



REBELS

MAKE IT

HAPPEN

Ranked in the Top 10
for Student Veterans

unlv.edu/veterans

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- Served more than 9,000 veterans and military family members
- Since 2012 – 4,897 graduates (70% rate)
- 2017 – SVA Chapter Advisor of the Year – Ross Bryant (Army)
- 2019 – SVA Veteran of the Year - Alexandria Sawin (Air Force)
- 2020 – SVA Veteran of the Year - Andrew Ho (Air Force)



A photograph of a young man with a friendly expression, looking slightly to his right. He is wearing a camouflage-patterned baseball cap with a small American flag patch on the front. He is also wearing a bright red t-shirt with the letters 'IAMA' printed in large, bold, black font with white outlines. A black lanyard with the word 'UNLV' repeated in white is around his neck. The background is blurred, showing other people in a room.

PROFILE OF A VETERAN STUDENT

- Transition to College
- Identity Development
- Help-Seeking
- Academic “Rustiness”
- Women Veterans
- Maturity and Life Experience
- Peer Support
- Physical Disabilities
- Financial Concerns
- Faculty and Staff Training
- Psychological Injury
- Military Training and Transcripts



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Peer Mentor Team



MILITARY & VETERAN
SERVICES CENTER

Certifying Team



Honored to Serve Those Who Serve



**Veteran Victory
Starts Here!**



VetSuccess



SVA Chapter



UNLV PROGRAMS

**Veteran Orientation
Priority Registration
In-state Tuition
Peer-to-Peer Mentoring
Veteran Legislative Initiatives
Concert for Heroes
SERV Faculty Training
Rebel Vet Graduation Reception
Alumni Veteran Club
Veteran Career Fair**



**Governor Sisolak
Recognizes the UNLV MVSC
Nevada
Veteran Supporter of the Month
February 2020**





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Military & Veteran Services Center LTC Karen Wagner



- **UNLV Graduate 1982**
- **UNLV Army ROTC DMG**
- **Medical Services Corp**
- **KIA – Pentagon 9-11 Attack**



Five Chapters

“Formal” Benefit Name “Common” Benefit Name

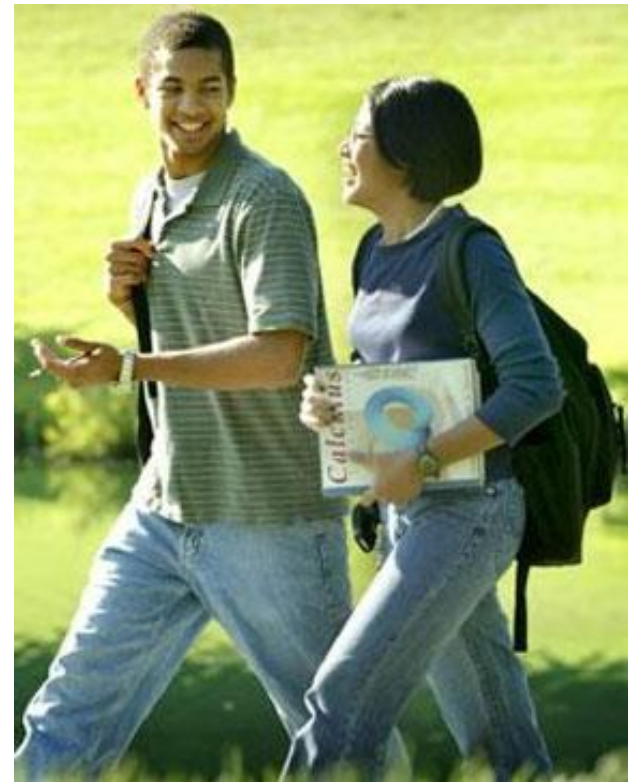
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| • Chapter 30 | • Montgomery GI Bill® |
| • Chapter 31 | • Veteran Readiness & Employment (VR&E) |
| • Chapter 33 | • Post-9/11 GI Bill®/”Forever GI Bill®” |
| • Chapter 35 | • Dependents’ Education Assistance |
| • Chapter 1606 | • Reserve GI Bill® |

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PAVE: Why Peer Support?

Numerous studies on the effectiveness of peer-to-peer approaches have demonstrated that peers “who have been there” can:

- Be a credible source of support
- **Help others overcome transition challenges**
- Help foster stronger connections and sense of well-being



MVSC Campus Partners UNLV Concert of Heroes

Recognition & Remembrance Events

- Concert for “AMERICAN HEROES” -
- **French Government awarded three World War II D-Day veterans with French Legion of Honor**
- **LT Dean Whitaker recognized**
- Certificate from UNLV
- SVO veterans presented UNLV Coin and Cords

Fund Raising

- 1200 people attended the concert
- All proceeds went to UNLV Foundation “Yellow Ribbon” program and raised \$3,600



MVSC Campus Partners REBEL Vet Graduation Reception

**13x REBEL VET Graduation
Receptions honoring 3,886
graduates**

- Cord & Coin for all Student Veteran Graduates
- Recognition from
 - Governor's Office
 - The Nevada Delegation
 - Ceremony with your family
 - Drawing for Prizes
 - Cake Ceremony

Next event –
May 16, 2026



Rebel Vets selected to attend SVA Leadership Institute in Washington D.C.

