Proposal for

Ventura College’s Veteran’s Activity Center

Purpose: To provide a safe and successful educational pathway for our veterans returning and transitioning from military service.

We propose to create a secure space where these Veterans can:

- receive information and guidance regarding GI Bill benefits
- seek and receive on site personal counseling through VC, Soldiers Project and or the Ventura Vet Center
- receive academic counseling, determine major and Ed Plan
- register for classes
- access computers and printers
- receive guidance, tutoring and assistance from EAC
- receive Financial Aid assistance
- have a “common space” to socialize, study and heal
- disseminate information regarding federal, state, local resources

Our suggestion is to utilize the (vacated Foundation Offices) in the CSC building.

- Reception entry for student workers
- Two closed door offices, 1) for counseling sessions 2) Benefits Coordinator
- Common area for Vets to have a safe space to socialize, study, rest
- Small kitchen sink, refrigerator space for food preparation
- Restrooms
- Outdoor tables and benches, for those who do not want to be in a closed space.
- Close access to “smoking area”

Suggestions for maintaining the current Campus Conference Room Location:

- Utilize the current spacious, beautifully constructed room
- Designate the “Lounge” in the CR to the “Gaming Room” (to reduce noise)
- Food Services will be restored providing Faculty and Staff access to food for meetings.

All of these changes can be done with VERY little fiscal impact.