

SAN BERNARDINO VALLEY COLLEGE



VETERANS RESOURCE CENTER

**PRESERVE THE VETERANS RESOURCE CENTER IN
ITS CURRENT LOCATION**

BY THE NUMBERS

Current 2024 – 2025 population

- 668 Self-reported veterans or active military students identified
- 389 Certified for VA Education benefits – Joint Service Transcript (JST) collection
 - 279 Uncertified

VRC was established

Settled in 2012 in its current location because of student need –Veterans strategically positioned themselves on the Associated Student Government (cabinet) and negotiated for this current space
– It was rededicated in 2015



KEY JUSTIFICATIONS

- **1. Accessibility & Safety**
- Many veterans have mobility, PTSD, TBI or various disability related challenges.
 - 1 out of every 3 veterans has a disability rating with the VA
 - First-floor access ensures **ADA compliance** and **emergency exit safety** via the patio. *home aspect
- **2. Community & Visibility**
- Accessibility fosters availability and trust
- High visibility supports outreach, engagement, and retention
- **3. Model for Excellence**
- Current setup aligns with our goal to be a **nationwide model VRCs** - offering space for peer support, academic success, recreation, and overall well-being.



BOLDLY STUDENT CENTERED

- The staff at the VRC is aiming to be in line with the Valley Up initiative priority #3, aiming to be “Boldly student centered” and gearing to understand the needs of the population it directly services.