2019

- Andrew Ho (USAF) – Rebel Vet President
- Rayshawn Williams (USMC) – RV Treasurer
- Megan Coe (USMC)
- Sean Brown (USMC) – Former Rebel Vet President
- Bruno Moya (USMC) – SVA Leadership Mentor



2022

- Kesha Westbrooks (USN) - Rebel Vet Women's Liaison
- Jen Martinez (USMC, USN Res) - Former RV President

2023

- Jace Achiu (USA)
- Luis Lucido (USANG)
- Tzitzlalli Rivero (USN)

2024 - Could be you!





**Rebel Vets to Carson City
(Mar 2017-2018)**



Rebel Vets to Washington DC (2015-2019)



Nevada Legislative Bills

- **AB 76 – In-state tuition for veterans and military family members**
- **SB 58 – Student Veteran added to NV Veteran Services Commission**
- **AB 24 – Fry Scholarship / Out-of-State Tuition Waiver**
- **SB 457 (Sen Parks) – Military Transfer Credit**
- **AB 427 – Purple Heart Bill**
- **AB 165 – Removes 5-year cut off for using benefits**
- **AB 279 – Tuition waiver for dependents of Purple Heart recipients**



Reuben D'Silva State Assemblyman District 28

Successful with the Support of UNLV Government Affairs and CSUN



Rebel Vet Swag

- Branch Pins
- Branch T-shirts with Rebel vet Creed
- Graduation Coin / red-white-blue cord
- RV Leader books / EPIC Coffee Mug
- SVA Rebel Vet Leader polo
- SVA Leader graduation stole



Graduation Coins



EPIC Shit Coins



Branch T-shirts





SVA Recognition of the UNLV Rebel Vets



REBEL VETS



Student Veterans of America (SVA) National Conferences (out of 1500 chapters)

2017 - Ross Bryant, Retired Army – SVA National Chapter Advisor of the Year

2018 - UNLV Rebel Vets SVA Chapter – a Top 5 SVA ‘Chapter of the Year’ Finisher

2028 - Randy Dexter, Rebel Vet President – a Top 10 ‘SVA National Leaders’ Finisher

2019 - Alex Sawin, Air Force Veteran/Rebel Vet President – National Student Veteran of the Year

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2020 - Andrew Ho, Air Force Veteran/Rebel Vet President - National Student Veteran of the Year

2022 - Jen Martinez, USMC Veteran – Student Veteran of the Year Nominee



Rebel Vet Community Partners

VFW Post #12101



Veterans of Foreign Wars (Post #12101)

- Provides \$2,000 each year to the UNLV Emergency Fund – to assist veterans with emergency funds in case VA payments are delayed.
- **Funded \$2,000 for our new RV Graduation coins**
- Provides \$500 as cash awards for the UNLV Veteran Research Symposium each year.
- Funded a life-time membership to combat qualified Rebel Vet President (\$450) (3x times)
- Funded 50% life-time membership to combat qualified Rebel Vets (9x times)
- Provides \$1,000 for OBB Operational expenses
- VFW/Sportclips Scholarship provided \$28,000 in funding to Rebel Vets at UNLV.



VFW Post #12101



Rebel Vet Alumni Club

- Working with UNLV Alumni
- We established a Rebel Vet Alumni Club



UNLV's SVA Chapter Rebel Vets



SVA NATCON 2023

CSUN funding of \$10,000 to take 10-15 veterans to NATCON annually





Share Village Food Pantry Support

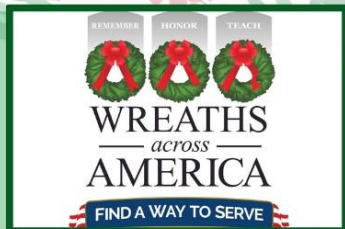




SNVCC – Wreaths Across America



REBEL VETS



JOIN US IN REMEMBERING, AND
HONORING OUR VETERANS, BY
LAYING REMEMBRANCE WREATHS
ON THE GRAVES OF OUR COUNTRY'S
FALLEN HEROES.

The Southern Nevada Veterans Memorial Cemetery
1900 Veterans Memorial Dr.
Boulder City, NV 89005
December 16, 2023 at 9:00 AM

Donate to Wreaths Across America Here:



SOUTHERN NEVADA
VETERANS
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

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SNVCC Veteran Hiring Fair at UNLV



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SOUTHERN NEVADA VETERANS CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
NEVADA WORK & WARRIORS

MILITARY & VETERAN EMPLOYMENT FAIR
UNLV STUDENT UNION, ROOM 208

Saturday, March 25, 2023
11am-4pm

- 60+ Employers
- Open to active-duty, veteran, guard, reserve, and military spouses
- Bring multiple copies of your resume
- Connect with several amazing career skills resources and programs

Job Seekers Register Here





UNLV Athletics honor a “Rebel Vet”



