All interested service members seeking a higher education degree in a vet-friendly environment should apply to SXU. For more information on the resources available to veterans, please visit the SXU [website](#).

About Student Veterans of America

SVA is a 501(c)(3) non-profit coalition of 1200+ student veteran organizations representing 440,000 veterans in higher education. SVA's mission is to provide military veterans with the resources, support and advocacy to ease veteran and active military students' transition into higher education and leverage military experience to launch successful careers in high-demand fields. For more information, visit us at <http://www.studentveterans.com> and follow them on Twitter @studentvets.

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