

SVE

Student Veterans of Eastern

A charter member of the national organization:



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Patriotism is easy to understand in America - it means looking out for yourself by looking out for your country. ~Calvin Coolidge

Past Events:

- “Kiss a Hero”- Fundraiser that raised over \$500 in its first year. Patrons purchased, and signed, construction paper lips and received chocolate kisses in return. The lips went on display at a “Welcome Home” luncheon for a National Guard unit returning from Iraq.
- “Welcome Home Lunch”- Food and beverages were supplied for soldiers and their families upon their return from deployment in Iraq.
- “Hero Sendoff”- BBQ held for soldiers deploying to Iraq
- Homecoming Parade



"The willingness with which our young people are likely to serve in any war, no matter how justified, shall be directly proportional as to how they perceive the Veterans of earlier wars were treated and appreciated by their country." - George Washington



What is the SVE?

The Student Veterans of Eastern was formed so that Veterans, Reservists, National Guardsmen, and friends could have a common place to forge friendships and professional networking.

Why join the SVE?

As a member of the SVE, you can take part in helping soldiers transition to students on EIU's campus. You can also advocate for important issues at the national level (e.g. Veterans resources, G.I. Bill, etc.). Annual conferences for the SVA are held in Washington, D.C. Students of the SVE helped found the SVA in 2008, and were instrumental in attaining the new G.I. Bill. Members of the SVE have been eligible to join the Black Knights of the Embarras (private organization established after the Korean War) and have also, in the past, been petitioned to become members of the infamous fraternity of freemasonry.

How much does it cost to join the SVE?

IT IS FREE!!!

What does the SVE do?

Members of the SVE will attend meetings to discuss pertinent issues on campus, conduct fundraisers to raise money in support of currently deployed soldiers and to pay for other items deemed necessary for the success of veterans on campus, and to advocate for appropriate resources veterans deserve.



Black Knights of the Embarras

The Black Knights of the Embarras is a social organization that was established after the Korean War. The organization is legendary in the Charleston area and is rich in tradition. The organization was banned from campus after an incident in the 1970s and lied dormant for over

30 years. In 2006, an OIF/OEF veteran revitalized the group and kept it private to military veterans. Since then, the group has participated in numerous social events to include two Black Knight reunions, but also helped facilitate the formation of the SVA. As the Shriners are the "social branch" of the Masons, the Black Knights are the social branch of the SVE. Members are selected by unanimous decision by the President and the existing group members.



The Counseling Center offers free services for all students, to include veterans. For more information, call 217-581-3413 or visit the website at: www.eiu.edu/~counscr/cslwelc.html

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