SHA WESTBROOKS
REBEL THAT SERVED



SERGEANT WILLIAM BURKHARDT
REBEL THAT SERVED



CHRISTIAN SWANK
REBEL THAT SERVED



KEHAU JACE ACHIU
REBEL THAT SERVED



Veteran Social Club



***SUPER SUNDAY
WATCH PARTY***

Raising money for

UNLV HOCKEY & **VETERAN SOCIAL CLUB**

SUNDAY FEBRUARY 12TH
MACKENZIE RIVER PIZZA, GRILL, & PUB
INSIDE CITY NATIONAL ARENA
2:30 PM

REGISTER HERE:



**ARMY vs NAVY
WATCH PARTY**

**11 AM
DEC 9TH**
at
Craggy Range
200 S Green Valley Pkwy

OPEN TO PUBLIC
Veteran & Military: Always FREE
Other admission: \$25
Free food & 1st drink with ticket!

HELP A VET IN NEED
Bring gently-used cold weather gear to donate! & score an extra drink ticket!

PLAY & WIN
Branch VS Branch Face-Off
Rep your branch!
Raffles and auctions



Operation Battle Born
RUCK TO REMEMBER 2026
SOUTHERN LEG

OPENING CEREMONY
MAY 22, 10 AM @ UNLV MEMORIAL

RUCK MARCH
MAY 23-24

CLOSING CEREMONY
MAY 25 @ BOULDER CITY CEMETERY

JOIN US AS WE HONOR THEM

+ 7000 DOG TAGS
59 NEVADANS' TAGS
60 MILES TO REMEMBER

PLEASE SCAN THE QR CODE FOR REGISTRATION & MORE INFORMATION



Logos: UNLV Alumni Club, UNLV Military & Veteran Services Center, VBG Veteran Benefits Guide, M*P Merging Vets & Players, VCGX, Team RWB, EASYDAY Foundation, POST 12101.





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Operation Battle Born 2026

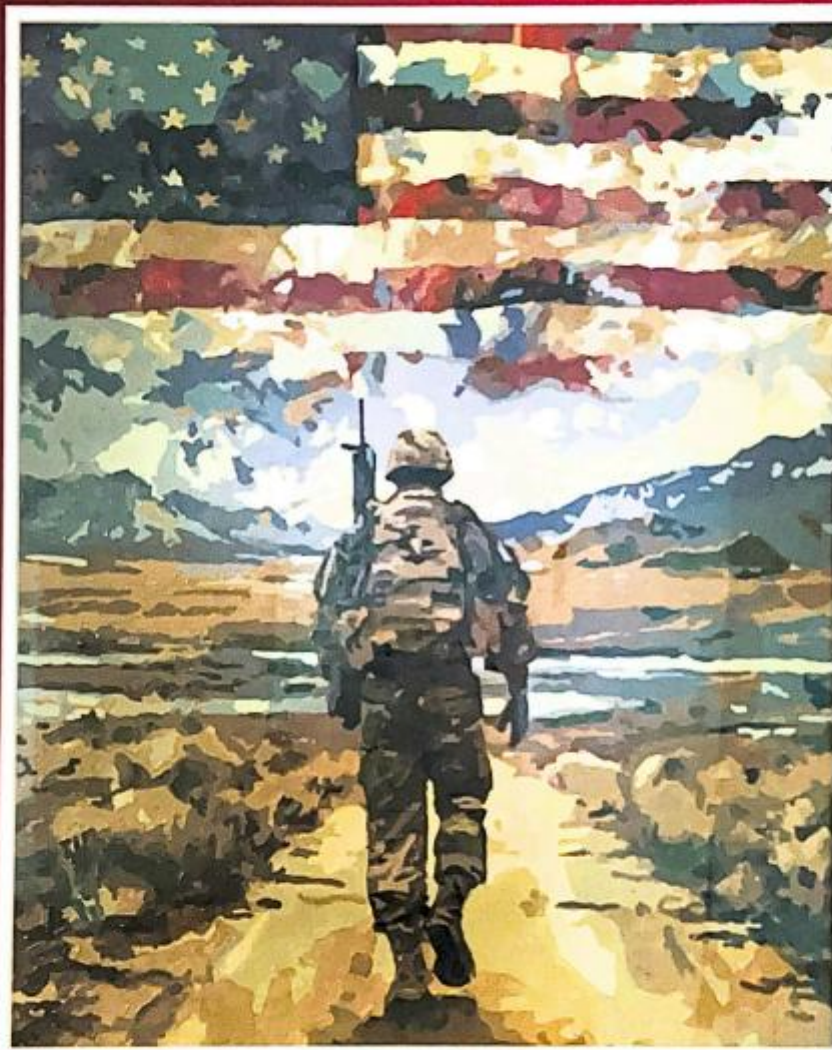
60 miles in two days



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Welcome to UNLV



Your EPIC Journey Begins....

UNLV



Current Retention Rate – 73%
Graduation rate – 65%
Since 2012
5,217 Graduates



CONGRATULATIONS

Rebel Vet

GRADUATES!