What is the San Diego Mesa Student Veterans Organization (SVO)?

The SVO at San Diego Mesa college is an organization designed to help meet the academic and social needs of veterans of the United States Military and to maintain a student veteran identity within the San Diego Mesa College community. The SVO also helps promote veterans’ issues, assists with the integration of veterans into the academic and non-academic community, and promotes community service and leadership.

SVO Mission Statement

To meet, in the best and most effective way possible, the academic and social needs of the student veterans though peer support, advocacy, mentorship, student leadership, community involvement, and community service.

Veterans’ Resource Center (VRC)

The Veterans’ Resource Center is located directly across the courtyard from the book store in room I-120. The VRC is for veterans, active duty military members, and direct family members of current or former U.S. service members. The VRC offers free use of computers and printers, snacks, coffee, tutoring, and a place to relax.

The VRC is not associated with SVO and SVO membership is not required in order to utilize the VRC.

Join the SVO

If you want to be a part of Mesa’s strong veteran community, join the San Diego Mesa College Student Veterans Organization Facebook page, or just come into the VRC where many of the SVO officers hang out and we’ll be happy to show you around! SVO meetings are on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of each month and most meetings occur in the VRC. Anyone is welcome to come and participate!
Veteran Expression is a blog that tells personal stories about what it is to be a Veteran in this day and age. The blog is run by veteran and Mesa SVO member Jordan Agricula who has been active in veterans’ advocacy as well as source of positivity and encouragement for all of us in the SVO. Veteran Expression is all about creating a diverse account of veterans’ stories from all walks of life. The blog is always in need of new input and support from veterans so if you have a story that you’d like to tell, you can contact Jordan by email.

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Fall Fest 2015

The Second Annual 5K Run and 1 Mile walk benefiting the student veterans will be held on the Mesa Campus on October 24.
The entire race is on the Mesa campus, ending in the stadium! Registration opens at 7:00 AM.

The 5K run begins at 8:00 AM.

1 Mile walk or run begins at 8:45.

Free parking available on campus.

Live music from local bands.

Food will be made available by the Culinary Arts department.

This year’s Fall Fest is set to be a smashing success building momentum from last year’s event. We will have 5 live bands, food from the Culinary arts department which is sure to rival last year’s deli sandwiches, and a street fair to let you walk around and cool off from the run. Later at 1pm the homecoming game will take place with our Mesa Olympians vs. San Bernardino’s Wolverines.

The proceeds of this event will directly support veterans at the school by replenishing our emergency relief fund. Sometimes all you need is a tank of gas to get to school, money for books while you wait for paperwork to get routed and approved, or just money for groceries to keep us going. The Mesa foundation recognizes this and fully supports us by collaborating with our fundraising efforts and ensures no student veteran falls behind and stops attending by fault of economic constraints. The Mesa Foundation has taken note of the sacrifices we have made during our time of service, and believes that the best way to say thank you, isn't just in passing gratitude, it's in continued service and support to our veteran community.

Signing up for the event is easy, there are discounted student and general admission rates before October 24th, and this can be done through the “Eventbrite” website: https://www.eventbrite.com/e/san-diego-mesa-college-5k-run-tickets-18442741737?aff=efbnreg, or by coming to the VRC and signing up in person.