

STUDENT VETERANS OF AMERICA

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HAWAII ALLIANCE OF STUDENT VETERANS

# Who we are



## SVA – Student Veterans of America

- National Non-Profit organization
- Over 800 chapters nation wide



## HASV – Hawaii Alliance of Student Veterans

- State Non-Profit organization
- Working to establish and unite student veterans within Hawaii

# What we do

## “Doing it for the next guy”

- Vets do not need to navigate college on their own

## “Boots on the ground”

- Connecting vets to vets
  - Creating sense of community
- Connecting vets to resources
- Connecting vets to campus
  - Creating sense of place
- Connecting vets to opportunity
  - Creating and encouraging enriched college experiences



# Challenges

## Veterans themselves

- Hesitant to get involved and join student veteran groups
  - May not want to affiliate with anything military due to stigma

## Visibility

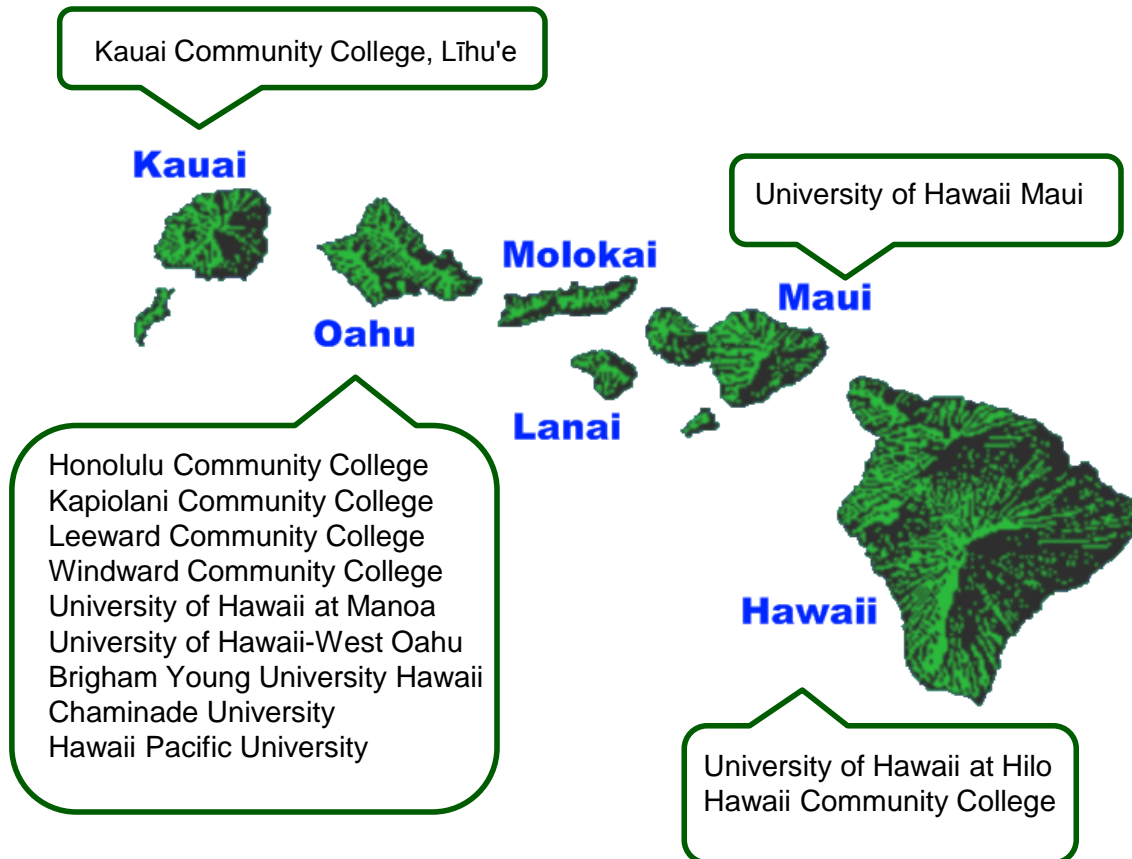
- Vets may not know about SVA and resources
  - Need to connect with veterans early in college careers

## Disconnect between campuses

- Veteran issues are not exclusive to campuses
- Chapters are functioning independently

# Hawaii Alliance of Student Veterans

To establish, align, and support 13 chapters



# How you can be involved

- Refer students to me!!
  - Pili Williams – [svouhm@hawaii.edu](mailto:svouhm@hawaii.edu)
- Help in establishing SVA/HASV chapters at your institution
- Don't hesitate to contact if you have questions

