



SVO

**STUDENT VETERANS
ORGANIZATION**

**IVY TECH COMMUNITY COLLEGE
RICHMOND**

Meet our Officers...

President

- Serves as director of day-to-day affairs of the organization
- Responsible for the appointment of committee chairpersons
- Acts as representative at student functions

Vice President

- Assist the President in general operations of organization
- Serves as President in the event of absence or inability to serve
- Acts as representative of organization when required

Secretary

- Maintains records of activities and decisions at all meetings
- Assists president and vice president in general operations
- Serves as Vice President in the event of absence

Treasurer

- Maintains financial records
- Makes financial transactions as needed
- Maintains organizational financial files

Advertising

- Radio
- Newspaper
- Television
- Promotional Materials

Event Planning

- Decorations
- Vendors
- Entertainment
- Monthly Meetings
- Additional Meeting added to include IU East student veterans
- Guest Speakers

\$1500

Officers Retreat

- Orientation for incoming Officers
- Folders and jump drives
- Roberts rules of order

- Office supplies
- Printing

\$500

We will meet our goals through the following objectives and strategies:

- Continue to hold formal and informal meetings
- Continue to have periodic informal social gatherings
- Continue networking and peer-to-peer discussions



- Presentations by representatives of social service agencies and financial organizations
- Establish a solid collaboration with IU East to ease the transition from Ivy Tech Richmond to IU East



Continuing Goals of the SVO

- An advocacy resource for the needs and issues of the Military Service Members, Student Veterans, and community
- Continue to provide a communication conduit between the College and the Student Veteran community
- Continue to provide opportunities for peer-to-peer support and networking
- Continue educational opportunities concerning Veterans' benefits and issues of specific interest to all Student Veterans, Military Service Members, and their families.

Accomplishments and Lessons Learned

Accomplishments:

- Raised membership from 5 to 23 people in our first year
- Developed a partnership with IU East SVO
- Created a Veterans Resource Guide
- Participated in Veterans Day Parade
- Partnered with the Marine Corps League
- Held first annual Armed Forces Day celebration
- Held third annual Veterans Day Candle Light vigil



Lessons Learned:

- Need to develop committees for each event held
- Work with Administration at IU East to keep informed of SVO activities
- Work with Student Life on campus to assist with campus events
- Keep communication lines open between each department and organization



Looking Outward

Our future plans include:

- Our continuing partnerships with the IU East Student Veterans Organization and other community organizations.
- Hosting the statewide SVO conference in April, 2012
- Veteran's health and well-being fair
- Veterans Day candlelight vigil
- Launching Boots to Suits
- Veterans History Project with IU East and Library of Congress

We officially established our organization in January, 2010 with four members and have since grown to 23 members. With the continued hard work and support of our membership and the community, we will remain successful in our mission of meeting the specific needs of military members, student veterans, their families, and other interested members of the student body and the community.

Thank you for your dedication and support through the years!

